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News by the Pacific.

The Paris Monitor, in its non-official part, gives the following as the reply of the Emperor of Russia to the recent letter of the Emperor Napoleon:

St. Petersburg, Jan. 28, (Feb. 9) 1854.

SIR: I cannot better reply to your majesty than by repeating, as they belong to me, the words with which your letter terminates: "Our relations ought to be sincerely amicable, and should be based upon the same intentions—the maintenance of order, the love of peace, respect for treaties, and reciprocal good feeling."

I beg your majesty to believe in the sincerity of the sentiments with which I am, sire, your majesty's good friend, NICHOLAS.

Manifesto of the Emperor Nicholas. WE, NICHOLAS THE FIRST, &c.

We have already informed our beloved and faithful subjects of the progress of our disagreements with the Ottoman Porte.

Since then, although hostilities have commenced, we have not ceased sincerely to wish, as we still wish, the cessation of bloodshed. We even entertained the hope that reflection and time would convince the Turkish government of its misconceptions, engendered by treacherous instigations, in which our just demands, founded on treaties, had been represented as attempts at its independence, and veiling intentions of aggrandizement.

Your majesty must allow me not to enter too much into details in the circumstances as they present themselves to you in your letter, in which those circumstances are marked out. Several acts on my part, appreciated with little accuracy, according to my opinion, and more than one fact perverted, would require, in order to be properly rectified, at least as I conceive, long developments, into which it would not be proper to enter in a correspondence between sovereign and sovereign.

For instance, your majesty attributes to the occupation of the principalities the evil of having suddenly transported that question from the region of discussion to that of fact; but your majesty leaves out of view the circumstances that this occupation, still purely conditional, was preceded, and in great measure caused, by a very important previous fact, the appearance of the combined fleet in the vicinity of the Dardanelles; and besides this, much before that period, when England hesitated to assume a hostile attitude, your majesty took the initiative in sending your fleet as far as Salamis.

This wounding demonstration certainly exhibited little confidence in me. It was calculated to encourage the Turks, and to paralyze before hand the success of negotiations, by giving them the idea that France and England were ready to support their cause under all circumstances.

The Government is indefatigable in its exertions to inflame the minds of the people. Every day processions of priests traverse the streets of St. Petersburg, exhibiting relics of the saints of the Greek calendar, and the clergy everywhere preach to arms in support of the orthodox faith.

Spain.—The London Times Madrid correspondent mentions that at a recent concert it was observed that the King and Queen paid marked distinction to the American Minister and lady, and that similar attentions were shown at a grand ball given by the Queen Mother.

COURT GOSSIP.—The Empress of France has a rival! Louis has been smitten with the charms of an English lady named Smead.

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CHARLOTTE:

FRIDAY MORNING, MAR. 31, 1854.

We give place to-day to "Mecklenburg," recommending our townsman, W. W. ELMS, Esq., as the Democratic candidate for Senator.

We advocate the claims of none,—we go for principles, and in order to carry out those principles we should organize. This is the first time Mecklenburg has voted for candidates for the Legislature since she has ceased to act with our sister county of Union.

"If I had left myself free so doing, I would say something to you of our Rail-Road enterprise, which now contemplates the building of a Road from this city to Hamburg, which when constructed will form a great link in a central chain of Rail-Roads embracing of course, the Columbia and Charlotte Road.

We would call attention to the advertisement of Brown, Brawley & Co. These gentlemen have received their new Spring Goods, consisting of a beautiful and well-selected assortment of all the articles that go to make up a fashionable lady's paraphernalia.

Mr. Editor:—As the time is now near at hand when we will be called upon to select our Representatives in the next General Assembly of our State; allow me to suggest through the columns of our paper, the name of our very worthy and public spirited citizen, W. W. ELMS, Esq., a gentleman in every respect qualified to represent the people of "old Mecklenburg."

The Members of the Committee of Arrangements for the proposed 20th of May celebration, are requested to meet at the Court House in Charlotte on Saturday the 8th day of April. A full attendance is requested.

W. M. MATTHEWS, Chair'n. From the Raleigh Standard. Giving up the Contest.

The Greensborough Patriot is out, in most decided terms, against the Resolution of the late Whig Convention in regard to a Convention to amend the Constitution.

We are willing to trust the people with the arranging of their own Constitution—nay, "willing" is too tame a word—we would place in the hands of the honest freemen of North Carolina, in Convention assembled, open, free and unrestricted, all our political rights with the fullest confidence that they would be sacredly preserved and respected.

We can never, with our republican notions of popular rights, swallow such logic as this. And we do not believe the thirty-seven members of the Legislature who put forth the Address of '51, and the thousands who approved the same, enjoy any more capacious or accommodating powers of degeneration than ourselves.

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Charlotte Market.

CHARLOTTE, March 31, 1854.

COTTON—From 7 to 8 1/2. FLOUR—We note a slight rise in this article, price from 5 1/2 to 6.

CORN—No change since our last, 75 to 80c.

We make the following extract from a private letter received a few days since from a gentleman of enlarged views, residing in Columbia, on the subject of subscriptions to the Hamburg & Columbia Rail Road.

"If I had left myself free so doing, I would say something to you of our Rail-Road enterprise, which now contemplates the building of a Road from this city to Hamburg, which when constructed will form a great link in a central chain of Rail-Roads embracing of course, the Columbia and Charlotte Road.

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The Position of Parties.

The tendency of the abolition agitation foreshadowed from the beginning the ultimate disruption and demoralization of the Whig party.

The shock of the convulsion has rent the party in twain, and a yawning chasm separates the bilgewater fragments. The wound is incurable, the ruin hopeless. No quiet "Pacifactor," with his galvanic battery of Adjustment and Compromise, will be able to restore vitality to the already offensive carcase of decaying whiggery.

The Whigs of the South, with a few insignificant exceptions, have met the issue presented by the Nebraska bill, with a courage so unusual as to attract universal remark and admiration. Bell and Boies flattered and fied, but the bulk of the party stood their ground and manfully met the shock.

With equal unanimity, and with a zeal which reflects much discredit on the apathy of their late allies in the South, the Northern Whigs have arrayed themselves in opposition to the repeal of the Missouri restriction. In every possible mode by which the voice of a party can make itself heard, have the Whigs of the North protested and remonstrated against the passage of the Nebraska bill.

Here then is a direct and violent antagonism between the Northern and Southern wings of the Whig party; an antagonism too in respect to an issue which, more than any other, inflames the passions and prejudices of the combatants, and which no scheme of compromise or form of treaty can soothe or reconcile.

It would be idle to assert that the Nebraska controversy has not affected the organization of the Democratic party; but the disturbance is so slight and unimportant as scarcely to deserve consideration. In the South the Democracy presents an unbroken front in support of the repeal of the Missouri restriction.

The true men who aided in the election of Franklin Pierce, with an honest determination to abide by the letter and spirit of the party platform, support the measure with the zeal which has always characterized their opposition to the encroachments of abolition. The majority of the Democratic journals of the North approve the bill, and an immense meeting of the Democracy has attested the enthusiasm with which they mean to carry out their convictions.

The ultimate consummation of the present tendency of things, of the irretrievable disruption of the Whig party and the partial disintegration of the Democracy, will be the organization of all the elements of northern abolition into one compact and coherent mass, in antagonism to a great party, embracing the entire South and the conservative portion of the North, whose comprehensive creed shall be devoted to the preservation of the Union.

The Fayetteville Argus and other federal papers are laying stress upon the assumption that General Dockery is a plain man—in other words, to use their favorite expression—that he is one of the "common people."

These federalists are "stooping to conquer" again, are they? We remember that, a year or two since, when Gov. Reid bought in the Raleigh market and carried home some article for domestic use, the aristocratic Register was seriously offended, and made the fact a subject of complaint to the people.

Assigned plainness in Gen. Dockery is commendable—real plainness in Gov. Reid was ridiculed by these same federal leaders. The people are too intelligent to be deceived in this way.

INCREASE OF SALARY.—At the first quarterly meeting of the Fayetteville Station of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Rev. R. J. Carson, presiding, the following resolution was adopted: 1. Resolved, That we the members of the Quarterly Conference of Fayetteville Station, North Carolina Conference, do hereby most respectfully and earnestly recommend to the approaching General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to be held in May next, so to alter the Discipline as to increase the salaries of our single and a married preachers, and the allowance for the widows of our deceased preachers, at least fifty dollars each.

A citizen of Caswell county, Francis Williams, we learn from the Milton Democrat, was shot dead while walking along a path through the woods, near his home, just after nightfall, on the 15th inst. No clue had been got to the murderer.

A number of enterprising young men of Wheeling, Virginia, have published a call for a public meeting at the City Hall, for the adoption of measures for the formation of a company to emigrate to Nebraska.

Dr. Johnson, when in the fullness of years and knowledge, said: "I never took up a newspaper without finding in it something which I would have deemed it a loss not to have seen; never without deriving from it instruction or amusement."

An "Umbrella Greatcoat" has been invented at Paris. When required, air is blown into the coat, the skirts are expanded, and the rain falls off beyond the legs and feet.

It is stated that Mr. Edward Forest, the tragedian, has been a convert to the belief in spiritual manifestations.

It is said the Hon. Wm. A. Graham has consented to become a candidate for the North Carolina Senate.

Spain has eleven hundred guns in the immediate vicinity of Havana, and eighteen thousand men.

DEATH FROM EATING CLOVES.—Mr. Amos Brown, an esteemed citizen of our village, died in convulsions yesterday, and a subsequent post mortem examination showed conclusively that his death was caused by eating cloves, which he had been in the habit of using as a substitute for tobacco.

A verdict was rendered accordingly. Granville Advocate.

"I wish you would pay a little attention, sir," exclaimed a stage-messenger to a careless actor, "Well sir, so I am paying as little as I can," was the reply.

\$350 Reward.

A Proclamation by His Excellency, David S. Reid, Governor of the State of North Carolina.

WILLIS HESTER stands charged with the capital felony of negro-stealing in the County of Orange in this State; and that said Willis Hester has fled from justice and escaped beyond the limits of this State.

Now, therefore, to the end that said Willis Hester may be arrested and brought to justice, I do hereby offer this My Proclamation, offering a reward of three hundred and fifty dollars for his apprehension and delivery to the Sheriff of Orange County, in the town of Hillsborough.

DESCRIPTION. Willis Hester is described as follows: Supposed to be about forty years of age, has dark eyes and hair, is about five feet six inches high, rather thick set; generally clean shaven but some times wears a false whiskers and mustache, is fond of showing his money and bragging about it, has a down look and is quick in his motions; generally wears blue leggings and a fur or cloth cap and is well informed and polite in his manners.

Given under my hand and attested with the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina, at the City of Raleigh, this March 23d, A. D., 1854.

By the Governor, D. S. REID. SAM'L F. ADAMS, Jr., Private Secretary. Raleigh, March 23, '54. 36 6v

New Firm AND FRESH ARRIVAL.

ELMS, ALLISON & CO., take pleasure in announcing to all their friends and the public generally, that they are now receiving and selling at unprecedented prices, by far the largest and best assorted Stock of Groceries ever brought to this part of the State.

Their stock consists in part as follows: 300 bbls. N. O. Molasses, fine. 50 hhd. fine Cuba Molasses, 200 bbls. fine N. O. Sugar, 100 hhd. " " " 1000 sacks of Salt, 15 tiers new Rice, 500 sacks Rio Coffee, fine, 50 sacks old G. Java, 30 bales Gunny Bagging, Mining utensils and a general assortment of heavy Hardware.

Choice variety of Teas, Fine Cigars, and the finest Tobacco ever sold in Charlotte. Choice variety of all articles kept for family use. 500 kegs Northern Nails, 10,000 lbs. White Lead, 7,000 lbs. Roping, 100 boxes Adamantine, Sperm and tallow Candles.

All kinds of Produce bought at the highest CASH prices, or taken in exchange for Groceries at CASH PRICES. ELMS, ALLISON & CO., At Jno. Wells's old stand. Charlotte, March 31, 36-1f

Something New Again! W. W. Elms' Splendid Store is Finished, WHERE M. BAUM has just received and is opening an entirely new and well selected stock of

Spring & Summer GOODS, and I am now ready to sell GREAT BARGAINS to all who may favor me with a call. My motto is QUICK SALES FOR CASH, AND SMALL PROFITS. My stock comprises Ladies' Dresses, Lawns, Silks, Tissues, Bonnets, Ribbons, Underclothes, Collars, Chemises, Silk Gloves of all kinds; Mantillas, Shawls, and a very large assortment of Mitts for Ladies and Misses, and a great variety of other articles for Ladies, new and pretty. And to the Gentlemen I will say, that it will be to their interest to give me a call, as I have on hand a very large stock of

SPRING AND SUMMER CLOTHING, for Men and children, which I will sell CHEAPER than CHEAP FOR CASH, to those who may favor me with a call. M. BAUM, Next door to Spratt, Daniel & Co. March 31, 1854. 36-1f

Where to buy Cheap! WE have just received and opened a very large and handsome stock of Spring and Summer Goods.

For the Ladies we have Dress Silks, Hosiery, Silk Tissues, Printed Jackonets, figured and plain, colored Lawns, Embroidered Mantillas, Shawls, Mantles, and White Cape Shawls, Gingham, Calicoes and Muslins from 6 cents up.

Also a very pretty selection of Hats, Bonnets, BOOTS and SHOES. For the Gentlemen we have Ready-Made Clothing, White and Brown Linen, Farmer's Satin, &c., &c. We also have a large stock of

GROCERIES, HARDWARE, CROCKERY, &c., &c. We respectfully solicit a call from all those wishing to buy Goods. It will afford us a great deal of pleasure to show our Goods, whether persons buy or not; and as regards price we are determined to sell as LOW as any house in Western Carolina. And all we ask is an examination of our Goods and prices. Call and see us. BROWN, BRAWLEY & CO. Charlotte, March 31, 1854. 36-1f

Strayed or Stolen FROM the subscriber near Harrisburg, Lancaster District, S. C., a dark Roan Mare, blind in her left eye, right hind foot white, a knot on her left hind foot, and heavy with foal. She was tracked on the road leading toward Charlotte. I will pay FIVE DOLLARS for her delivery to me, or for any information so that I can get her. THOMAS S. CULP, March 31, 1854. 36-4t Pineville, P. O., N. C.

South-westward Bound THE subscriber offers for sale 700 Acres of Land, one mile and three quarters South-East of Davidson College, adjoining the lands of Mrs. A. K. White, Joseph Patterson, Robert Potts and others. There is a comfortable dwelling, with a splendid Gin House and fixtures and other necessary outbuildings. A. MONROE GILLESPIE, Elysian Grove, Mecklenburg Co., N. C. March 31, 1854. 36-3t