

CHRISTMAS.—Before another number of our paper shall have reached our subscribers, the Christmas Holidays, with all their pleasant concomitants, will have passed by.

Our acquaintance with our Patrons has been short but pleasant—only a few have had the pleasure of speaking to face to face; we would like to make the acquaintance of all; for as "iron sharpens iron," so doth the face of a subscriber brighten that of his friend, the Editor.

TOWN FINANCES.

We publish to-day the Reports of the Town Clerk and Town Treasurer, showing the receipts and disbursements for the past year. The Report shows the financial condition of the town of Charlotte to be in an extraordinary good condition.

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FAYETTEVILLE AND COAL FIELD RAILROAD.

The bill to aid in the construction of the Railroad from Fayetteville to the Coal Fields in Chatham county, was under consideration in the Legislature last week, and was lost in the House (we are sorry to say) by one vote.

When we consider the mineral wealth that will be developed by the proposed Road, the small and inconsiderable aid asked from the State, and the injury Fayetteville and that section of country has sustained by the building of other Roads by the State, we are surprised that the bill should meet with such unrelenting opposition; and some of those who oppose it ought to be the last ones to undertake to defeat the measure.

For instance we find A. M. Lewis, Esq., of Wake, speaking against the bill. This shows a narrow and contracted public spirit on his part. As an evidence that Mr. Lewis knew but little if anything of the matter under consideration we refer to his remarks where he said he was in favor of improving Deep River instead of aiding in the construction of the Road.

But we did not intend to offer opposition to the River improvement when we commenced this article. We have been led to these remarks by seeing a disposition on the part of gentlemen (Mr. Lewis among the rest) whose sections have been sustained and built up by State aid, to defeat and kill of a simple act of justice to Fayetteville and that section of the State—a section which pays a large amount into the Treasury but has received no benefit in comparison with other portions of the State.

We hope the bill will pass as a matter of justice if nothing else. All know the value of the coal mines in Chatham county, and all profess to entertain a desire to have our resources developed, therefore let proper assistance be rendered to the scheme under consideration and to all other laudable schemes, and the time will soon arrive when the Old North State will support her government with the dividends derived from works of internal improvement, without resorting to high taxation.

GREENSBORO AND DANVILLE RAILROAD.

There is a bill before the Legislature to charter this Road. It asks for nothing but a charter, which we hope will be granted. The measure no doubt will meet with opposition on the ground that it may injure other works in which the State is interested; but that is certainly not a good reason for refusing to allow the people of any portion of the State to expend their money on works of internal improvement.

Are not the people the State, and why set up one portion and keep down another? Are the citizens of a particular section to be deprived of the benefits of a Road upon which to transport their produce to market, merely because the State might not derive quite as large a dividend from works in which she has invested if the proposed charter was granted? Away with such a contracted policy. We find a communication in the Standard of Saturday, signed "W." in opposition to granting a charter, which we may have occasion to reply to hereafter.

CONGRESSIONAL.

In the House of Representatives on the 15th, resolutions in opposition to the slave trade were adopted by 95 majority.

Mr. Orr, of South Carolina, submitted a resolution that it is inexpedient, unwise and contrary to the settled policy of the United States to repeal the laws prohibiting the African slave trade. It was adopted; yeas 183, nays 8—Messrs. Barksdale, Bennett of Miss., Brooks, Keitt, Quitman, Shorter, Wright of Miss., Walker.

But little business has been transacted in either House. There is a bill before the House of Representatives for the better organization of the army, in which provision is made for an increase of the compensation of the officers. This is earnestly pressed.

The Senate bill to authorize the construction of ten (steam) sloops of war, stands prominent on the House calendar.

In the House on the 16th, Mr. Campbell reported a bill to amend the tariff of 1842, so as to prohibit the importation of indecent and obscene prints, transparencies, statuettes, &c. The bill was passed. On motion of Mr. Campbell the bill reducing the duties on imports, reported last session, was postponed till the first Tuesday in January.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.—The Postmaster General's report shows the number of Post Offices in June 30, 1856, to have been 25,565—being an increase of 4,964 in four years. On the 30th of June there were in operation nearly 8,000 mail-routes, the length of which is estimated at 239,642 miles, costing \$6,356,474, divided as follows: 20,323 miles of railroad, 14,951 of steamboat, and 50,433 coach lines, and nearly 154,000 miles of inferior grades.

The increase during the last fiscal year was nearly 20,000 miles of railroad, and 332 miles of steamboat, 1,250 miles of coach lines, and 8,200 miles of inferior grades. In Nebraska and Kansas 2,338 miles were added to the length of routes. Between the 1st of July, 1852, and the 1st of July, 1856, the railroad service was increased 10,177 miles, exhibiting the fact that within that time this description of service was more than doubled. On the 1st of December, 1856, the length of railroad routes had increased to 21,310 miles, and the total cost for this service at that date amounted to \$2,403,747. The whole cost of the inland service on 1st of July was \$6,526,928.

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

Correspondence of the Western Democrat. RALEIGH, DEC. 19, 1856.

Mr. Editor: In the Senate, to-day, the bill regulating the standard weight of grain was taken up and discussed at considerable length by Senators. It was, on motion of Mr. Cunningham, postponed for further consideration until the 4th of March next, by a vote of 27 to 7; this of course killed the Bill.

The House, after having consumed three or four days on the bill to charter the "Peoples' Bank," has just taken a vote on its second reading—57 for to 55 against—passing it by two votes. This question, to a considerable extent, has assumed a party aspect. It is to be regretted that an Institution of this kind, affecting so largely the various interests of the State, should assume a party character. By reference to the charter you will observe that it is quite a different thing from the charter of the "Peoples' Bank" as proposed two years ago. The only feature different from other Banks—and common to all similar institutions—is that of a pre-emption right of certain classes of our people to all the Stock of said Bank. It proposes to prefer to this enjoyment, the Stockholders in all the Railroads of the State, provided the entire length of said roads are within the limits of the State.

In the Senate, the Bill to construct the Cheraw and Coal Field Railroad, after considerable discussion, was lost by several votes. A motion was made to reconsider, pending which, a motion to adjourn prevailed. The Bill to re-charter the State Bank was made the special order of the day for Monday. Notwithstanding the passage of the "Peoples' Bank" on its second reading, and the efforts being made on the part of the friends of that Bank to destroy and defeat the State Bank charter, I have but little doubt of its passage—there can be no doubt of it in the Senate at least—and I cannot believe it is possible to prevent its passage in the House.

The greatest possible amount of opposition is being brought to bear against the Danville Road. You will observe a communication in the Standard, which is designed to array opposition against the passage of the Bill. If this unjust legislation is persisted in, I hope the people in that section of the country will go to work, in defiance of Law, and construct that great work. Were it in Mecklenburg it would be built. There are stout hearts and strong arms enough in the home of Liberty to resist wrong and oppression come from whatever source it may. They would go to work with pick in hand, and rifle, if necessary to the enforcement of right and the putting down of the exercise of an arbitrary and unjust discrimination. It is not sufficient that taxes are enforced for other works of internal improvement, but we are prohibited from the poor privilege of employing our own means in a way that we may think is likely to result to our advantage. This is downright oppression—oppression that no free people could be expected to submit to.

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In the Senate on the 15th, Mr. Wm. R. Myers introduced a bill to amend the act of 1838 incorporating Davidson College. Mr. Sharpe a bill to incorporate a Bank at Eagle city, Iredell county. The bills to amend the charter of the Western Plank Road Company and the Charlotte and Statesville Plank Road were passed 31 time. Mr. W. R. Myers introduced a bill authorizing the examination of the wife as a witness in certain cases in open court. A bill was introduced to incorporate a Bank to be located at Raleigh—also, a bill to make railroad companies pay for stock killed by their engines.

In the House, a resolution to adjourn on the 8th January was rejected. Mr. Sharpe offered a resolution to loan \$10,000 to Concord Presbyterian Female College, which was referred to the committee on education.

Senate, 16th, 17th and 18th. The Committee reported against repealing the clause prohibiting the issue of small notes. Mr. W. H. Thomas introduced a bill instructing the judiciary committee to inquire into the expediency of uniting the N. C. Western and the Charlotte Railroads. Mr. Reeves introduced a resolution to expunge from the Statute book the "Mexican preamble."

In the House, the bill to repeal that portion of the revised code which relates to fire hunting at night, was passed. The bill to incorporate the Greensboro' and Danville Railroad was introduced into the House.—It was agreed that no bill or resolution of a public nature should be considered from the 24th instant to the 1st January, in order to allow members to spend the holidays at home.

The bill introduced by Mr. Waddill relative to widows, is one of great importance. It provides that all of the property which may have come by the widow, in marriage, and its increase, in case there be no child, shall be hers, and not descend to the nearest of kin on the husband's side. And in case there may not have been any property coming into the estate, it does not interfere with the existing law which now gives her half the estate.

A law of this sort, if practicable in its provisions, would surely do justice to those to whom sufficiently small protection has been heretofore given. We would almost approve a law still more comprehensive, and favorable to the widow, viz: that all the property of the deceased husband, however acquired, after paying his debts, should, under such circumstances, be hers absolutely.—Raleigh Register.

EDITORS.—The N. H. Telegraph is of the opinion that an editor who cannot stop right in the midst of one of the finest trains of thought that he is putting on paper, to minute the dimensions of a huge pumpkin, or write an advertisement of dog lost, or enter the name of a new subscriber, or take pay for an old one, and after all, to resume the thread of his discourse, and carry out the idea in its original force and beauty, is next to no editor at all.

COMPTROLLER'S REPORT.

We acknowledge the receipt from Wm. M. Matthews, Esq., of a copy of the Report of the Comptroller of Public Accounts for the fiscal year ending Oct. 31, 1856. From this valuable document we extract the number of acres of Land and its value, and amount of town property in each County named below:

Table with columns for County, Acres of land, and Town property. Includes entries for Anson, Cabarrus, Catawba, Cleveland, Craven, Cumberland, Davidson, Davie, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, New Hanover, Rowan, Union, Wilkes, and Wake counties.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY. The following is a statement of the taxes collected from Mecklenburg county:

Table listing tax categories and amounts for Mecklenburg County, including Land, Town property, Polls, Interest received, Dividend and profit, Lawyers, Physicians, &c., Mortgages, Deeds, &c., Stud Horses, Marriage License, Pistols and Knives, Parks and Games, Gold Watches, Silver do., Pianos \$60, Plate 24.10, Pleasure Carriages, Playing Cards, Merchants' Capital, Pedlars \$50, Taverns \$30, Circuses, &c., Retailers \$200, Billiard tables \$100, 300.00, Livestock, Privileged Voters, Liquor Traffic, Auctioneers, Insurance Companies, Collateral Descents.

STATE TAXES. Land, \$1,898.44; Town property, \$39.37; Polls, 1,711.60; Interest received, 1,793.37; Dividend and profit, 85.11; Lawyers, Physicians, &c., 194.00; Mortgages, Deeds, &c., 35.00; Stud Horses, 41.00; Marriage License, 20.00; Pistols and Knives, 8.00; Parks and Games, 1.00; Gold Watches, 231.00; Silver do., 61.25; Pianos \$60, Plate 24.10, 84.10; Pleasure Carriages, 428.50; Playing Cards, 13.75; Merchants' Capital, 844.38; Pedlars \$50, Taverns \$30, 165.00; Circuses, &c., 165.00; Retailers \$200, Billiard tables \$100, 300.00; Livestock, 30.00; Privileged Voters, 16.40; Liquor Traffic, 267.70; Auctioneers, 2.73; Insurance Companies, 100.00; Collateral Descents, 565.65.

Total amount, \$9,687.35. COUNTY TAXES. Poor, 7 cents per \$100 value real estate, and 15 cents per poll. \$2,170.91; Common Schools, 5 do., and 10 do. 1,520.19; County expenses, 11 do., and 25 do. 3,472.34. Total amount, \$7,163.44.

\*The commissioners of Charlotte valued the Town property, at the last assessment, at five hundred and ninety-five thousand two hundred dollars.

SUICIDE. We received the following communication from a gentleman in Chatham, giving us the particulars of a dreadful act of self destruction:

This will inform you that Malcom Sinclair of this county, aged 75 or 80 years, committed suicide by cutting his throat on the 18th ult. He was a single man; never married, and resided with his sister, a lady without any family. These two persons being the only members of the family, the sister being also between 70 and 80 years of age, and so much afflicted at the time that she was not able to get off her bed without help. In this situation he (Malcom) left her on the day before named, and she was going to a neighbor's house and would soon return. She remained alone until the next day at 10 o'clock when some person passed near her house and heard her cries. Search was then made by the neighbors for Malcom. When found he was about a mile from home; his own razor bloody in his hat, and he a few feet from the hat, with his throat cut to the bone—dead.

No cause for the rash act is known.—He was a man of good character and had plenty to support himself comfortably on—Fayetteville Carolinian.

PAY OF UNITED STATES ARMY OFFICERS.—The Committee on Military Affairs in the House of Representatives have reported a bill which, it is stated, increases the pay of all commissioned officers, at the rate of \$20 per month, with the addition of 10 cents in the commutation of rations.—The equity of this measure, it is further stated consists in the proportion of increase of pay to the young officers, whose limited income make them the objects of so many hardships. The Lieutenant gets his \$20 a month, equally with the Colonel or General. An officer whose pay is \$40, gets \$60 under the provisions of this bill—being an increase of 50 per cent.—while the officer who now receives \$200, receives \$220—an increase of 10 per cent. The 10 cents additional on the ratio preserve the equality of compensation under the longevity ration principle.

PREACHER MARRIED IN HIS OWN PULPIT.—The congregation of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, in Louisville, were considerably startled a few evenings ago, it is said, by the Rev. Mr. Newman, the pastor of the church, descending from the pulpit, after closing his discourse, and selecting a young lady who had consented to become his helpmeet, to whom he was immediately joined in the holy bonds of wedlock.

POPULAR VOTE FOR PRESIDENT.

The New York Journal of Commerce has a table, which contains, in effect, the whole vote of the United States for President, except a few counties, townships, plantations, &c., which were excluded on account of informality, or were returned too late to be counted, or not returned at all. Omitting these, the total vote is:

Table showing votes for Buchanan (1,529,766) and Fremont (1,386,215).

Buchanan over Fremont, 522,951. Buchanan and Fillmore over Fremont, 1,393,097. Fillmore and Fillmore over Buchanan, 347,195. Fillmore's vote is 870,146. Total number of votes returned in season to be counted, 4,066,727. Exclusive of a few hundred votes for Gerrit Smith.

Buchanan's vote is larger by a quarter of a million than was ever before given for Presidential candidate.

THE WESTERN TERRITORIES.

There are now open for settlement the territories of Minnesota, Oregon, Nebraska, Washington, New Mexico, Utah and Kansas. These territories contain, according to a compendium of the census of 1850, the following area:

Table showing area in square miles for Minnesota (166,025), Oregon (555,035), Nebraska (335,882), Washington (123,022), and Utah (269,107).

Total, 1,286,000. Kansas, 114,798. The first named six territories contain 1,386,136 square miles of land and a total area of all the States and territories belonging to the Union is 2,036,166 square miles; they comprise nearly one-half of the whole. They run through some seventeen or eighteen degrees of latitude, and embrace millions of acres of the finest land, and mineral deposits, in the finest climate, and on the finest river in the world.

LARGE SALE OF SLAVES.—The Raleigh Standard states that some 230 slaves of T. P. Devereux, Esq., were sold at Halifax, in this State, on the 21st inst., and brought an average of about \$600 each. The most of them were taken by the planters in Halifax and surrounding counties.

A letter from Lexington, Ga., December 2d, to the Augusta Chronicle, says: About \$100,000 worth of property was sold here to-day—land and negroes. Some of the sales were ahead of anything we have ever heard. A negro girl 13 years old, sold for \$1,250; another girl, 14 years old, sold for 1,280 dollars; another girl, 18 years old, for 1,500 dollars; a boy, 18 years old, for 1,200 dollars; a fellow, 22 years old, for 1,500 dollars.

PAYING A MEMBER FOR DOING NOTHING.—The act of last session for compensating members of Congress pays members about 25 dollars per day for attendance, and deducts \$8 3/4 for each day's absence; so that a member who stays away during his whole term, will henceforth be entitled to draw about 4,000 dollars from the treasury. This is a pretty good premium for doing nothing. If the principle is right of making a deduction on account of absence, the amount deducted should at least be equal to the amount received for being present.—Phil. Ledger.

An expedition, comprising 500 Irishmen, is fitting out in New York, it is said, for Nicaragua. It proceeds via Omoa, Honduras.

DECLINE IN THE PRICE OF IRON.

A writer in the Manchester, Eng., Guardian, complains of the gloomy prospects of the iron trade and says that unless some improvement takes place, several firms will have to reduce the number of hands and work short in a time. He says:

The decline in the demand for iron from America, has been one of the chief sources of depression. In 1853-4 there was an exceedingly large demand for iron from America, an increase of one third having taken place in the value of the exports from 1852-3. The American crisis of 1854 suspended a reaction, which the magnificent crops of the last and present year have removed. The stocks in the States are known to be small, but notwithstanding this fact, the orders have been on a scale much below the average. This state of things has ruled in Staffordshire as well as in these counties, and the important question of a reduction in prices will force itself upon the attention of iron masters at the ensuing quarterly meetings. While bar iron continues at £9 per ton the iron makers in the United States become formidable competitors with the English manufacturer; and if the price of iron were reduced to £8 per ton—which will, in all probability be the case at the next meeting—the American demand would to a great extent be regained. Indeed we have heard it contended that the price should be reduced to £7 per ton. It is impossible for iron masters at the present price of labor and material to make iron remuneratively at less than £9 per ton. It follows, therefore, that whatever be the amount of the reduction in price, a corresponding decline will be made in the wages of the men—a step very undesirable during the present high prices of provisions.

THE COMMISSIONER'S ELECTION.

The entire American ticket for municipal officers was yesterday re-elected without opposition. The following is the vote:

Table showing votes for O. G. Parsley (214), I. Northrop (212), Geo. Davis (213), T. M. Gardner (211), H. P. Russell (212), W. S. Sutton (212), and L. A. Hart (212).

Whole number of votes polled 219; Scattering 5. The exceeding slimness of the vote shows the lack of interest felt in this election.—The town can poll probably five times the number cast on yesterday.—Wilmington Herald, 19th.

A SENTIMENT.—The Ladies.—May their virtues exceed even the magnitude of their skirts, while their faults are still smaller than their bonnets.

MARRIED.

In Duplin county, on the 18th inst., Mr. Paul Herring, aged 62 years, to Miss Lydia J. Rusbury, aged 20 years.

In Anson county, on the 14th inst., Green B. Lisenby to Miss Ellen Sikes.

In Montgomery county, on the 9th inst., Rev. Z. Rush of the N. C. Conference to Miss Tabitha Jahn, daughter of Dr. Joseph Ewing.

In Rowan county, on the 7th inst., Mr. Moses Linn to Miss Elizabeth Worthington. Also, on the 11th inst., Mr. Robert S. Cook to Miss Mary Ann Owen.

In Wilmington, on the 18th instant, Mr. James D. Radcliff, formerly of Columbia, S. C. to Miss Elizabeth Drane.

DIED. In this town, on the 15th inst., Mary Paulina, infant of John and Catharine C. Phelan, aged 7 months.

At his residence, in Union county, on the 18th instant, Joshua Sikes, Esq. High Sheriff of the county, after a protracted illness of one month. Another good man is gone, and the citizens of Union deprived of a kind-hearted and efficient officer.—COM.

In Davie county, on 23d ultimo, Miss R. R. Frost. She graduated with the first honor in Greensboro' College. Her end was peace.

In Guilford county, on 4th inst., Rev. Thomas Jones, a member of the M. E. Conference. Also, recently, Col John M. Cunningham, aged 45.

In Rowan county, on the 3d inst., Mrs. Susan Sanford, in the 81st year of her age. Also, on the 5th inst., Martha Catharine Beaver, aged 4 years.

In Iredell county, Elizabeth Patton, wife of Daniel Brulley, aged about 59 years. Also, on the 29th ultimo, Mr. David Reid, aged 82 years.

To Hire. THE negroes belonging to J. B. & H. B. Lowrie, (minors,) will be hired for the next 12 months, on the first day of January, 1857, at the public square in the town of Charlotte.

NEGRO HIRING. 30 valuable Negroes to Hire. On the first day of January, 1857, 8 VALUABLE GOLD MINERS, belonging to the heirs of John McLeary, dec'd, will be hired out.

Notice. On Tuesday the 30th December, the Negroes will be Hired and the Land Rented belonging to the Estate of Wm. Lee, dec'd, for the ensuing year. Also the Saw Mill will be Rented.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE. I will sell, on Monday of January Court, the STORE-HOUSE and DWELLING attached, known as the J. K. Harrison property. Also, 4 Unimproved Lots in the Town of Charlotte, and 500 Acres of Land in Union County.

EXCHANGE & COLLECTION OFFICE, CHARLOTTE, N. C. Office upstairs in new Brick Building opposite Boone & Co's shoe store.

NEW CASH STORE. We have just received and are now opening the Largest Stock of Imported CIGARS ever brought to this market, viz:

Empress Eugenia, La Real Londres, Florida Charleston, Consules Opera, Rio Hondo, Washington, Jenny Lind, Plantation, Regalia, And others, All imported Cigars, also, a large lot of common ones, so those that want can smoke at any price, from 1 to 10 cents a piece. Also, a fine lot of Tobacco, for chewing and smoking.

To the Ladies we would say, call and see our Confectionaries, and get something good for the Holidays. PINE APPLES, ORANGES, COCOA-NUTS, RAISINS, AND NUTS, CANDIES of all KINDS.

TO THE BOYS We would say we have a large lot of Fire Works that are determined to sell cheap for cash. DON'T FORGET to call at N. Wilkinson & Co's New Stand, on the burnt district, opposite Boone & Co's shoe store.

Notice. Whereas George Wilson, a white indentured Apprentice to me, has absconded from my employ without my consent, this is therefore to notify the public against crediting him on my account as I will not be responsible for any debts he may contract. All persons are forewarned against employing or harboring him. Any one believing him to be in my employ will be suitably rewarded. He is about 18 years old.

Notice. I WILL expose to public sale to the highest bidder on Friday the 2d day of January, 1857, the following property, viz: The Rra House and Lots attached; also, the Hunter Houses and Lots, together with other unimproved Lots. Terms of sale, negotiable paper payable at the Branch Bank of the State of N. C., at Charlotte. Sale will positively take place at the public square in Charlotte on the day set forth. Any person desirous of purchasing will do well to examine said property previous to sale. R. M. STEKLING, Dec. 23, 1856.

Annual Settlements. Those indebted to this Office for subscription, advertising or job work, will find their accounts ready. A settlement is respectfully requested by the commencement of the New Year, or as soon thereafter as convenient. W. J. YATES

VALUABLE HOTEL IN CHARLOTTE, FOR SALE.

By virtue of a Decree of Trust to me executed, I will offer at public sale, upon the premises, at 1 o'clock, P. M., on the 27th of January next, being Tuesday of County Court, the Hotel known as the

RAIL ROAD HOTEL, situated contiguous to the depots of the Charlotte and South Carolina and the North Carolina Rail Roads in Charlotte. The Hotel building is entirely new, commodious and tasty in appearance, and so located as to give commanding advantages for the patronage of the through travel of both Rail Roads.

TERMS.—The purchaser will give notes with approved security, one one half in six and the other in twelve months, bearing interest from date. JOHN A. YOUNG, Trustee, December 23, 1856.

Sale of Negroes. EIGHT LIKELY NEGROES FOR SALE at public outcry, on the 31st inst., at Stow's Factory, in Gaston County, by order of Court. JASPER STOWE, Guardian, Dec. 23, 1856—2t

To Exchange. TOWN Lots—Improved or unimproved—for Negroes. Apply at this office. Dec. 23, 1856. 25-4t

EDGEWORTH FEMALE SEMINARY, Greensborough, U. C.

THE next Session of this Institution will commence on Friday, January 23, 1857. The course of study is designed to embrace everything necessary to a substantial and ornamental Education. Great prominence is given to the SOLID BRANCHES. Neither labor nor expense has been spared to secure instructors of the highest qualifications in their various departments, and to make Edgeworth second to no Institution in the country, in everything necessary to a complete Education.

For circulars containing Terms, Course of Instruction, &c., apply to RICHARD STERLING, Principal, Dec. 23, 1856. 25-4t

THE MARKET'S. COLLECTED WEEKLY BY T. M. FARROW.

Charlotte, Dec. 23, 1856.

Market prices table including BACON, Hams, Sides, Hog round, Bagging, Cotton, Butter, Beans, Brandy, COTTON, Coffee, CANDLES, CORN, Chickens, CLOTH, Eggs, FLOUR, Feathers, Herrings, Lord, Mutton, Mackerel, MOLASSES, SUGAR, SUGAR, Tea, Starch, Salt, Meal, Mullets, Nails, Oats, Pork, Peas, POTATOES, REMARKS, COLUMBIA MARKET, CHARLESTON MARKET, and The Bank of Charlotte, N. C.

REMARKS.—Cotton has advanced; the receipts of the past week have been large at prices ranging from 10 1/2 to 11 1/2. Flour has advanced; we quote family at \$6 65, and common to extra brands at \$6 to \$6 50. Wheat firm at \$1 20 to \$1 30. Produce of all kinds is bringing fair prices.

COLUMBIA MARKET, Dec. 19. Our market continues brisk. All Cotton offered is freely taken at yesterday's