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We sympathize with our Know-Nothing friends in the trouble they have with their "principles" and platforms. They are continually meeting and altering them; and certainly show a commendable desire to shape them so as to please the people.

Mr. Dixon, U. S. Senator from Kentucky.

The Democratic party were recently defeated by a small majority in this old strong Whig State; but the signs indicate a strong Democratic majority at the Presidential Election next fall.

Letter from Hon. Archibald Dixon.

GENTLEMEN: I have received your note of the 1st inst., inviting me to be present at a meeting of the democracy and national men of the country, to be held at Lexington on the 5th of October next.

Letter of Gov. Wise to the New York "Hards."

We find in the New York News a letter from Governor Wise, of Virginia, to the New York National Democratic meeting, which was held on Monday, the 22d instant.

"Finally, gentlemen, according with you, as I do, in the leading principles of your platform, I cordially accept your invitation to unite with you in engrafting them upon the policy of the country.

"Like yourselves, another body of Democrats of New York, lately, approached me fairly and openly, and I responded gratefully to them as I do to you.

Well, all I can say for myself is, that I don't mean to know any Hard or Soft names, for any friends who will unite with me in the mission of the Democracy to proclaim and maintain the great doctrine of civil and religious liberty, and to uphold and enforce the Constitution in its sublime principles of justice and equality.

"You must not wonder that your Democratic friends in Virginia are often confused by names and things in New York. We wish to see a united Democracy there on the old grounds of Jefferson and Jackson.

"I have in our waters, gentlemen, a crustaceous animal called a crab—a sea fish, with fins and claws at both ends, and it can run either end foremost. Poke at him this way and he runs that—that way and he runs this! He is remarkable, gentlemen, for his transformations.

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Death of Hon. Edward B. Dudley.

The announcement of the death of the Hon. Edward B. Dudley at his residence in this town at 10 o'clock last evening, has caused a profound sensation of regret.

THE WESTERN N. C. R. R. COMPANY.

It appears that trouble, or dissatisfaction at least, is likely to spring from the recent action of the Board of Directors of the Western N. C. Railroad Company.

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A meeting of the stockholders of the Yadkin Navigation Company was held in Mocksville on the 20th inst. Two Directors (John A. Boyden and Tyre Glenn) were elected on the part of the individual stockholders.

Slave Labor in Kansas.

That Kansas is adapted to Slave labor, no one will deny, who has any knowledge of the country. There are many slaves now in the Territory, and those who are hired out are commanding large wages.

The Trade in Human Flesh.

The following statement is calculated to produce a thrill of horror in every feeling heart.—Where is WILBERFORCE?

"Arrival of another Detachment of South-Sea-Island Girls.—Among the passengers by the ship Star of Empire, which arrived at this port on Wednesday, from Liverpool, were about sixty Scotch girls, engaged to work in the factories here.

These poor children, torn from the paternal roof and from all the endearments of native land and home, and sold to New-England cotton spinners, without benefit of the habeas corpus or the Hiss Committee, are "forwarded to their destination" without the special woe of a single philanthropist in Boston.

Kansas and the South.

If Kansas is abolished, Missouri ceases to be a slave State, and New Mexico becomes a free State, California remains a free State; but if we secure Kansas as a slave State, Missouri is secure, New Mexico and Southern California, if not all of it, becomes a slave State; in a word, the prosperity or the ruin of the whole South depends on the Kansas struggle.

The above extract from the Hon. Dr. R. Atchison's letter to the King's Mountain Committee is worthy of the serious consideration of the people of the South. Mr. Atchison has long been most honorably identified with the cause of the South, and as a Missourian, and a sagacious statesman, is well fitted to judge of the issues involved in the Kansas struggle.

Trip to Charlotte.

We had the pleasure, last week, of enjoying the hospitalities of the good citizens of Charlotte. Leaving home Tuesday evening, we started at 10 o'clock for Lexington, the nearest point of the Rail Road.

AGRICULTURAL LIBERALITY.

THE BOSTON PAPERS publish a list of thirty-nine individuals and firms who subscribed five hundred dollars each to the fund of the National Agricultural Society.

KANSAS.—The New York Journal of Commerce.

reverting to the decided ground taken against the restoration of the Missouri Compromise, by the National Intelligencer and other papers, which are opposed its repeal, thinks that there is now but little probability that a vote to restore that compromise could be obtained even in the House of Representatives.

OLD ALMANACS AS GOOD AS NEW.

By a strange coincidence, which will not again occur for a long time, the new year of 1855 commenced on the same day as in 1849, and, consequently, all through the year the date will be on the same day.

GROWTH OF THE WEST.

Twenty-five years ago Iowa was a wilderness, tenanted only by the savage. Now she has a civilized population estimated at about six hundred thousand, and constantly increasing.

THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITION.

The receipts for admission to this exhibition, held at Boston last week, amounted, it is said, to about \$50,000. One line of omnibuses carried 88,000 persons to the exhibition, and another about 40,000.

Another Democratic Victory.—The territory of Minnesota has just furnished evidence of the manner in which she prizes that principle of the Democratic party which secures to her people the right to form and regulate their domestic institutions in their own way.

THE COURT OF CLAIMS commenced its sessions in Washington city on the 17th inst. Among the attorneys sworn, we notice the name of Hon. Geo. E. Badger of this State.

WHY IS IT IMPOLITE?—Can any one say why it is considered impolite for gentlemen to go in the presence of ladies in their shirt sleeves, while it is considered correct for ladies to themselves to appear before gentlemen without any sleeves at all? We merely ask for information.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.

This morning about 7 1/2 to 8 o'clock, while the omnibus belonging to Holmes' Hotel was being driven up Front Street to the stable, the horses took fright at something and commenced running a little below Princess street.

THE STAGE TO THOMASVILLE.—We understand from Mr. Kluge, the agent for Bland's line of post coaches, that the stage line running between the two points of the Railroad, will connect with the cars at Thomasville about the last of this week.

HEAVY CATTLE.—The fattest cow on the ground in the Boston exhibition (says the Transcript) weighs 2,500 pounds, and is only 7 years of age.

CONVENTION OF HUSBANDS.

The papers state that a convention of husbands is to be called shortly at Syracuse, (N. Y.) to adopt some measures in regard to fashion.

DEATH OF AN AGED CONVICT.—A colored man known by the name of Bob, who was convicted of murder, and for some extraordinary circumstances in the case, was sentenced to imprisonment for life in the Maryland Penitentiary—died on Wednesday last at the advanced age of 100 years.

A MAN FORBIDDEN TO BURN THE DEAD BODY OF HIS WIFE.

The Milwaukee American says that a city was thrown into the greatest excitement on the 19th ult., by an attempt of a man there to burn the dead body of his wife.

SALE OF NEGROES.

On Monday last in front of the Court House of Loudoun county, Va., four negroes were sold at extraordinary prices. A negro boy, 15 years of age, brought \$1,000.

IMMENSE WEALTH.

The Rothschilds, according to their own estimate, possess \$700,000,000 in personal property, exclusive of real estate, securities, mines, &c., which amounts to at least half as much more, making the enormous sum of over one thousand million dollars, or an amount much larger than the entire valuation of New York city.

REV. DR. PALMER.

We see it stated in our exchanges that the Rev. Dr. Palmer of Columbia, S. C., has received a call from the First Presbyterian Church at New Orleans to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Rev. Dr. Scott, at a salary of six thousand dollars per annum.

THE FORTY WHO FELL.

Professor Tyler enumerates the names of forty physicians who perished at Norfolk and Portsmouth since the 8th of July, as follows: Sylvester, Constable, Balson, Sylvester, jr., Higgins, Briggs, Upshur, Tunstall, Selden, Burns, Trigg, Parker, Lowell, Walters, Thompson, Fieiss, Booth, Howe, Boche, Dillard, Good, Howle, Gelbarit, Blow, Jackson, De Besant, Obermuller, Deapny, Hunter, Schell, Craycroft, Mierson, Handy, Cole, Moore, Rizer, Smith, Marshall, Craven and Berry.

TOUCHING EXHIBITION OF GRATITUDE.

One of the Philadelphia papers relates the following of a German girl named Mary Shielinski, who was placed on trial on Monday, for the alleged larceny of a hundred dollars. She was defended by Wm. H. Martin, Esq. The defendant was acquitted, and late in the afternoon on Monday, when the jury had rendered a verdict of "not guilty in manner and form as indicted," while the court-house was crowded with spectators, forgetful of every feeling but joy at her release, and gratitude to her defender, she astonished Mr. Martin, the court, the bar and the lookers-on, by such an affectionate embrace and such a kiss as was distinctly heard throughout the court room.

MASSACHUSETTS.—In 1790 Massachusetts was the first State in the Union, according to population.

FOREIGN CALCULATIONS OF THE DISSOLUTION OF THE UNION.—A London correspondent of the National Intelligencer states that the expectation is general in England and Europe that there will be a grand blow up in the next Congress, a dissolution of the Union in two years, and that England will take the South under her protection.

A CHANCE FOR SINGLE LADIES.

The last Atchison (Kansas) Sovereign says: Unpatronized beauty is scarce in Kansas! There is not an unmarried lady in Atchison. Poor show, this, for Editors and others, wishing to form matrimonial partnerships!

SENTENCED TO BE HUNG.

At the late term of the Chester (S. C.) Superior Court, Jas. Hoggins was found guilty of Murder and sentenced to be hung on Friday the 25th of January next.

RAILROAD.—The Wilmington and Weldon R. Road Company have declared a dividend of 3 1/2 per cent. from the profits of the last six months, payable on the 15th proximo.

HUNG.—Clarissa, the colored girl that poisoned Col. W. B. Wilson's little daughter, suffered the extreme penalty of the law on Friday 2d inst.

A GOOD CUSTOM.

In Paris apothecaries are obliged to put up all poison in red paper, while white labels must be used for medicine intended for internal application.

ACQUITTED.—Williams, who killed Bradley, was acquitted at Chester C. H., S. C., on the grounds of insanity.

THE FRENCH BROAD AND GREENVILLE RAILROAD.

We are very much gratified to learn that the requisite subscription, in order to secure the Charter of this Railroad Company, has been made in North Carolina, and that the stockholders will meet at Asheville, the 14th of November next, to organize their Company.

GOVERNOR CRITTENDEN, OF KENTUCKY.

has been invited and has accepted of invitations of the Boston Committee to deliver a lecture upon Slavery in that city.

THERE WAS SEVEN INCHES SNOW AT SCHOHARIE, N. Y., ON THE 24th INST.

THE PAIR OF PREMIUM HORSES AT THE MICHIGAN STATE FAIR WERE PURCHASED BY GENERAL CASS FOR \$1,000.

DURING THE PAST SEASON, UP TO THE 14th INST., THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DEATHS IN NEW ORLEANS BY YELLOW FEVER, WAS 2,584.

IT IS STATED THAT THE HON. GEO. W. HOPKINS OF VIRGINIA, DECLINES THE VERY FLATTERING APPOINTMENT RECENTLY TENDERED HIM BY PRESIDENT PIERCE, AS CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

FROM WASHINGTON TERRITORY THE REPORTED ELECTION OF J. PATTON ANDERSON (DEM.) AS DELEGATE TO CONGRESS IS CONFIRMED.

THE VOICE OF THE QUESTION OF A PROHIBITORY LIQUOR LAW SHOWS THE DEFECT OF THAT MEASURE BY A LARGE MAJORITY.

THE INDIANS REGARD A TISH HUSK ON CORN AS AN INDICATION OF A MILD WINTER.

THE HON. H. W. HILLARD, OF ALABAMA, HAS ACCEPTED THE INVITATION TO DELIVER A LECTURE BEFORE THE BOSTON ANTI-SLAVERY SOCIETY DURING THE ENSUING WINTER.

SUNDAY THE 25th ULT., WAS THE 303d ANNIVERSARY OF THE DISCOVERY OF AMERICA BY CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS.

A STEAMBOAT, THE JOHN SIMMONS, RECENTLY ARRIVED IN NEW ORLEANS, WITH FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-THREE BALES OF COTTON.

THE UTICA (N. Y.) OBSERVER ESTIMATES THE LUCK-WHEAT CORN OF THIS YEAR TO BE DOUBLE THAT OF LAST.

DR. JOHN A. SANDERSON, ONE OF THE WEALTHIEST PLANTERS IN THE SOUTH, DIED AT "EUNAS," HIS HOME MANSION, NEAR NATCHES, ON TUESDAY LAST WEEK.

A MAN WHO DOES NOT CLAIM TO BE A JUDGE OF SWINE, SAYS: "LAST SPRING I BOUGHT A LITTLE PIG FROM A DROVE, AND HE WAS GOOD FOR EATING, BUT WOULD NOT GROW MUCH."

WELL, ONE MORNING I CARRIED OUT A WATER BUCKET FULL OF DOUGH, AND AFTER HE HAD SWALLOWED IT ALL, I PICKED UP THE PIG AND PUT IT IN THE SAME BUCKET I HAD FED HIM FROM, AND THE LITTLE CUSS DIDN'T HALF FILL IT!"

FOR THE WESTERN DEMOCRAT.

ALLOW ME TO ADDRESS THROUGH YOUR JOURNAL, THE CITIZENS OF THE SOUTH, ON THE IMPORTANCE OF NOURISHING A HOME LITERATURE.

The South has been contending manfully for her political rights in the council halls of the nation for years; but she has never given that material aid to build up amongst ourselves a literature that would command the respect of the world.

THE MARKETS.

CHARLOTTE, N. C. Nov. 5, 1855.

Flour coming in briskly, and commands from \$8 to \$1 per barrel.

Meal, in great demand, from 50 to 55.

Wheat \$1.30 to 1.50, Corn 45 to 50.

Bacon, hog round 13 to 13 1/2 cts.

Lard 13 cts. Salt \$2.50 to 2 1/2.

Pork, 6 to 6 1/2. Virginia Butter, 20 to 22.

Wilmington Mules, \$10.00 per barrel.

Oats, from 30 to 35.

Cotton, old crop, little upward extreme range from 7 to 8.

COLUMBIA, Nov. 3.

COTTON—Active at 8 1/2 to 8 3/4—most of the sales at 8 3/8 to 8 4/10 cents.

CHARLESTON, Nov. 1.

COTTON—Good, Middling, Fair 8 7/8 to 9 cents. Market firm and active. CORN 90 cents. WHEAT \$1.85 to \$1.90. FLOUR \$3 to \$3.25.

DIED.

In this county, on the 2nd instant, ZENAS ALEXANDER, infant son of Z. A. & Mary Grier, aged 15 months.

IMPORTANT SALE.

HAVING qualified as administrator of R. H. Yopp's Dec'd, late of Mecklenburg County, I will expose to public sale at his late residence 5 miles East of Charlotte on the Wadesboro road, on the 22d November, the following property, viz:

Thirty-five likely Negroes, Men, Women and Boys, twenty-five Horses and Mules, 60 head of Cattle, 125 Sheep, 2500 Bushels of Corn, a quantity of Wheat, a large lot of Roughness, 4 Wagons, 1 Buggy, Farming utensils, Blacksmith tools, household and kitchen furniture and every article that a farm usually needs.

W. WALLACE, Administrator. November 6, 1855. 15-3w

Notice.

ALL persons indebted to us are warned to pay up immediately, or they will find their Notes and Accounts in the hands of an officer for collection. Many of the claims are of long standing, and nobody can complain, if a settlement is not now made, that it is forced.

November 6, 1855. 15 if

Dissolution.

THE Co-partnership lately existing under the name of MCNICH & NEEP, was dissolved on the 26th ult., by the withdrawal of Mr. Neef. The

MARBLE AND STONE CUTTING will hereafter be carried on by the undersigned at the same place, and all contracts and settlements must be made with him personally. SAMUEL MCNICH. 15 if

Chester, Nov. 6, 1855.