



THE STATES: Distinct as the Billows, but one as the Sea.

Western Democrat BY JOHN J. PALMER, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR. CHARLOTTE.

Tuesday Morning, Dec. 25, 1855

In accordance with a custom universally observed, not only in North Carolina, but in all other parts of the country, we shall omit the publication of a regular paper the week of the holidays.

Our Bulletin will contain such advertisements as their character make important to be before the people at this time—and we will also insert any new ones which may be handed in.

Subscription Ordered.

On Saturday last the Citizens of Charlotte voted upon the proposition submitted by the town Council, for a subscription of \$25,000 on the part of the town, to the capital stock of the Wilmington and Rutherford Railroad Company.

Majority... 102. The vote is a small one, but it reflects the relative opinions of this community on the subject.

KANSAS.

On our first page will be found some exciting news from the civil war in this territory. Later news, however, represents that a settlement of difficulties has been made by a promise on the part of the free-soilers to deliver up those who have been burning houses and committing other offences; but this news needs confirmation.

THE WEATHER.—The first snow of the season, in this locality—a slight sprinkle—we had on Wednesday last, when the weather was extremely cold. We record the fact for the information of our distant readers.

SOUTH CAROLINA LEGISLATURE.—The S. C. Legislature has adjourned. The bill to give the election of Presidential Electors to the people was lost.

A meeting was called to consider the affairs of Kansas, but it declined to act for want of reliable information.

THE EMPIRE STATE OF THE SOUTH.—Georgia is nearly chequered by Railroads; and yet her debt is only two million six hundred and forty-four thousand two hundred and twenty-one dollars.

FLORIDA.—A resolution has passed both branches of the General Assembly of this State, authorizing the inhabitants of West Florida to vote upon the proposition of seceding from this State, and uniting themselves with the State of Alabama.

ACQUITTAL OF REV. W. A. SMITH.—The Virginia Conference in session at Petersburg, has acquitted Dr. W. A. Smith of the various charges preferred against him by Rev. C. F. Decus of the N. C. Conference.

LOSS OF A SHIP.—The ship Concordia of Mobile, for Liverpool, with cotton, was totally destroyed by fire on the 26th November, as she lay aground off Key West.

DECISION IN FAVOR OF MRS. GAINES.—The Supreme Court at New Orleans has made a decision in Mrs. Gen. Gaines' case, reversing the decision in the Second District Court, and decreeing that Daniel Clarke's will of 1813 be probated, and that Mrs. Gaines be put in possession of the property she has so long contended for.

ACCIDENT.—The down train yesterday, on the Charlotte and South Carolina Railroad, when below Adger's, came in contact with a carriage and pair of horses.

WHAT THE PUBLIC PRINTING COSTS! The Washington Union publishes tables derived from an official source showing that the entire amounts received by the printers of the Senate and House respectively for two years were: Senate printer, \$89,223.24, or an average of \$34,611.62 per annum; House printer, \$119,288.45, or an average of \$59,644.22 per annum.

"THE CENTRAL AMERICAN."—This is the title of a newspaper with which we exchange, published at San Juan Del Norte, a desirable place for printers, if we estimate by the terms of the "American."

In no part of the world are newspapers obtained at so cheap a rate as in the U. States, and in no other part of the world, perhaps, are they so poorly sustained.

If editors here were to make their terms correspond with the terms of the "Central American," they would receive \$20 instead of the small sum of \$2 a year for their papers.

A long connexion with the Press enables us to speak knowingly on this subject. Printers are, we believe, the most poorly paid class of persons in the world.

It is well known that the Democracy is not responsible for making party politics an issue in our municipal election. It has not been forgotten that the Know-Nothings, at the eleventh hour, brought out their ticket, elected them, and then the "American Organ," a vile abolition sheet, et al omnigenus, boasted of it as a Know-Nothing victory.

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The writer of the following has seen fit to indulge in some compliments towards our paper. We have not taken the liberty of mutilating his communication by making any erasures, but we hope he will not suppose we acknowledge the justness of his remarks concerning the "Democrat."

I congratulate you, Mr. Editor, and the friends of the paper, on the neat appearance the "Democrat" has put on, and on the dignity and ability that characterise its columns. It has long been a desideratum to have an effective organ of the party published here; and to the able and enterprising gentlemen who preceded you, the thanks of the Democracy of this and the adjoining counties are eminently due.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN. The undersigned takes this method to give notice that he has withdrawn from the Order of Know-Nothings, a secret political society, self-styled and misnamed "Americans."

NOTICES like the above, and the following we meet with daily in our exchanges. The Know-Nothing fabric is rapidly falling to pieces—a matter of no wonder, as it has no political principles to cement it together.

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Democratic Anti-Know-Nothing TICKET. FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF CHARLOTTE. FOR INTENDANT: William F. Davidson.

MARRIED. In Hopewell, on the 20th inst., by the Rev. H. B. Cunningham, D. D., Mr. A. J. McCosnell to Miss Mary L. McKnight.

DIED. In Gaston county on the 15th inst. Mrs. ELIZABETH ANN FITE, only daughter of the late John Moore, and Mary J. Moore, in the 23d year of her age, leaving a husband, 4 small children, a widowed mother, with a large circle of friends to mourn her loss.

DISOLUTION. THE COPARTNERSHIP heretofore existing under the name of J. DULS & CO. was dissolved on the 11th inst., by mutual consent.

NOTICE. ALL PERSONS in arrears with me, for their public and State TAXES, are requested to make immediate payment.

Eating and Refreshment SALOON. THE undersigned takes this method to return his thanks to his friends for the liberal patronage which has been extended to him in his line of business, and to inform them that he has sold his establishment to Mr. J. Adkinson, who will continue the business at the same stand, and I shall remain in the Saloon, as heretofore, and will be happy to receive the calls of my friends, as usual.

Hotel for Rent. THE undersigned wish to rent the Hotel, in the town of NEWTON, Catawba county, known as "Shuford's Hotel."

ON FRIDAY THE 28th OF DECEMBER. I will rent, on the highest bid, at auction, for one year, the main building, including the Kitchens, Out-Houses, Garden, one Stable, &c. &c.

THE BANK OF CHARLOTTE, N. C. RESOLVED by the Directors of this Bank that a semi-annual Dividend of 4 per cent on the capital stock of the Bank be declared, payable to the Stockholders of the Bank on the first Monday of January next.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21st. COTTON is quiet; FLOUR improving; Ohio, \$2.83; Southern \$3.00. WHEAT quiet; Ohio, 95 cents.

DISOLUTION. THE FIRM heretofore existing under the title of PRITCHARD & CALDWELL, Druggists, is dissolved by mutual consent this day, (the 17th). All persons indebted to the same, are earnestly desired to make arrangements, at any rate by January Court next, for settlement, and all with whom the previously existing concern is in arrears, to present their claims by that time for settlement, to H. M. Pritchard.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE, Hiring, and Renting. AT the plantation of the late ALEXANDER SPRINGS, 2 1/2 miles from the town of Charlotte, on Thursday the 3d day of January next, will be sold, A quantity of Corn and Fodder, Cattle, Hogs, &c.

ALL THE NEGROES belonging to said estate will be hired out on the first day of January, in the town of CHARLOTTE, on REAL ESTATE to be RENTED, consisting of PLANTATIONS, and a Number of valuable Houses and Lots, in the town of Charlotte.

S. W. WESTBROOKS, Proprietor of the Guilford POMOLOGICAL GARDENS and Nurseries. WOULD respectfully call the attention of our Southern citizens to the selection of native and acclimated varieties of FRUIT TREES, embracing some FORTY THOUSAND TREES of the following varieties, viz: Apple, Pear, Peach, Plum, Apricot, Cherry, Nectarine, Almond—Also a choice assortment of GRAPE-VINES, Raspberries, Strawberries, &c. &c.

PRESBYTERIAN FEMALE COLLEGE. THE President of this institution has come on for the purpose of making the necessary arrangements to open its first session. The term will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 1, 1856, and close at the expiration of five months.

Valuable Mining PROPERTY FOR SALE. BY virtue of a deed of Trust executed to me by Thomas Anderson of New York, I will offer for sale at the Court House in the town of Charlotte, on Saturday the 19th day of January, 1856, the following property:

210 Acres. Also, One Tract known as the McGinn Mine, containing 160 Acres. Also, Three-fourths of the CAPPS' GOLD MINE, containing 130 Acres.

REMOVAL. I TAKE pleasure in informing my friends and the public generally, that I am removing from my present Store adjoining the Court-House, to No. 4, Granite Row, OPPOSITE SADDLER'S HOTEL.

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SALE OF NEGROES. PURSUANT to an order from the County Court of Mecklenburg, I will sell, at the Public Square, in Charlotte, on THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY NEXT, Two likely Negroes.

NOTICE. MOST FAVORABLE Town Property For Sale in Charlotte, N. C. BY ORDER from the Court of Equity, I will expose to public sale, at the Court-House in Charlotte, ON SATURDAY THE 29th INST. (DECEMBER), Two Choice Business LOTS.

Valuable Catawba Land For Sale. ON TUESDAY THE EIGHTH DAY OF JANUARY NEXT, Gen. J. A. Young, as my Agent, will sell upon the premises, My Land, lying on the Catawba River.

GOOD NEWS TO THOSE Wishing to Purchase DRY GOODS. HARDWARE & GROCERIES, Boots and Shoes, Hats, Caps, and Bonnets, and A GREAT ASSORTMENT OF Fall and Winter Articles.

ELIAS & COHEN. Having received their Immense Fall Stock, we have prepared to offer inducements to purchasers, to whom we can display one of the largest Stocks of Goods in the State at the smallest profits and prices.

LARGEST STOCK ever seen in Charlotte in one season. We have all kinds from the lowest in price to the Very Finest Made. Gentlemen call and examine them, and be your own judges of the Goods and prices.

NEGRO SHOES, CLOTHING AND BLANKETS VERY LOW. To those friends who have been long enough to patronize our establishment it is scarcely necessary to inform them how cheap they can buy Goods of us, but to those who have yet to give us the first trial, we say you wish to select from one of the Largest Stocks of Goods in the State at prices so low as to surprise yourselves, call upon Elias & Cohen, No. 2, Granite Row, immediately opposite Saddle's Hotel.

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