



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

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COMING SOUTH

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The Signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration. A writer in the Raleigh Standard proposes that the money which has been collected in North Carolina to aid in purchasing Mount Vernon, Geo. Washington's old residence, be appropriated, now that the primary object has failed, to the erection of a suitable Monument upon Capitol Square, in the City of Raleigh, in honor of the early and brave patriots who signed the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

when a year ago, to commemorate virtue, they employed the chisel of Canova to give to marble the form and image of the Father of his Country? Having done so well in honoring national worth, can it be that North Carolina will fail to do honor to her own sons, and permit the mantle of oblivion to fall upon the names of those who were the first upon the American Continent to strike for liberty and independence?"

THE COMMERCIAL CONVENTION. We are indebted to an intelligent gentleman, familiar with the subject, for an interesting communication in relation to the late Commercial Convention at Richmond. It will be found in another column.

It will be observed by our notice of the proceedings of Congress that C. P. Wendell, from Albany, New York, (Democrat, and the nominee of a Congressional Democratic caucus,) has been elected Public Printer, beating the black Republican or abolition Know-Nothing nominee, O. Follett, of Ohio, ten votes.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—An election for Governor and other State officers will take place in New Hampshire on the 11th of March. A warm canvass is progressing—the Democrats waging a fierce war against abolition Know-Nothingism, with confident anticipations of reversing the result of the last election in that State.

The Democrats of Merimac county, N. H., held an immense mass meeting at Concord on the 7th inst. Speeches were made by Messrs. Weller, of California, Orr, of South Carolina, Lane, of Oregon, Cobb, of Ga., John S. Weller and others.

MARYLAND SENATOR.—Anthony Kennedy, (Know-Nothing) a member of the House of Delegates of Maryland, was on Thursday elected United States Senator from that State for six years from the 4th of March, 1857, when the term of Hon. Thomas G. Pratt will expire. He is a brother of the Hon. John P. Kennedy, which appears to be his chief qualification for the dignified and responsible office.

The Hon. Edward Everett has been invited by the ladies of Richmond, (Va.) to repeat a discourse on the Life and Services of Washington, which he is preparing to deliver in Boston, on the 23d of February. He has accepted the invitation, and appointed the 13th of March for its delivery. The proceeds of the lecture are to go towards the purchase of the Mount Vernon property.

Hon. William Smith, of Va., addressed a Democratic meeting at Alexandria, on Thursday, the 7th inst., and promised that at some future day he would make certain explanations to his constituents, in relation to the contest for the Speakership. He probably intends to explain how it was that he, a gentleman strongly suspected of having Know-Nothing attachments, failed to secure the entire Democratic vote.

The Boston Post asks the following curious question: "Is it true, as has been reported, that the committee on anti-slavery lectures, who were requested by Hon. Robert Toombs to hand over the one hundred dollars he declined to receive for his lecture, to some society for aiding emigrants, have given it to the society for aiding fugitive slaves to migrate to Canada?"

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THE STEAMER PACIFIC. Fears are entertained that this vessel, with her passengers, crew, mails, and cargo, has been lost at sea. She left Liverpool on the 23d of January, and has not yet arrived; there are so many fears for her safety that the steamer Alabama has been sent in search for her. The Persia, which left the same port three days later, has arrived at New York.

The Secretary of the Navy has also given orders that the steamer Arctic, Lieut. Hartstein, shall be sent in search of the missing steamer Pacific.

Since 1853, twelve steamships, lost at sea, have cost 1,250 lives, and \$7,250,000 of property. The Independence sunk with 120 lives in the Pacific, and the Tennessee and the St. Louis followed, total wrecks. The Humboldt and the San Francisco were wrecked in the Atlantic the same year. The Franklin, City of Philadelphia, and Yankee Blade, fell in the catalogue of 1854. City of Glasgow with 480 lives. The Arctic with three hundred more precious lives, were the crowning catastrophes of that year. In 1855, we have the sinking of the North Carolina, and the stranding of the Golden Age, which last, however, was saved and repaired.

The insurance companies decline taking further risks on the steamship Pacific, now so long over due, being heavily involved already. A steamer will be substituted in her place on Saturday for Liverpool, but it is undecided what boat it shall be.

THE COMMITTEES. We give to-day a list of the Committees appointed by Speaker Banks. They are fashioned to suit the designs of the Black Republicans. Horace Greeley says they are "satisfactory to the North, and are arranged with a view to the triumph of Freedom." From Greeley's endorsement, their character may at once be estimated.

WM. JOHNSTON, ESQ. In our last paper we inadvertently stated that Wm. M. Johnston, Esq., of this town, had been elected to the Presidency of the Charlotte and South Carolina Rail Road.—The "M." was an error. Mr. J.'s name is simply Wm. Johnston. The correction is necessary, because we learn communications regularly come to our post office addressed to Wm. M. Johnston.

The Capital of Oregon territory, was entirely destroyed by fire, a few days ago, with the Territorial Library, the papers and journals of the Legislature, and many important public documents. The work of an incendiary.

For the Western Democrat. SOUTHERN & SOUTH-WESTERN CONVENTION. The Commercial Convention, lately assembled at Richmond, contained some 225 Delegates from Maryland, the District of Columbia, Virginia, North Carolina, Missouri, Louisiana, Texas, and on the last day, one from Tennessee.

From the tenacity with which opposition was at once made to action, some believe apprehensions were entertained that certain private interests, claims, or intentions would be influenced by acts of the Convention.

The City of Richmond had been twice appointed as the place of meeting; once delayed on account of fever at Norfolk. An immediate proposition to assemble again in the same place, during May or June, was regarded unnecessary—scarcely courteous, but onerous—as upon such occasions there are always extraordinary and expensive preparations, which some were indisposed to call for again.

of him. "A neighbor," in Hebrew law, is one under the same institution of Government; for moral law does make a difference between "neighbors" and "strangers," in relation to slaves. Slaves were distinctly recognised as property, under very strict rules, for humane treatment.

Some of the best modern Hebrew authorities expressly deny that slaves were to be assisted to escape from their own people; as such property was acquired by the payment of money, or by birth, and was not allowed to be stolen with impunity from either neighbors or strangers. Our Eastern and some of our Southern friends, are deluded by a false interpretation of the intentions of the writing, as they once were by the translation, which sanctioned the drowning of witches, now corrected by better sense, and a pure interpretation of truth and humanity. Some references to the influences of peculiar diet were made in pleasantry, rather to allay unkind feeling, and with a recollection of the diverting description of a clerical humorist—"Old friendships are destroyed by toasted cheese," and so forth.

There was very slight reference to politics in the convention—and properly so.—Some did allude to a next meeting about the same time as conventions of other character; but the proposition did not prevail.—It was also suggested to have a meeting convenient for Members of Congress, but a frank spoken Virginian said "he would oppose it, as he desired no convenience of the kind, and thought they did much better without such attendance." This caused some mirth, in which an intelligent member of Congress from Petersburg, who was present, heartily joined.

The Convention was made a disappointment and failure, in the opinion of many, although as a popular body, there was a strong representation of Southern heart and intelligence.

If another takes place, as proposed, next December, in Savannah, the experience of waste of time and resolutions may then be made serviceable. The social influences of these Southern Conventions are valuable, and might be much increased by varied reports and strict attention to the practical interests of the South, unalloyed by party politics, and controlled in their application to speculations, of all kinds.

As these Conventions annually meet in distant sections of the Southern country, and are differently represented according to conveniences of location, season, and weather, it does seem advisable they should assume a more democratic form—as primary assemblages of the people, and not simply representations of States; for their action is only suggestive or for information; and an easy interchange or communication of opinion is better, in the opinion of many, than the more dilatory forms of strictly representative assemblages.

THE ISSUE.—The issue at the next Presidential election will be directly between the white men and the negroes. Franklin Pierce will probably be the white man's candidate, and Wm. H. Seward the negroes. If the people of the United States feel more interest in the government of negroes than in the government of white men, they will elect Mr. Seward, if not they will re-elect President Pierce, and continue this government for white men until the three millions of negroes in the South become of more consequence and importance than the twenty millions of white men.—[N. Y. Day Book.

Rev. Samuel Williamson, D. D., formerly President of Williams College, N. C., has accepted a call to the church in Washington, Arkansas.

The Concord Gazette complains of a scarcity of tea and coffee in that town during the cold cold season, and laments the hard freeze which prevents the people from getting at the "sassafras."

NEW COINS PROPOSED.—Mr. Weller introduced into the U. S. Senate a bill authorizing the coinage at the San Francisco Mint, of "Unions," of the value of one hundred dollars each, and "Half Unions," of the value of fifty dollars, to be made conformably to the standard of gold coins, and received as legal tender.

THE MARKETS. CORRECTED WEEKLY BY T. M. FARROW. Charlotte, Feb. 19, 1856.

Table of market prices for various goods including Bacon, Hams, Sides, Hog round, Bagging, Cotton, Coffee, Candles, Corn, Flour, Eggs, Feathers, Herring, Lard, Mutton, Pork, Potatoes, Sugar, Tea, Wheat, Wool, Yarn, and Clover Seed.

Columbia, Feb. 16. COTTON.—The activity of the market was increased by the last foreign news, and in the course of the week prices advanced, varying from 10c to 12c.

Charlotte, Feb. 16. COTTON.—Sales of 471 bales to-day at the following prices: 7 bales at 97-8; 5 at 96; 82 at 97-8; 34 at 93-4; 144 at 93-4.

ROBERT GIBBON, M. D. OFFERS his professional services to the public, in the practice of SURGERY, in all its various departments.

"Nobody Cares For Advertisements these times, it seems." WELL, one thing is certain, THIS IS THE ONLY PLACE TO GET TO PAY FOR, in calling upon you, ye host of delinquents, to do your reasonable duty. The business outstanding of the late firm of Pritchard & Caldwell, must and shall be settled—and if you neglect much longer to come and close up with me, you will have to do so with some one else, who will present you with a P. & C. vs. thyself, no mistake.

Important Sale. THE FACTORY BUILDINGS, and all the MACHINERY connected therewith, and eight acres of Land, more or less, adjoining the buildings, belonging to THE CONCORD MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

FOR SALE, Hoffman's Mill Shoals Tract of Land. It lies on the South Fork of the Catawba River, within ten miles of Dallas, and within three miles of the line of the contemplated Wilmington, Charlotte, and Rutherford Rail-Road, if said road should be located on the Tuckasee Ridge.

Two hundred Acres of Land in the tract with some excellent pine timber. The site for putting up Machinery, for Manufacturing purposes, cannot be surpassed anywhere.

EIGHT HOUSES, One of which is a very good Dwelling House, and one a Grist Mill, just ready to receive the water on the wheel.

Omce R. & G. R. R. Company, RALEIGH, JAN. 31, 1856.

RALEIGH & GASTON RAIL-ROAD. Schedule for Mail Train, On and after Thursday, the 31st day of January, 1856.

NOTICE. On and after to-day, THE MAIL TRAIN will leave the Depot, (North Carolina Rail-Road) at 13 minutes before 6 o'clock A. M., on the arrival of the Cars from the West.

RALEIGH & GASTON RAIL-ROAD. Goods and Produce. Brought down that Road, intended for transportation over the Raleigh & Gaston Rail-Road, will be received by this Company at the North-Carolina Rail-Road Depot in Raleigh (owned jointly by the two Companies) and will be transported thence without delay or extra charge; and goods designed for the Western Merchants and others along that Road, will likewise be delivered at the same point.

Office N. C. R. R. Company, SALISBURY, JAN. 31, 1856.

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Table of train schedules for West and East directions, listing arrival and departure times for various stations like Goldsboro, Hillsboro, Graham, Greensboro, Jamestown, Salisbury, Concord, and Charlotte.

MRS. WHELAN, Dress Maker, Opposite the Post-office. ALL DRESSES cut and made to order, in the most fashionable A-B-C method, and warranted to fit.

JUST RECEIVING F. W. AHRENS, NO. 4, GRANITE ROW. 50,000 IMPORTED CIGARS, Choice Brands, wholesale and retail.

A CARD. DR. SAM'L L. & JOSEPH W. CALDWELL, in the practice of Medicine, and one of the other of them can be found at their office, next door to the State Bank, upstairs, unless professionally engaged.

FROM SEBASTOPOL. THERE is nothing new from the Crimea, by the last arrival, but at Sebastopol, on Trade Street, there is something new. The undersigned has purchased of James Brant, his grocery and Lignor establishment, and invites the public to give him a call, as he will accommodate them with articles of the best quality, and in a style to suit the most fastidious taste.

Watches! Watches! Watches! THE subscribers are now receiving a large stock of WATCHES from the most celebrated makers; also a rich stock of FASHIONABLE JEWELRY, CHAINS, &c., all of which will be sold low for cash or on short time to punctual dealers.

Look out for the Swindler. A man calling himself A. G. JONES, who represented himself to us as having been engaged in selling periodicals for several respectable Northern publishers, and stated that he was a native of Nansemond county, Va., called on us, some two months since, and obtained 300 Lithographic drawings of the Richmond Fair Grounds, also 300 copies colored Lithographic drawings of Gen. Taylor and Staff at Walnut Springs, Mexico.

Meeting of the Mecklenburg Agricultural Society. THERE will be a meeting of the Members of the Mecklenburg Agricultural Society at the Court-House, on the 13th Thursday of this month, (21st instant.) A general attendance is desired.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, that all the Notes and Accounts of Spratt & Allison, Spratt, Daniel & Co., and Allison & Daniel, are transferred to the undersigned, for the benefit of the creditors of said firms respectively, and that they are in the hands of J. R. DANIEL, for immediate collection. Longer indulgence cannot be given, as the debts must be paid.

CHARLOTTE MARBLE YARD. THE subscribers having formed themselves into a company, to supply to the people of Charlotte and the country generally in their line of business. They are prepared to furnish Monuments, Gravestones, Marble Pieces, Furniture Marble, Table Slabs, Marble Steps, to any pattern cut from Marble, according to the most approved taste and styles, and upon the most accommodating terms ever offered in the Southern country.

Cash paid for Hides. THE highest prices will be paid for hides by S. M. HOWELL, 3 doors south of Sadler's Hotel, Charlotte, Oct. 30-5m.

CARRIAGE SHOP. THE SUBSCRIBER BEGS leave to inform his friends and the public generally, that he is still carrying on the Carriage Making Business in all its various branches with all the increased facilities afforded by modern improvements. He has now on hand a large number of BUGGIES, CARRIAGES, ROCKAWAYS, &c., made on the most approved styles out of the best material, to which he asks the inspection of purchasers.

Fire and Marine Insurance. The Insurance Company of the Valley of Virginia, AT WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA. BRANCH OFFICE, Fourteenth Street, 2d door from the Post Office, RICHMOND, VA. CAPITAL \$300,000.

References: Samuel Marx, Cashier Bank of Virginia, Richmond. J. A. Smith, Cashier Farmers' Bank of Va., Richmond. Joseph R. Anderson, Esq., Richmond. Messrs. Haxall & Co. do. Henry M. Brent, Cashier of the Bank of the Valley, Winchester. Joseph H. Sheppard, Cashier of the Farmers Bank, Winchester. Hon. James M. Mason, U. S. Senator of Va., Dec. 5, 1855-1f

AGENTS WANTED! Make Money When You Can. THE Subscribers desire to procure the Undersigned time of an Agent in every County in the United States. Efficient and capable men may make several dollars per day, without risk or liability of any kind. Full particulars of the nature of the business will be given by addressing the subscriber, and forwarding One Post Office Stamp to prepay return postage.

UNION ACADEMY. THE first session of this Institution will commence on the first day of January, 1856. Terms of Tuition, per session of 6 months, spelling, Reading, and Writing, \$6 00. Arithmetic, Geography, History and Grammar, \$7 00. Philosophy, Astronomy, and Chemistry, \$8 00. Surveying, with the use of the Compass, 10 00. Sold School is situated in District No. 42, in Union county, on the Yadkin river, 16 miles west of Mount Airy, in the neighborhood of R. G. Howard's, Col. Dunn's, W. F. Robinson's and others. Good board may be had in the vicinity at \$6 to \$7 per month. Those wishing to become Teachers of Common Schools may thoroughly prepare themselves in this School.