

by the general government, which want of time at the close of the last session prevented my submitting to the return to the House of Representatives...

CHARLOTTE

FRIDAY MORNING, December 8, 1854.

President's Message.

We have barely had time to glance this important document, and have neither room or desire to inflict upon our readers a lengthy commentary on it.

Congress met on Monday last. It will be a stormy and important session. We will endeavor to keep our readers posted on the various movements that take place.

The favor of our Raleigh correspondent was unavoidably crowded out this week—likewise several Editorial articles.

W. R. Myers, Esq., has introduced into the House of Commons a bill for the emancipation of the slave Jerry. A notice to the effect that application would be made to the Legislature for that purpose was some time since published in the town papers, and we are gratified to see that the initiatory steps have been taken.

While, as a general rule, we are opposed to the increase, by law, of this class of population, we think in this particular case there are ample reasons for a departure from the established law.

Yesterday, at 1 o'clock, we were startled by the alarm of fire, and following the crowd, we soon ascertained that the U. S. Branch Mint was in a blaze.

FRANKLIN PIERCE. Washington, Dec. 4, 1854.

There is early Character. "There is nothing I despise so much as to see a boy with a cigar in his mouth."

The Force of Habit. "A celebrated writer affirms that 'tobacco is used among no less than eight hundred millions of men.'"

House Committees. The following Committees were announced by Mr. Speaker Hill, in the House of Commons, on Monday last:

On Constitutional Reform—Messrs. Bynum, Caldwell, Houston, Lancaster and Turner.

On Military Affairs—Messrs. Dargan, Humphrey, Holland, Bryson and Wright.

On Deaf Dumb and Blind—Messrs. Jordan, Barringer, S. A. Williams, Phillips and Mebane.

Could we look into thousands of families to-day when discontented fights sullenly with life, we could find the chief cause of unhappiness, want of Religion in woman.

Worms! Worms!—There is no disease more common among children, and yet none which so frequently baffles the skill of the physician, as worms.

VALUABLE SUGAR CREEK LANDS FOR SALE. WILL be sold, at the Courthouse, in Charlotte, on MONDAY, the 1st day of January, next.

\$10 Reward. STRAYED from the subscriber's camp six miles north of Charlotte, on Monday night, the 4th inst., a Sorrel Mare Colt and a Sorrel Horse.

New Firm. A. B. DOWNS. HAVING bought out the entire interest of M. H. Peoples in the late firm of M. H. PEOPLES & CO., the business will be continued at the old stand.

Notice. HAVING removed from Charlotte, I offer for sale my HOUSE and LOTS there. The house is nearly finished, five rooms, and a Kitchen.

FRUIT TREES. THE subscriber has for sale at his residence, 6 1/2 miles south of Charlotte, on McMichael's Creek, 5000 Fruit Trees, all grafted and consisting of thirty or more varieties of the choicest kinds.

Negro Sale. IN pursuance of an order from Court, (October Term,) I offer for sale, in Charlotte, on the 1st day of January next,

13 Likely Negroes For Sale. VIZ—11 Stout Fellows, 1 Woman and a little child. Also 6 Mules. Said property will be sold at public outcry, in Lincolnton, on Wednesday, the 20th December, 1854, on a credit of 3 months with interest from date; notes payable at the Bank of Cape Fear, Branch at Salisbury.

Notice. ALL persons indebted to the firm of H. B. & L. S. A. Williams are hereby informed that my portion of the Notes have been transferred to Jas. M. Hutcheson, attorney at law, for settlement.

Notice. ALL KINDS OF PLAIN, FANCY AND ORNAMENTAL JOB PRINTING DONE AT THE "DEMOCRAT OFFICE."

Table of Charlotte Retail Prices Current. CORRECTED WEEKLY. Bacon, Bugging, Cotton, Butter, Beans, Corn, Coffee, Cardles, Adamantine, Flour, Feathers, Lard, Mutton, Mackrel, Molasses, Meal, Nails, Oats, Pork, Potatoes, Irish, Sugar, Leaf, Stone-Ware, Salt, Tea, Tallow, Wheat.

LOOK AT THIS SIMPLE WORD CLOTHING! AND yet, simple as it is, you hear a great cry made over CLOTHING! You take up the papers and almost the first word you see is CLOTHING!!

GOOD CLOTHES! Until you get to FILLINGS & CO.'s, where every one runs to get.

Largest and Most Fashionable STOCK OF CLOTHING IN THE STATE. We have a full stock of Children's, Youths', and Boys' Clothing, at low prices. Also, GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS.

New Books Just Received at the Charlotte Book Store. THE OLD NORTH STATE IN 1776; containing incidents that have never before been published; by E. W. Caruthers, D. D.

KINGS BOTTOM LAND FOR SALE. 1,800 Acres. HAVING purchased land in North Carolina and permanently located there, I have determined to sell my land in Lancaster District, and now offer for sale my valuable tract of land situated in Lancaster District, 8 miles from Fort Mills Depot, containing 1,300 acres, lying on the Catawba River and Sugar Creek, about 400 Acres Cleared.

Best Bottom Lands on the Catawba River. Seven bales of Cotton to the hand will be made on the place this year, and a plenty of Corn. The Plantation is in good repair with a

GOOD DWELLING, GIN-HOUSE, and all necessary buildings. The Tract will be divided to suit purchasers, and may be treated for privately; but if not sold before the 18th of December, 1854, I will sell the same to the high bidder on that day, at the late residence and sale of H. T. Massey. The purchaser will be supplied with Corn if desired.

White Castle Soap. THIS new family and Toilet SOAP is held in high esteem, and is superior to the ordinary Soap for its bland and efficient qualities. For the nursery it is particularly adapted—innocent in its combination and free from all injurious alkalies.

Notice. HAVING qualified as Administrator upon the Estate of William Davis, dec'd., I hereby notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them within the time prescribed by law, or this notice will be in bar of recovery.

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ELIAS & COHEN THE LARGEST AND BEST ASSORTED STOCK OF GOODS EVER BROUGHT TO THIS MARKET. CLOTHING, DRY-GOODS, BOOTS, SHOES AND HATS, ARE PARTICULARLY HEAVY, INCLUDING A RICH ASSORTMENT OF LADIES' DRESS GOODS.

ESTATE SALE. 30 NEGROES, 14 Mules and Horses, 2,000 Bushels of Corn, &c. BY order of James H. Witherspoon Ordinary Lancaster District and in pursuance of the will of Henry Thos. Massey, deceased, will be sold on the 18th December, 1854, and days following, the whole Estate of the said Henry T. Massey, consisting of about 30 likely and valuable Negroes, among the number is a good Blacksmith, a Cook, Seamstress, some likely young fellows, Boys and Girls—also, about 14 Mules and Horses.

ESTATE SALE. 31 Negroes and Mules, 95 HOGS, 50 HEAD OF CATTLE, 2,500 BUSHELS OF CORN, &c. BY order of Jas. H. Witherspoon, Ordinary Lancaster District, will be sold, on the 20th December, 1854, and days following, at Jacksonville, S. C., the late residence of Col. Thomas W. Huey, deceased, the personal Estate of the said deceased, consisting of

CHINA, GLASS, and EARTHENWARE. H. E. NICHOLS, Columbia, S. C. HAS ON HAND, lately received, a large and complete stock of China, Glass and Earthenware, Mostly direct from the Manufacturers in England, France and the North.

Notice. HAVING obtained Letters of Administration on the Estate of Robert C. Barnett, deceased, at October Term of Mecklenburg County Court, I will expose to public sale, on THURSDAY, the 21st of December next, at the late residence of said deceased, the following property, to-wit:

Select English and Classical School. ROBERT G. ALLISON has opened in the Town of Charlotte, a select English and Classical School, in the 3rd story of Mr. Leroy Springs' New Building.

Notice to Tax Payers. THIS is to notify all concerned that if their TAXES ARE NOT PAID in the course of the next month, that I will positively advertise the Property of delinquents. This is no joke.

Notice. APPLICATION will be made to the next General Assembly for an Act to authorize me to collect all arrears of Tax that is due in the County of Mecklenburg.

Ready-Made Clothing. A LARGE and splendid assortment of Ready-made Clothing, to be had low for cash, at

Notice. THOSE persons who contributed funds towards the purchase of the "JEFFERSONIAN" Printing Press are hereby notified, that I am authorized by Adam Alexander to refund the amount respectively to those who produce receipts, as far as the amount on hand will go.

DAGUERREIAN GALLERY. THE subscriber respectfully invites the attention of Ladies and Gentlemen to his much admired and superior style of PICTURES, and would also say, that he is now getting up Plates on an improved plan, which will not only add to the BEAUTY of the Picture, but will render it DURABLE and BRILLIANT FOR AGES.

Valuable Town Property For Sale. I OFFER for sale, privately, my HOUSE and LOT, located on Main street, immediately opposite the "American Hotel." The house is well adapted for a large family and is convenient to the business part of town. The lot is large with stables and other out-buildings on the premises.

Fresh Potash and Sal Soda. A CASE of each, just received and for sale at