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Fresh Norfolk Oysters
Will at all times be kept on hand and served up in any style desired.

Fine Tobacco, Segars, Wines
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And the best of Liquors generally,
MEALS, composed of such dishes as may be called for, served up at all hours, in the most approved style of cookery.

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Are taken, upon reasonable terms. Call at the Saloon, two doors north of Kerr's Hotel, if you desire something nice to eat and drink and to recruit the inner man.

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THERE is nothing new from the Crimea, by the last arrival, but at Sebastopol, on Trade Street, there is something new.

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WM. PHELAN.
Feb. 5, 1856.—10-11

FASHIONABLE TAILORING.
THE subscriber announces to the public generally, that he is now receiving a large assortment of new

Cloths, Cassimeres
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VESTINGS,
for Gentlemen's wear, and will be sold for Cash at a small profit, or made to order according to the latest styles. Shop next door to Elm's Grocery Store.

A. BETHUNE,
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UST Received at
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"WILT THOU BE TRUE?"
"Wilt thou be true?" we ask the flower
That decks the garland in the festive scene;
But leaves that fall before the parting hour
Mock us, and tell how vain the words have been:
"Wilt thou be true?"

"Wilt thou be true?" we ask it of the billow,
And launch our bark upon the crystal tide;
But many a sea-weed shroud, and coral pillow,
Have met the lips that trusted while they cried
"Wilt thou be true?"

"Wilt thou be true?" we ask it of the Heaven
That shines all bright and beaming on our way,
But clouds that gather dark, and thunder riven,
Bid us regret that e'er we asked the way
"Wilt thou be true?"

"Wilt thou be true?" Oh, ask it of my bosom—
Let thy warm faith believe affection's sigh:
And thou shalt find it shame the scented blossom,
The sparkling ocean, and the smiling sky,
For it is true.

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ALL DRESSES cut and
made by the celebrated
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Trimmed in the latest style, at
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Charlotte, Feb. 12, 1856.—11

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ROBERT P. WARING,
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(Office in building attached to the American Hotel, Main street.)
Charlotte, N. C.
Jan. 29, 1856.—11

S. W. DAVIS,
Attorney & Counsellor at Law,
CHARLOTTE, N. C.
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WOULD respectfully call the attention of our Southern citizens to his select collection 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.

ALL orders, accompanied with the cash, will receive prompt attention, and the trees will be neatly packed and directed to any portion of the country.

P. S.—Persons wishing Ornamental Trees can be supplied. Address—Greensboro', N. C.
Dec. 4, 1855.—2m

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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. His establishments are on College and Depot streets, where he will be glad to see his friends.

JOHN HARTY.
July 28, 1855. 1-11

REMOVAL.
R. W. Beckwith
has removed his Jewelry Store to No. 2, Johnston's Row, three doors South of Kerr's Hotel.

NEW BOOKS FOR SALE
AT
LOWRIE AND ENNIS'S STORE.

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The Castle Builders, by the author of "Heartsease," "The Heir of Redclyffe," "Scenes and Chances," &c. &c.

The Old Inn, or the Travellers' Entertainment, by Josiah Barnes, Sen.

The above are all the very latest and most popular novels of the day.

We constantly keep on hand a large and well selected stock of stationary of every kind, and are constantly receiving all the new books that are being published, and books that we have not got, we can get on the shortest notice.

JUNE 9, 1855. 48-L

PIANO FORTES.
MR. RAMSEY, of
Columbia, S. C.,
Piano Forte &
Music Dealer,
is constantly receiving a good supply of
Pianos with the LATEST IMPROVEMENTS,
which has given them the premium over all
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Cased work and Grand Pianos from \$500 to \$1000.

Mr. R. being a practical Piano Maker can insure to his customers a perfect instrument.
Columbia, June 23, 1855.—491y

General Intelligence.

THE LAWLESS PROCEEDINGS
AT COLUMBIA, S. C.

The New Era, of Columbia, gives the following account of the recent conflict between the students of the South Carolina College and the City Authorities:

"On Monday night last, three students of the South Carolina College came in front of the Guard House. One of them called out the name of Mr. Burdell, (one of our police officers.) Mr. B. came out, whereupon the Student struck the Marshal a severe blow, (for what cause we know not, doubtless there was a cause.) Mr. Burdell was not slow in returning it, and so the fight commenced. He also carried the assailant, after the fight, into the Guard House, and being badly hurt, a Doctor was sent for to see him. In the mean time, the other two Students had carried the news to the College of what had happened, when a pretty general onslaught upon the Guard House by all the Students was made, and their comrade conveyed therefrom. This was done at the expense of smashing in the window lights and breaking small things up generally. Thus ended Monday night. On Tuesday morning, the Students, not feeling satisfied that they were even with Mr. Burdell, two or three of them made another attack upon him. In this fight, Mr. Burdell was roughly handled, and so were two or three of the Students. The Students now assembled in mass, many of them armed. The Mayor ordered out the Military Companies to preserve order, and after some two hours, the Students, at the solicitation of Dr. Thornwell, Col. Wm. C. Preston, and some other of our citizens, retired to the College, since which time quiet has prevailed. We learn that on Thursday, by order of the Governor, the arms of the State, which were in possession of the College Cadets, were taken from the College grounds. As we remarked above, an occurrence of this kind should, in our judgment, be noticed, and a true history of the transaction given, for the express purpose of preventing exaggerated and hurtful rumors, sure to arise by the Press preserving a profound silence."

A LAMENTABLE OCCURRENCE.

On Saturday morning the 9th instant, Miss Nancy Smith, residing with her mother, a widow lady, in Alamance county, came to her death in a most shocking manner. A lady in a neighboring family was taken suddenly ill, and Mrs. Smith left in haste to visit her, not taking even her bonnet, leaving her daughter alone at breakfast. During her absence, her daughter, who was subject to fits, was taken, it is supposed with one of them, and falling into the fire, the flames communicated from her clothes to the house and all were consumed. The mother, by this distressing calamity, has not only lost all she had, but suffers the excruciating anguish caused by the shocking and melancholy death of her daughter.—(Hillsboro' N. C. Recorder.)

CASUALTY.

A free negro boy yesterday accidentally shot and killed a negro boy belonging to Mr. Jennings, of George's station. The facts, as detailed to us, are briefly these: The negro in question was a passenger on the cars yesterday, and pulling out a pistol showed it to one of his companions, and while exhibiting it, and explaining how a dagger would fly out when he touched a spring, the pistol was discharged, the load entering the body of a fellow passenger and killing him almost immediately. Those who examined into the affair had no doubt of its being an accident.—(Columbia (S. C.) Times.)

FOREIGNERS AND MASSACHUSETTS.

Foreigners stand very little chance in the Massachusetts Legislature. On Wednesday a resolve to amend the Constitution so as to require a residence of twenty-one years before they should be entitled to vote, was passed by 29 to 7. The resolution was immediately sent to the House. After the announcement of the vote, Mr. G. W. Warren, of Suffolk, moved, in consideration of the joy he felt at the result of this matter, that the Senate adjourn. The motion was carried, and the "Americans" exhibited the joy experienced from their triumph by social congratulations. Unsuccessful motions were made to amend by inserting seven instead of twenty-one, and to exonerate foreigners from a capitation tax for twenty years after their arrival in the country.

A NOVEL CASE.

The Auburn American says: We learn that Fyler, who murdered his wife some time since near Syracuse, is playing a sharp game upon the counsel who defended him. It appears that the agreement between them was, in case Fyler was saved from hanging, his counsel were to have four thousand dollars. Of this amount one thousand dollars was to be paid in cash, and the remainder secured by mortgage on his farm. The counsel put in a plea of insanity, and Fyler was sent to the Lunatic Asylum. The mortgage is now about due, and the holders, on proposing to foreclose it, were met with the defence, that if the maker of it was insane when the murder was committed, could he have been sane at the time of giving the mortgage? It looks as though the lawyers were caught this time.

FROM CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL AMERICA.

By a late arrival at New Orleans, from San Francisco, we learn that Col. Kinney had gone to Granada to effect an alliance with General Walker; and all the Central American States, except Nicaragua, had formed an alliance. At San Francisco the markets had a downward tendency. Considerable rain had fallen in California, and the agricultural prospects were good. Accounts from the mines were excellent.

No United States Senator has been elected, and there was but little probability of a choice. The Hon. Henry S. Foote is the American nominee. Saunders and Hammond, both formerly Collectors for the Port of San Francisco, had been indicted for embezzling funds. There had been no fighting in Oregon since the last accounts.

FROM NICARAGUA.

From the Nicaragua of the 20th ult. we learn that Walker seems to be maintaining his power with an even hand. Recruits are coming in slowly from San Francisco, New Orleans and New York.

While every citizen of Nicaragua (says the Nicaragua) recognizes the appropriateness of the action taken by the Government in suspending diplomatic relations with the United States Government, all deplore the unfortunate position in which it has placed the Hon. J. H. Wheeler. All classes appreciate him as an officer and a gentleman, and on Thursday evening, when it was ascertained what the action of the Government had been, all the different bands in the city proceeded to his residence and gave him a serenade. The national airs of the Union were performed, and a round of cheers administered. We regret to learn that the American Minister has been indisposed during the last two days. It is to be hoped he will soon be fully recovered again.

The steamer Northern Light sailed from New York on the 25th ult. for San Juan, having 200 filibusters on board on their way to join the fortunes of the notorious Walker. No arrests were made, but the greatest excitement prevailed at the wharf from which the steamer sailed.

THE RICHMOND AND DANVILLE RAILROAD.—A bill authorizing an extension of this railroad from Danville, through the counties of Patrick, Henry, Carroll, &c., has been finally acted upon by both branches of the Virginia Legislature, and passed into a law. The work is to be constructed by private subscriptions.

LOOK OUT FOR COUNTERFEITS.—We saw a few days ago, one of those counterfeit \$20 notes on the Bank of Charlotte, which have been heretofore described in this paper. It is a dangerous counterfeit, requiring considerable knowledge of bank notes to detect it. This one came from one of the upper counties, and we understand that several others have been detected here.

P. S. Since the above was in type we have seen another of these counterfeits, which came from a different county from the first. We fear they are widely scattered.—(Fayetteville Observer.)

OFFICIAL accounts of the revenue of Great Britain for the year to 31st December, 1855, have just been published. The income amounted to £63,364,605, and expenditure to £84,505,788, leaving a deficiency on the year of over twenty-one millions pounds sterling. The London presses, after going over the various items, are convinced that another loan of sixteen or twenty million pounds must be immediately raised to meet current liabilities.

DEATH OF A VERY OLD SERVANT.—An old and much respected colored woman, familiarly known as "Old Aunt Nannie," died on the 30th ult., near Powhatan Court-house, Virginia, at the advanced age of 127 years. Such a case of longevity is scarcely on record. She was much respected for piety by all who knew her. She was the mother of 18 children, all of whom died at old age.

An old negro man, a slave, belonging to a gentleman in the vicinity of Westport, Mo., was asked whether he did not "want to go and live among the free State men in Lawrence?" when he instantly replied: "No! 'spect not, massa, dis nigga been raised 'mong quality—couldn't think of gwying thar, sir, drother stay at home among white folks."

The New York Express says that Garrison and other "friends of freedom" have issued a call for a convention in that city, to meet in May next, "to dispute the divine authority of the Holy Scriptures." What next will these fanatics seek to abolish?

A writer in a New York paper speaks of a lady who wears upon one dress a full mile of fringe trimming! Another young lady in New York has adorned a single dress with seven hundred and fifty yards of ribbon. Truly, this is carrying extravagance in dress to great lengths!

A NOBLE BOY.—A little fellow, not more than five years old, hearing some gentleman at his father's table discussing the familiar line: "An honest man is the noblest work of God," said he knew it wasn't true—his mother was better than any man that ever was made.

POLITICAL.

COL. JOHN F. HOKE.

It will be perceived, from the following letter, addressed to the Editor of this paper by Col. John F. Hoke, that that gentleman has ceased to act with the Know Nothings; that his appointment as a delegate to Philadelphia does not meet his approbation; and that he was never even notified of his appointment:—

LINCOLN, Feb. 18, 1856.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—In your journal of the 13th instant, I am called on to state whether or not I am a delegate to the Convention of the American party to be held at Philadelphia on the 22d inst., and to define my position on the principles of the Order. I do not recognize the right of any one to require me to give my views on any subject; but in this instance, to prevent misconception, I shall answer both questions.

I am not a delegate to the said Convention. If such an appointment has been made, I have not received any authentic notice of the fact, or I should have respectfully declined it. Neither does the appointment (which I now take for granted) meet with my approbation.

My intercourse with the organization having ceased, I could not consent to take part in the deliberations of the Convention, when I do not expect to be bound in any way by its conclusions. My opinions on the platform of the American party were made public in a speech to the people of Lincoln last summer. They were:

1st. Opposition to secret organizations.

2d. Opposition to religious intolerance, and to mixing up religious with political controversy. A belief that our government was founded on a Protestant basis.

3d. Regarded the immense number of emigrants flocking to our country as a dangerous and growing evil.

4th. Viewed the 12th Article of the Platform as national and solvent, and approved it. This is a synopsis of what was then said.

Recent occurrences prove that only thirty members of Congress of that Order stand on national ground. They are from the South. The next Presidential contest will present serious constitutional issues. Sound policy dictates that national men should stand together. The loss of a single State may be a loss of the whole question, and a destruction of the Union. The small number of thirty men can only serve to distract. If the Democratic party, which is the strongest basis of operations, present a candidate whose antecedents are national and patriotic, who will guarantee constitutional rights to every section, it behooves the South to unite on him without distraction.

Yours, &c.,
JOHN F. HOKE.

Here is another specimen of the honesty which characterizes the Know Nothing organization in this State. It seems that Col. Hoke and John Haughton, Esq., were appointed delegates to the Philadelphia Convention by the Know Nothing State Convention, which met here in October last, over which Gen. Dockery presided; and that Mr. Haughton was duly informed of his appointment, and that Col. Hoke was not. The secrecy, it was stated, was at that time entirely abolished. It was rumored in private circles that Col. Hoke and Mr. Haughton had been appointed. We called repeatedly for information on the subject, and indeed for the publication of the proceedings of the Convention; but no answer was given; and the people of the State, though told that all secrecy had been thrown off, were still kept in the dark. At length, a short time before the period for the meeting of the Philadelphia Convention, the Register announced the names of Col. Hoke and Mr. Haughton as delegates—but that was all. We respectfully called on that paper for its authority for making the announcement, but a stillness as of death and chaotic darkness followed, as on former occasions. Injustice was thus done Col. Hoke, while at the same time his name, as that of a prominent Democrat, was freely used privately, for effect, to add strength to the tottering and detestable organization. Mr. Haughton is a Whig, and he was of course notified of his appointment and furnished with credentials. Their object in this course towards Col. Hoke, was twofold; first, to injure him with the Democratic party; secondly, to use his name and his influence privately to bolster up their organization. But that gentleman has, for months, ceased to act with them; and we are confident that, for the future, they will feel the effect of his opposition.

Reader!—what do you think of such an organization? Is it one worthy the countenance of honest men?—(Ral. Standard.)

MASS MEETING IN NEW YORK.
Speech of Col. Orr, of S. C.

The "Young Men's Democratic Union Club," of New York, held a mass meeting at Tammany Hall, the 21st ult. Several distinguished speakers addressed the meeting.

The President introduced Col. Orr, of S. Carolina. Upon taking the stand, he said that he had been invited to participate with the Young Democracy of New York to cele-

brate the natal day of the great and immortal Washington. I came here to see whether the feelings of the Democracy of New York were in consonance with the feelings of the Democracy of South Carolina.

We are approaching another Presidential election. We shall probably have three candidates in the field, but there will be little need of those of the dark lantern to grope about for a resting place, because we of the South are ready to meet them to-day. I say, gentlemen, you of the North take care of the Black "Republicans," and we will take care of the Know Nothings.

Fellow-Democrats of New York, I want you to come together here in this great State. Do not let yourselves be disgraced by presenting two sets of delegates at Cincinnati—heal up your differences. We of the South do not feel like entering into these matters, but we look to you, as you love your country and the ascendancy of Democratic principles, to heal this difference. If the coalition of the Democracy is kept apart by the leaders, throw those leaders overboard. I exhort the working Democracy to do all in their power to bring this desirable result about as soon as possible.

Now, gentlemen, who are these new-fangled politicians? What are their principles? The fact is, they have no principles. What are they doing at Philadelphia now? Why, they are knocking out plank after plank of their platform, until pretty soon they will have none at all to stand on—That is what they want to do. They intend to present a candidate without any principle except the proscription of foreigners; and are you, fellow-citizens, willing to subscribe to such an arrangement. [Cries of No, no!] There is one thing I would like to know, and that is this: if there is one broken down political hack at this time not in the ranks of the Know Nothings, I would like to see him. As regards slavery, I observe that there are lecturers going through this country declaiming against the wrong doings in Kansas. Now this is all wrong. When anything goes wrong in the North, do the people of the South go about and incite the people against them. Let these evils be remedied at the ballot-box.—There is one thing certain, the Constitution cannot be disregarded in one section of the Union and obeyed in the other. [Applause.]

AMERICANS RULING AMERICA.

The following we find among a series of resolutions adopted by a Democratic meeting, a few days ago, at Goldsboro':

Resolved, That we agree with the so-called American party both in sentiment and in words "that to Americans belongs America," and that "Americans shall rule America," but as the legislators of a country are properly its owners and its rulers, and as the Senate of the United States is composed of 62 members, and the popular branch of Congress of 234 members, not one of whom was born in a foreign country, so Americans do now rule and now own America; and Sam, the lying rascal, knows this, and uses the phrase simply to deceive the uninformed and get into power by false pretences.

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