

CAPTION OF LAWS

PASSED BY THE General Assembly of N. Carolina, AT ITS SESSION OF 1856--7.

PUBLIC LAWS. REVENUE.

1. An Act to amend the 99th chapter of the Revised Code, entitled Revenue. [We give only the alterations made in the Revenue Act of 1854-'55—the parts not altered being still in force. On every \$100 worth of land, including improvements thereon and entries of land, a tax of 15 cents. On all taxable polls, 50 cents. Discontinues the tax heretofore levied for the Insane Asylum. On turnpike tollgates, \$15; on other gates permitted to be erected across roads, \$5; on public ferries a tax equal to seven times the largest toll demanded; on toll bridges, \$15. On studs and jacks, \$6, unless the price for a season be more than that sum, and then the tax to be the highest season price. Owners of standing animals, living out of the State, and standing them in it, to pay the tax forthwith to the sheriff. On every dollar of net interest, over \$6, a tax of four cents. Upon every dollar more than \$6 of net dividend or profit, upon money invested in steam vessels of twenty tons burden and upwards, or in stocks of any kind, or in shares of any incorporated or trading company, whether in or out of the State, and including bank dividends, bonds and certificates, of debt of any other State, a tax of four cents. On every \$100 employed in negro trading 33 1/3 cents—in any other species of trade, whether carried on with cash or upon credit, 20 cents. Upon each sulky, gig, buggy, barouche, carriage and other pleasure vehicle, of the value of \$50 and upwards, one per cent. on the value thereof. Upon gold and silver plate and ornamental jewelry, except that worn by females, of as great value as \$25, a tax of 1 1/2 per cent. on the value thereof. On each gold watch in use, \$1 25; on each silver or other watch, 30 cents; on each harp, \$2 50; on each piano-forte, \$1-50; on each pistol and bowie knife, \$1 25; on dirks and sword canes, 65 cents. On licensed retailers of wines, spirituous liquors, &c., \$30. On gold headed walking canes, 50 cents; on silver headed canes, 25 cents. On all keepers of houses of public entertainment, whether in town or country, whose receipts amount to \$300 or more, a tax of one-fourth of one per cent. On every public billiard table, \$125, unless there be more than one kept in the same room, and in that case a tax of \$65 on each additional one. On private billiard tables, \$25 each. On each bowling alley, \$50;—and on each additional one kept by the same person, \$15. On each living stable, \$25. On each pack of playing cards sold, 35 cents, to be paid by the seller. On all peddlers of patent songs, patent medicines, razors, razor strops, toothache remedies, &c., a tax of \$10 for each county in which they peddle. On persons putting up lightning rods, \$30 for each county. On dangerous typists, amblytypists and photoglyphists, \$10 for each county in which they take likenesses. On each mortgage deed, marriage contract and deed in trust, \$1. On marriage licenses, \$1 each. Taxes imposed on retailers, ordinaries and innkeepers, tavern keepers, peddlers, billiard tables, bowling alleys and livery stables to be paid in advance to the sheriff. On every merchant, merchant tailor or jeweler, one-third of one per cent. on all goods, wares, &c., except ready-made clothing; and on the amount of purchases of ready-made clothing, whether for males or females, one per cent. On every merchant, apothecary, druggist or other dealer, consignee or agent, selling at wholesale or retail, spirituous liquors, wines or cordials, five per cent. on the capital employed. Agents selling patent medicines to pay 33 per cent. on the value. On commission merchants, two per cent. on their commissions. Auctioneers to pay five per cent. on the value of goods sold by him when such goods are brought into the State by non-residents.—Merchants to pay their tax to sheriffs on the 1st of April. On peddlers of riding vehicles manufactured out of the State, \$40 for each county; on all horses and mules brought into the State for sale, \$12 50 in each county. Both these items to be paid in advance to the sheriff. Every person, whether by agency or otherwise, engaged in buying and selling riding vehicles, not of the manufacture of this State, to pay a tax of one per cent on the sum of their purchases. On amount of purchases of parts of such vehicles brought from abroad, one-half of one per cent. All manufacturers, of whatsoever calling, to pay a tax of one-half of one per cent. upon the sums of their purchases made out of the State. On dentists, physicians, lawyers, State and county officers, persons in the employ of corporate and private companies, and all persons, ministers of the Gospel excepted, whose practice, salaries or fees, or all of them together, shall yield an annual gross income of \$500, a tax of \$5; and for all sums so received over \$500, a tax of one per cent. On each attorney's license granted, \$15.—On all insurance companies in the State, \$100; and on all agencies of such companies incorporated out of the State, \$100 for each county in which an agency may be established. On all agencies of banks incorporated out of the State, a tax of \$500. On express companies, \$10 for every county in which they may deliver packages.—On circus and menageries, \$75 for each county in which they exhibit. On stage and theatrical companies, rope dancers, sleight of hand performers, tumblers, &c., \$40 for each county. On exhibitors of animal curiosities not already mentioned, \$20 for each county. On singers, dancers, lecturers, &c., for reward, \$10 for each county. The comptroller to have printed forms of tax lists sent to each county clerk. Clerks to return an abstract to the comptroller on or before the 1st day of June.—Sheriffs and other receivers of public money to settle with the comptroller between the last day of June and the first day of October. The sheriff to return, upon oath, to

the court of pleas and quarter sessions of his county, at the term next preceding the time at which he may settle with the comptroller, a list of all moneys which he may have received from the clerks of court, or as double taxes, from taxes imposed on unlisted property, or on merchants, merchant tailors, jewelers, licensed retailers by small measure, houses of public entertainment, ordinary or inn keepers, billiard tables, bowling alleys, stage players, sleight of hand performers, rope dancers, tumblers, wire dancers, circus riders, equestrian performers, exhibitors of natural or artificial curiosities, apothecaries, druggists, non-resident owners of studhorses and jackasses, horses and mules brought into the State for sale, sellers of carriages, buggies and other riding vehicles, manufacturers of riding vehicles on the sums of the purchases brought out of the State of any pieces or parts of such riding vehicles, and on all other manufacturers, upon the sums or amount of their purchases made out of the State, peddlers, brokers, insurance companies, agencies of banks incorporated out of the State, exhibitors of menageries, singers, dancers, Ethiopian serenadeurs, performers for reward on musical instruments, and other exhibitors for public amusement or reward, dealers in spirituous liquors, livery stables, county registers, auctioneers, commission merchants, and on any and all other subjects for which he ought to account. 2. An act to extend the provisions of an act passed by the General Assembly at its session of 1854-'5, entitled "An act to extend the time for perfecting titles to land heretofore entered." [Extends the provisions of said act to January 1, 1859.] 3. An act to authorize the inspectors of naval stores in the town of Wilmington to gauge the article of spirits of turpentine.—[Allows inspectors five cents for each and every cask or barrel gauged. No other person to gauge under a penalty of \$100.] 4. An act for the benefit of the Insane Asylum. [Appropriating \$35,000 for erecting enclosures, supplying water, &c.] 5. An act concerning the coupon bonds of the State. [Authorizes the public treasurer to issue coupon bonds of the denomination of \$500.] 6. An act to provide for the better securing costs in actions of ejectment. [Defendant to give bond for payment of costs, in case of failure, to successfully defend the action.] 7. An act to declare the meaning of that portion of the Revised Code which relates to fire-hunting by night. [True intent and meaning of the act is to prevent fire-hunting for deer with a gun or guns in the night time.] 8. An act to amend an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Trustees of Davidson College," passed in the year 1838. [The amount of real and personal estate belonging to said corporation not to extend \$500,000. Vests all title or interest of the State and the University in the estate or effects of the late Maxwell Cambers in the above corporation.] 9. An act to authorize the securities of John P. Bridges, deceased, late sheriff of Hertford county, to collect arrears of taxes due for the year 1853 and 1854. 10. An act to repeal the N. Carolina and New-York Steamship Company. 11. An act to repeal the 11th section of the act passed in 1854-'55, entitled "an act to empower the commissioners of the town of Wilmington to establish streets in said town, and for other purposes." 12. An act to amend an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Cherokee Turnpike Company," passed at the session of 1854-'55. 13. An act to amend and consolidate the acts incorporating the Jonathan's Creek and Tennessee Mountain Turnpike Company, in the county of Haywood. 14. An act to incorporate the town of Rockingham, in the county of Richmond. 15. An act to incorporate the town of Yadkinville, in Yadkin county. 16. An act to amend the charter of the Fayetteville and Western Plankroad Company, and for other purposes. 17. An act to amend the charter of the Western Plankroad Company, passed at the session of 1850-'51. 18. An act to incorporate the town of Troy, in Montgomery county. 19. An act to incorporate the town of Thomasville, in Davidson county. 20. An act to authorize Plankroad and Turnpike companies to use stone and gravel in the construction and repair of their roads. 21. An act to protect the citizens of the town of Wilson. 22. An act to incorporate the Macon County Turnpike Company. 23. An act to authorize and empower the sheriffs of James A. Brown, late sheriff of Pitt county, to collect arrears of taxes due for the years 1852 and 1853. 24. An act to incorporate the town of Salem, in Forsythe county. 25. An act to amend the act incorporating the Wilmington Savings Bank, passed Feb. 24, 1855. 26. An act to revise and amend an act incorporating the Camden and Pasquotank New Cut Canal Company. 27. An act to change the name of "New Institute," in Iredell county, to "Olin." 28. An act to change the time of holding the Courts of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Chowan county. [Changes the time to 4th Monday in March and September, and 3d Monday in June and December.] 29. An act to incorporate the town of Waynesville, in Haywood county. 30. An act to alter an act to incorporate the Trustees of the New Institute, in Iredell county. [Changes the name to Olin High School. Increases the number of the Trustees to fifteen; and grants the privilege of erecting the school into a college when \$40,000 shall have been subscribed as a permanent fund for the endowment of the institution.] 31. An act to authorize Samuel S. Biddle to build a bridge across Neuse river, in Craven county. 32. An act concerning the militia in Union county. 33. An act to increase the pay of witnesses in Duplin, Rowan and Robeson counties. 34. An act to allow the clerk of the coun-

ty court of Craven more time to make out his tax list. 35. An act to incorporate the town of Marion, in McDowell county. 36. An act to abolish jury trials in the county courts of Polk county. 37. An act enlarging the powers of Green Hill Academy, in Haywood county. 38. An act to regulate the fishing with seines in North river. [Prohibits fishing with seines from 7 o'clock, p. m. on Saturday until sunrise on Monday morning of each and every week. Penalty \$100.] 39. An act to extend the time of payment of the bonds due from the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad Company to the State. [Gives five years from 1st January 1857,—interest to be paid semi-annually.] 40. An act to incorporate the Albemarle and Suffolk Railroad Company. 41. An act to incorporate the American Exchange Mining and Smelting Company. 42. An act to amend an act incorporating the town of Stricklandville, in Duplin county; and to incorporate the commissioners of said town. 43. An act to amend the charter of the Atlantic and North-Carolina Railroad Company. 44. An act extending the powers of the Roanoke Valley Railroad Company. 45. An act to incorporate the Salem Cemetery Company. 46. An act to amend an act incorporating the Qualtown and Oconalufita Turnpike Company, in Jackson county. 47. An act to incorporate the trustees of Mount Olivet Academy in Randolph county. 48. An act to revise and consolidate the charter of the City of Raleigh. [Extends its limits.] 49. An act to authorize the wardens of the poor of Rutherford county to sell and convey the lands on which the poor-houses are situated. 50. An act to amend the charter of Carolina Female College, in Anson county.—[Allows the trustees to hold property to the amount of \$150,000.] 51. An act to incorporate York Collegiate Institute, in Alexander county. 52. An act concerning the courts of Granville county. 53. An act to amend an act incorporating the town of Graham, in Alamance county. 54. An act to incorporate the Warren Female Academy. 55. An act to amend an act for the better regulation of the town of Clinton. 56. An act to prevent the sale of spirituous liquors within two miles of Western Carolina Male Academy in Cabarrus county. 57. An act to incorporate the town of Albemarle, in Stately county. 58. An act to incorporate the Garysburg and Windsor Railroad Company. 59. An act for the better government of the town of Gatesville, in Gates county. 60. An act to restore jury trials in the County Courts of Robeson county. 61. An act to amend an act incorporating the Western N. C. Railroad Company. [Authorizes the directors to open books of subscription for \$200,000 or 300,000, or some intermediate sum, and when five per cent. on such subscriptions is paid in the State to subscribe double the amount subscribed by individuals. First section of the road to extend to Morganton. Road to be located within two miles of Newton, or a branch built to that village. Directors authorized to open books of subscription to an amount sufficient to meet one-third of the expense of second section (which second section shall extend from Morganton to a point not more than ten miles east of the western portal of the Swannanoa tunnel) and the State's subscription of two thirds, not to be called for until the first section is completed and equipped. Subscriptions by counties to be made by a vote of the people, after the amount is determined on by a majority of the magistrates.] 62. An act concerning the bank of Cape Fear. [Repeals the 17th, 18th and 22d sections of the charter granted last session. Gives authority to issue bills not less than \$3. General Assembly, within five years, may increase the capital stock to \$3,000,000—the State to be allowed to take as much stock in it as in the bank of the State.] 63. An act to incorporate the town of Townsville, in Granville county. 64. An act to establish a Superior Court in Harnett county. 65. An act to incorporate the town of Burnsville, in Yancy county. 66. An act to revise the charter of the Neuse river manufacturing company and for other purposes. 67. An act to re-charter the Bank of the State of North-Carolina. [Extends the corporate existence of the bank to 1885.—Increases the capital stock, from \$1,500,000, to \$3,000,000; the State to take a half million, to be paid in annual instalments of \$125,000, in State bonds; and individuals may within twelve months, take \$1,000,000; and whatever amount of the latter sum may remain unsubscribed at the end of the twelve months, may be taken by the State, in bonds. New subscribers to have the preference over the present stockholders in taking stock. The tax is thirty cents per share, but may be increased to \$1. Dividends may be taxed to the same extent (but no further) as interest on money loaned. Bank required to loan \$200,000 to the State on sixty days notice. A certain amount of one and two dollar notes may be issued. The other provisions are similar to those in other bank charters.] 68. An act to incorporate the Mountain Railroad Company. [Road to extend from some point on the Western N. C. Railroad, in Catawba county, to or near the town of Lewis.] 69. An act to incorporate the North Carolina Gas, Coal and Transportation company. 70. An act to incorporate the town of Columbus, in Polk county. 71. An act to extend the charter of New Garden boarding school, and for other purposes. 72. An act to amend the charter of the town of Hillsboro'. 73. An act to amend the charter of the Indian Grave Turnpike road. 74. An act to incorporate the Hyde county steamboat joint stock company. 75. An act to incorporate the Male and Female academy in Greensboro'. 76. An act concerning the Albemarle and Chesapeake canal. [The company to surrender the bonds guaranteed by the State, and the State to take stock to the amount of \$250,000, payable in six per cent. coup-

ons running 30 years. When \$200,000 shall have been subscribed and paid by individuals, the State to pay \$100,000 more. Company authorized to increase its capital stock to a sum not exceeding \$1,500,000.] 77. An act concerning a public road in Yancy and Burke counties. [Road from some point on New Road to Piedmont Springs, and by way of Cranberry Iron works to the Tennessee line.] 78. An act concerning pilots at Ocracoke and Hatteras Inlets. 79. An act concerning Greenville and French Broad Railroad. [Authorizes the company to construct the northern portion of the road, with such gauge as they choose. Directors may call for instalments of ten per cent.] 80. An act to incorporate the Cheraw and Coalfields Railroad Company. [Capital stock not more than \$2,000,000. No aid from the State.] 81. An act to complete the Atlantic and North-Carolina Railroad. [Public Treasurer to loan the Company a sum not exceeding \$400,000, and the road to set aside its profits as a sinking fund to pay the debt and interest. State to take a mortgage on the road.] 82. An act to authorize the North-Carolina Railroad Company to issue bonds to an amount not exceeding \$350,000, running ten years, and to bear eight per cent. interest. 83. An act to amend the charter of the Wilmington and Rutherford Railroad Company. [Takes off certain restrictions.] 84. An act to amend an act to fix and settle the dividing line between Chatham and Alamance counties. 85. An act to incorporate the trustees of the Female College of the Methodist Protestant Conference of North-Carolina. 86. An act to incorporate the trustees of Warsaw High School, in Duplin county. 87. An act to incorporate the town of Germantown, in the counties of Stokes and Forsythe. 88. An act to amend the charter of Pittsburgh. 89. An act relating to the Fayetteville and Albemarle Plankroad Company. [May use other materials than plank in the construction of the road from Little's Mills to Albemarle. Dividends to be made 1st of February and August.] 90. An act to exempt from taxation and to fix the rate of interest on the bonds of the North Carolina Railroad Company. 91. An act to incorporate the Yadkin Manufacturing Company in Montgomery county. 92. An act to authorize certain free persons of color to reside in Northampton county for the space of eighteen months. 93. An act to incorporate the town of Jackson. 94. An act to incorporate the Male and Female Academy in Swansboro', N. C. 95. An act to incorporate the Shepherd's Point Land Company. 96. An act to alter the line between Wilkes and Caldwell counties. 97. An act to amend the 6th section of the 120th chapter of the Revised Code, concerning wreck sales. 98. An act to incorporate the Oak City Guards of Raleigh. 99. An act concerning the public road in Wilkes and Caldwell counties. 100. An act to lay off and establish a public road in the counties of Davie and Davidson, and to establish a public ferry across the Yadkin river. 101. An act to incorporate the Currituck Hotel Company. 102. An act to incorporate the Currituck Steamboat Company. 103. An act to amend various acts incorporating the town of Salisbury. 104. An act to provide for the appointment of inspectors of wood and fish for the town of Wilmington. 105. An act requiring the weighing of all cotton sold in the town of Wilmington. 106. An act to repeal, in part, the act preventing the felling of timber in Big and Little Ivy. 107. An act concerning fishing in Salmon creek, Bertie county. 108. An act to amend an act incorporating the bank of Chowan. 109. An act to amend an act of 1852-'53 to improve a road in Ashe county. 110. An act to alter the time of holding the county courts of Davie county.

RESOLUTIONS. 1. A Resolution concerning the distribution of the Geological report. (Giving copies to clerks and reporters.) 2. Resolution in favor of James Bevins. (Secretary of State to issue a grant to him.) 3. Resolution in favor of J. H. DeCarteret & Son. 4. Resolution in favor of Mrs. Martha Speers. 5. Resolution in favor of W. R. Baird. 6. Resolution in favor of Bedford Sherrill. 7. Resolution in favor of John Foster. 8. Resolution in favor of Sarah Avery. 9. Resolution in favor of Joseph Ramsey. 10. Resolution in favor of Quentin Busbee. 11. Resolution in favor of Thomas Diggs. 12. Resolution in favor of Francis L. Hawks, D. D., allowing him access to the records and library of the State. 13. Resolution concerning the Cape Fear and Deep rivers. 14. Resolution for the relief of William M. Phea, County Clerk of Haywood. 15. Resolution in favor of the agent appointed under the resolution of the last General Assembly, to procure documentary evidence in relation to the history of North Carolina. 16. Resolution remitting a fine imposed on William M. Daniel, Clerk of the County Court of Halifax. 17. Resolution concerning wood. 18. Resolution in favor of a Naval Depot at Beaufort, N. C. 19. Resolution in favor of Mrs. Eliza Hemphill. 20. Resolution in favor of James Morrison. 21. Resolution in favor of Elizabeth Kissam, administratrix of Samuel Kissam. 22. Resolution concerning the coupons in the Comptroller's office. (Governor, Treasurer and Comptroller to procure some suitable instrument to cancel said coupons.) 23. Resolution in favor of James Melvin, sheriff of Bladen county. 24. Resolution in favor of E. D. Davis, sheriff of Jackson county. 25. Resolution in favor of Alex. Johnson, sheriff of Cumberland county. 26. Resolution in favor of the Geological report to the Engrossing Clerks and Doorkeepers. 27. Resolution in favor of Joseph Clarke. 28. Resolution in favor of Thos. H. Willie. 29. Resolution in favor of J. M. Lovejoy. 30. Resolution in favor of P. H. Dozier. 31. Resolution concerning the Executive mansion. 32. Resolution authorizing the Literary Board to change the debt due them by the State into State bonds. 33. Resolution authorizing the Governor to furnish the Departments of the General Government with the Acts of Assembly. 34. Resolution in favor of Sarah Charlton. 35. Resolution in favor of Samuel Williams & Son. 36. Resolution in favor of Henry Troutman. 37. Resolution concerning the Geological Cabinet. (To be kept by the State Librarian, who is allowed therefor \$50 a year.) 38. Resolution giving the principal clerks of the two Houses \$125 extra.

39. Resolution concerning the statute of Washington. (Governor to contract with Mr. Hubbard for the bronze statue of Washington.) 40. Resolution in favor of Lemuel Wilkerson, A. C. Mumford and Harrie & Hurdle. 41. Resolution authorizing the Public Treasurer to borrow money. 42. Resolution in favor of Frank N. Roberts and R. M. Orrell. 43. Resolution requiring the Secretary of State to furnish the clerks and sheriffs with copies of the Revenue law. 44. Resolution concerning the Secretary of State. (Authorizes Mr. Page, deputy, to countersign grants in the name of his principal.) 45. Resolution in favor of James Roberts. 46. Resolution requesting the assistant clerks to collect and arrange the records of their respective Houses. 47. Resolution increasing the fees of the Governor's private secretary. 48. Resolution in favor of the Doorkeepers. 49. Resolution in favor of B. H. Staunire. 50. Resolution in favor of B. Heintze. 51. Resolution in favor of Jas. Blount. 52. Resolution in favor of W. Watson. 53. Resolution in favor of W. J. Savage.

BANK OF THE STATE AND BANK OF CAPE FEAR. The bill to re-charter the Bank of the State of North-Carolina, introduced into the Senate by Mr. Wilder, having been amended in that body so as to render it nearly, if not entirely the same as the charter granted two years ago, finally passed, and was transmitted to the Commons. On the third reading, in the latter body, on motion of Mr. Bledsoe, the Senate bill was stricken out, and a bill to re-charter the same Bank, introduced by him some weeks since, was substituted; and this bill, after being amended in several particulars, received the sanction of the Commons, and went to the Senate, where it was passed to enrolment by a large majority. This bill extends the corporate existence of the Bank of the State of North-Carolina to 1885. It increases the capital stock, now \$1,500,000, to \$3,000,000—the State to take a half million, to be paid in annual instalments of \$125,000, in State bonds; and individuals may, within twelve months, take \$1,000,000; and whatever amount of the latter sum which may remain unsubscribed at the end of twelve months, may be taken by the State. New subscribers are to have preference over the present stockholders in taking stock. The tax is at present thirty cents per share, and the limit, beyond which the Legislature cannot go, one dollar; but the dividends may be taxed to the same extent (and no further) as interest on money loaned. The Bank is required to loan the State \$200,000 on sixty days' notice. There is also a provision for issuing to a certain amount, one and two dollar notes. A bill, also introduced by Mr. Bledsoe, to establish a Sinking Fund, has passed into a law. The Commissioners named in the law are Judge Ruffin, Hon. D. L. Swain, and Hon. Weldon N. Edwards. The Fund is to be composed of dividends on the preferred stock in the North-Carolina Bank, the tax on the stock of the Bank of Cape Fear and the Bank of the State, and of dividends derived from the State's stock of \$500,000 in the Bank of the State, and \$500,000 in the Bank of Cape Fear—provision having been made for subscribing the same amount, to be paid in bonds, to the latter as to the former Bank. These stocks are to be held in the name of the Sinking Fund, and that Fund is pledged to redeem the bonds on which they are based, at par value. If the Banks make ten per cent. the difference, per annum, in favor of the Sinking Fund, after paying to the Banks the interest on the bonds, will be \$40,000. The objectionable restrictions imposed by the last Legislature, which granted the charter, on the Bank of Cape Fear, have also been removed; and the two Banks have, we learn, been placed on the same footing in every respect, with the exception of the power conferred on the Bank of the State to issue small notes. Any future Legislature may, however—and it is so provided in the charter—restrict the State Bank to not less than three dollar notes. These are important and valuable measures and their author, Mr. Bledsoe, is entitled to much credit for the zeal and ability with which he has pressed them on the attention of the House of Commons. It is impossible to meet every objection, or to secure every desirable feature in Bank charters. The charter of the Bank of the State is believed to be a just and liberal one; and the stockholders, it is thought, will promptly accept it.—Raleigh Standard. ELECTION.—On Saturday last a vote was taken on the five gallon law, which was negatived by a very decided majority in favor of License. The vote stood thus: For License, 86 Against License, 18 We learn that there will be several applications made for License to sell spirits by the drink. This result was occasioned principally from the fact that the law had not the beneficial effects as was anticipated by its friends;—many, very many who voted for it one and two years ago, voted against it this year.—Salisbury Banner. SHOCKING DEATH.—The last Weekly News, published in Madison, N. C., says "A body, supposed to be that of Mr. Arthur McDonald, a Scotchman, who lived in the neighborhood of Leakville, was found frozen about nine miles north of Madison. The body was in rather a strange condition—lying in the snow with shoes, socks, coat and vest off, having a bottle of liquor in one pocket. When drinking, McDonald was accustomed to such strange habits, and the presumption is, that he addressed himself while drunk, on Thursday night, as if going to bed, and being chilled with the severe cold died in that condition."

NOTICE. THE Wilmington and Weldon Railroad Company have made arrangements for forwarding all goods consigned to the care of the Company, and destined for any point on the line of the North Carolina Road, free of commissions. If loaded on the Company's wharf, there will be no charge for wharfage or drayage; but these expenses will be incurred if loaded on any other wharf, and will be added to the freight on the way-bills, to be collected on delivery, by the North Carolina Railroad Company. N. B.—To avoid detention at Wilmington, it is essential that the amount of freight by vessels shall, in all cases, be distinctly stated, in dollars and cents, on each bill of lading; and if goods for more than one person are included in the same bill of lading, the amount of freight for each consignee must be separately stated. The foregoing notice has been received with direction to publish for the information of all concerned. By order of the Board of Directors. S. L. FREMONT, Eng. & Sup't. Office of Engineer & Superintendent, Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 26th, 1857. 31-1f

NOTES OF HAND. JUST PRINTED and for sale at the Office of the "Western Democrat."

Notice. Having returned to Charlotte, I am again at the disposal of those who may require my services in the practice of Medicine and Surgery. ROBERT GIBBON, M. D. Feb. 23, 1857. 31-1f

Notice. Having obtained Letters of Administration upon the estate of W. P. Trotter, deceased, I give notice to all persons indebted to the late firm of Trotter & Son, by note or book account, on or before the 1st day of March next, to come forward and pay the same without delay, and thereby save cost, as the concern must be settled up. THOS. TROTTER, Adm'r. and Surviving Partner. Feb. 23, 1857. 31-1f

Notice. The Watch and Jewelry business will in the future be conducted by the subscriber, who will spare no pains or expense to give general satisfaction. Watch repairing done in a superior manner, and at the shortest notice. THOS. TROTTER. Feb. 23, 1857. 31-1f

Notice. IN pursuance of a Resolution passed by the Board of Directors of the Western Plank Road Company, at a meeting of said Board held at Charlotte this day, (the 26th January,) I do hereby require the Stockholders of said Company to meet at the house of Mr. E. A. Rozell, in Mecklenburg county, on the 3d day of March next, on business of importance. C. C. HENDEKERSON, President. Feb. 23, 1857. 31-1m

Notice. N. B.—The securities to the Bonds of said Company are also required to stand at the same time and place, or to be represented by proxy as securities. C. C. H.

TO RENT. THE MOUNTAIN HOTEL, MORGANTON, No. Ca. THE most eligible and desirable Hotel in the Town of Morganton, N. C., or in the Western part of the State, is offered for rent with its furniture, on a long and accommodating lease, to be had, and still continues to have the largest share of patronage. Any person desirous of engaging in the business, would do well to call immediately, on the premises. Further particulars can be obtained on application to J. M. HAPPOULT. Feb. 23, 1857. 31-4f

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