



ASHBOROUGH, N. C.

Saturday, Oct. 28, 1837.

CONGRESS.

"The Sub Treasury Bill," after a length of most able and laborious discussion in the House of Representatives, was defeated for the present.

LOCO FOCO.

Many persons are puzzled to know precisely what the Loco Focos are, as there is no analogy whatever between their name and their doctrines.

Robert Owen, a Scotsman, a man of powerful but perverted intellect, came to America some ten or twelve years ago disseminating a very peculiar set of doctrines. He disapproved of all religion, all civil government, all existing social establishments, substantially, in fact, of all moral restraint upon men except that of their consciences!

Before the fever which Owen excited had time to cool he was succeeded by Fanny Wright, a she-lecturer, who held the same irreligious doctrines of her predecessor, but who was more moderate in her political tenets.

The pans struck the good woman's fancy; and, casting about for the where-withal, she concluded to spare some feathers, which, after a little delay, were forthcoming.

were instantly lighted in every part of the house. "Such is the history of the Loco Foco party and its name."

We do not of course presume that the Loco Foco of the present day is an atheist and contemner of all social rules, as were the famous lecturers Robert Owen and Fanny Wright with many of their followers; yet they seem to seek the entire destruction of interest, that strongest of all the ties which hold society together.

The elements of modern Loco Focism have been found every where, and in all ages, probably, since the institution of civil society,—in the Agrarian of ancient Rome, the Leviter of France, &c., down to the Loco Foco of the present day.

A NEIGHORLY HINT.

Some twenty years ago Yankee pedlars flourished extensively in this country. They might be seen driving about in all directions—carrails full of "notions," and a huge sack of feathers lashed on behind.

"Wal, I reckon not," said the dame, taking out her stump of a pipe and drawing the corner of her apron across her mouth; "I reckon not—money's mighty akase with us."

"No difference about that, marm; that's no object! I takes a'most any thing in the barterin' line. Ha'nt you no tow cloth, nor feathers, nor any thing so?"

"That they are!" replied she, pinching up her lips and tossing her head.

"Well, I can't exactly say about it. But the next lot of feathers you trade to a stranger, I'd thank ye, marm, if you'd take 'em out up nigher the head of the bed!—they're all'ys kicked to pieces so bad when they come out o' the foot!"

"BANKS OR NO BANKS."

Notwithstanding the defeat of the Sub Treasury measure at the late session of Congress, we are well assured, from the tone of the official paper, that the best efforts of the executive, aided by many of our ablest statesmen, will continue to be directed to an entire and eternal separation of the Government from all manner of banking institutions.

and State has been so long felt and acted upon, that their separation now may well make the patriot and statesman pause.

THE NEWS.

New Jersey Elections.—The Opposition have succeeded in electing a large majority to the legislature—majority on joint ballot 28. Last year the Administration majority was 10.

Pennsylvania.—The late elections for members of the legislature has given the Opposition the ascendancy in the senate, and left the Administration a reduced majority in the house.

Georgia.—Gov. Schley has been beaten by the whig candidate, Gilmer—some say by a majority of 1000.

The University.—The present number of students in the University at Chapel Hill is 142. When Gov. Swain took charge of the institution, eighteen months since, the number was only 60.

Meteors.—During last month several meteors were seen, and meteoric explosions heard, in various parts of the State. On Sunday the 24th ult., about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, one of remarkable brilliancy was seen in this vicinity: its disappearance was attended with a loud and unusual report.

Disastrous Wreck.—On Monday the 9th inst. the New York and Charleston steam packet Home was overtaken in a severe storm, sprung a leak and was wrecked about 5 miles north of Ocracoke Bar, on our coast. Of about 90 passengers only twenty escaped!

Charleston & Cincinnati Railroad.—We perceive from a communication of Gen. Hayne that the "three passes," through the mountains which this railroad must cross, have been surveyed.

It appears that the mountain on the route may be passed by locomotive engines without the necessity of resorting to a single inclined plane, unless it should be deemed more economical to do so. The three routes surveyed through the mountains are, 1—By the Reedy Patch Gap, 2—By the Butt Mountain Gap and valley of Green River, 3—By the Gap Creek Gap through the Saluda Mountain.

Mississippi.—More "tragedies" were enacted in Vicksburg and its vicinity during last month, three men having been horribly lynched—one of them actually hanged—by the mob. Each of the States of the Union has acquired an appellation suitable to its situation or character. We think Mississippi has fully merited for itself the appellation of the Bad State.

The Indian Chiefs, assembled at Washington, for the purpose of treating with the authorities there, have for some time kept public curiosity excited about the city. They appear in their native, savage costume. On the 16th there was a new arrival—a delegation of Winnebagoes, twenty two in number.

An old Horse.—The editor of the Tennessee Sentinel says that a horse died in his vicinity lately, in the thirty-fourth year of his age. His remarkable longevity is ascribed by those who knew him from his colthood, to the circumstance of his having never been galloped.

A Child's death was never more sweetly mourned than in these lines by R. B. Sheridan:

In some rude spot where vulgar herbage grows, If chance a violet rear its purple head, The careful gard'ner moves it ere it blows, To thrive and flourish in a nobler bed.

From the National Intelligencer, Oct. 17.

THE ADJOURNMENT.

The first session of the Twenty-fifth Congress was yesterday closed, before 10 o'clock, by an adjournment of both Houses to the first Monday in December next.

A correct list of the Acts passed at the session which has just passed, will be found below.

We are happy to have it in our power to congratulate the country, not only that an independent spirit has been shown, this session, both at its commencement and at its close, by the body which immediately represents the People, but that there has an evident improvement taken place in the composition, character and manners of the same assembly. There has been a considerable accession of talent, both youthful and mature, in the House of Representatives.

Of the composition of the Senate, it is not necessary for us to speak, no change having taken place in it since its last adjournment. It is proper to state, however, that if the debates in the other House have been more than usually able, those in the Senate have at least fully maintained the character of wisdom and eloquence, which public opinion, for several years, has justly awarded to that branch of the National Legislature.

LIST OF ACTS

Passed at the first Session of the twenty fifth Congress.

An act to postpone the fourth instalment of deposit with the States.

An act authorizing a further postponement of payment upon duty bonds.

An act for adjusting the remaining claims upon the late deposit banks.

An act to regulate the fees of district attorneys in certain cases.

An act for the relief of D. P. Madison.

A bill to authorize the issuing of Treasury notes.

A bill making additional appropriations for the suppression of Indian hostilities for the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven.

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A bill to continue in force certain laws to the close of the next session of Congress.

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the payment of horses lost or destroyed in the military service of the United States," approved January 18, 1837.

Resolution directing the postage on letters sent by the express mail to be paid in advance.

The Charleston Mercury introduces the account of the late wreck of the steam packet, Home, in the following feeling and thrilling terms:

We feel little inclined to waste words in an idle attempt to emblazon this frightful calamity. We know little of the circumstances—who perished, or who escaped—but in the melancholy disparity between the lost and the saved, every one who had a friend on board feels how faint is the hope of ever seeing him again.

The violence of the shock and the severity of the storm rendered the attempt fatal—the solid structure was wrecked asunder and crushed—the human crowd was in a moment cast loose and scattered in the remorseless sea.

What a horrible death! To die in the midst of wreck and dismay—the howl of waters, mixed with the shriek of an hundred victims, all strangling in the flood—to give this cherished body up to the loathsome creatures of the surf and shore—

to be buried where humanity can never drop a tear or plant a flower—may, to die at the very moment when the heart was fullest of anticipation, when the eyes could almost catch glimpses of the desired haven—the home perhaps of sacred friendships, the resting place after long wandering, or the scene where some cherished plan full of the hope of happiness, was at last to be executed.

Biographical Toast.—The following toast was given at a recent whig festival in Ohio, and received with the warmest enthusiasm:

Our distinguished guest, the Hon. Thomas Ewing—An ostler in 1810—a salt boiler in 1813—a student at law in 1817—an able barrister in 1820—a distinguished senator in congress in 1831 and 1837—and our candidate for President in 1844.

North Carolina coal.—We see it stated in the Danville Reporter "that a bed of anthracite coal has been discovered in Rockingham county in this State; that some one competent to judge might test it; several specimens were sent to professor Rodgers of Virginia, who without hesitation pronounced it good anthracite coal."—Register.

A Cute Trick.—Not long since, a party went to the house of a notorious Thief, in West Tennessee, in order to arrest him; and to prevent discovery, the company tied their horses a short distance off, and crept up to the house with the greatest precaution.

Mr. Rhett, of South Carolina.—As some of our readers may be in the same predicament we were in, but lately ourselves, to account for the name of the Hon. R. B. Rhett, among the list of members of Congress of South Carolina, we will state for their information, that it is the present cognomen of the gentleman hitherto well known as Robert Barnwell Smith, Esq.

Gold and silver are disappearing from circulation, and the people are in want of change.—Globe.

Aye! and the people will have "change," and first of all change of rulers.—Practice.

The Frontier.—Troubles with the Osage Indians are strongly apprehended on the frontier of Missouri.

FAYETTEVILLE MARKET. Table listing prices for various goods like Brandy, apples, sugar, etc.

B L U M ' S CAROLINA & VIRGINIA Almanac, for 1838, Just received, and for sale, wholesale and retail, at this office.

FOR SALE A first-rate Eight day Mahogany cased Clock. Very low for cash. Apply to W. D. WILSON.

TEMPERANCE ALMANACKS For the year 1838, (containing 48 pages,) Just received and for sale low by the hundred, dozen, or single. WESLEY D. WILSON New Salem N. C. Oct. 15, 1837.—42

TEMPERANCE NOTICE. THE New Salem Temperance Society will meet, on the third Sunday in November next at 10 o'clock, A. M., in the Town of New Salem. Two addresses are expected to be delivered. A general attendance is requested. JOHN INGLE, Pres.