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Solid Silver and Plated Ware.**  
The subscriber has lately purchased a very extensive supply of the above articles. His purchases being made directly from the manufacturer, he is therefore enabled to sell at a very small advance on cost, and persons may rest assured that all his articles are warranted to be what he represents them to be.  
Watches and Clocks carefully repaired and will receive my personal attention.  
R. W. BECKWITH.  
Nov. 27, 1860.

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On and after the first day of October, THROUGH EXPRESS FREIGHT TRAINS will run Daily between Charlotte and Charleston, without transshipment, thus enabling freight to reach Charlotte in 5 days or less from New York, and in one day from Charleston, and vice versa.  
Also, THROUGH TICKETS will be sold from Charlotte to Charleston at \$8 50, and to New York, via Charleston Steamers, at \$19, and vice versa. The merchants and public are invited to try this cheap and expeditious route for freight and passengers.  
A. B. MARTIN,  
Oct 2, 1860. Gen'l Ft. and Ticket Agent.

**SITUATION WANTED**  
As Conductor on some Railroad Train, or as Agent at some Depot, or as Mail Agent.  
Testimonials of moral character, Southern principles and close attention to business, can be given.  
Address  
L. A. HELMS,  
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**The Celebrated Female Pills.**  
These Pills do not cure all diseases, but they are warranted to cure Leucorrhoea, or Whites—that dreadful scourge to female health, happiness and usefulness. They are not patented and are no humbug, but are prepared by a North Carolina physician of high standing and of long experience in the treatment of female diseases. All that is necessary to convince you of their efficacy is a fair trial. For particulars, see wrappers. Price \$1 per box. For sale at the DRUG STORES. Price \$1 per box. Jan. 15, 1861.

**Superior Smut Machines,**  
at the Sign of the Golden Pad-LOCK.  
COCHRANE & SAMPLE.

**FRUIT AND TREE STORE.**  
The subscriber has opened a fruit and Fruit-tree store next door above the Rock Island Office, and will keep on hand a well selected stock of Fruit Trees, Grape Vines, Evergreens and Shrubbery, &c. Also, Fruits of various kinds—Apples, Oranges, Lemons, Pine Apples, &c., &c.  
E. W. LYLES,  
Dec. 11, 1860.

**Dissolution.**  
The firm of FULLINGS, SPRINGS & CO. was dissolved by stipulation on the 1st January, 1861.  
The business will be continued under the name and style of FULLINGS & SPRINGS, and they hope, by integrity and strict attention to business, to merit the same patronage heretofore liberally bestowed by their numerous friends and customers.  
The present financial crisis and the uncertainty of business, for the future compel us to shorten our time of credit from twelve to six months to prompt paying customers—none others need ask it.  
All persons indebted to the old firm of Fullings, Springs & Co., must come forward and make immediate settlement, as it is absolutely necessary that the business be speedily closed up. "A word to the wise is sufficient."  
Jan 15, 1861.

**Quinn's Rheumatic Remedy**  
Has effected cures of Rheumatism that were considered hopeless, and is a sure and certain cure. It is a simple and efficacious medicine, and is sold in bottles of 25 cents each. It is sold by all druggists and chemists. W. W. QUINN,  
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**Hardware!! Hardware!!**  
**A. A. N. M. TAYLOR**  
RESPECTFULLY informs his friends and the public generally, that he has added to his extensive stock of Stoves and Tin Ware, a large and complete stock of Hardware, consisting in part as follows:  
**Carpenters' Tools.**  
Circular, mill, crosscut, hand, ripper, panel, pruning, grafting, tenon, back, compass, web, and butcher SAWS; Braces and bits, Draw Knives, Chisels, Augers, Gimlets, Hammers, Hatchets, and Axes; Brick, plastering, and pointing Trowels; Saw-setters, Screw-planes, Stocks and dies, Planes of all kinds, Spoke-shaves, Steel-blade bevel and try Squares; Spirit Levels Pocket Levels, Spirit level Vials, Boring machines, Gougers, and in fact everything a mechanic wants, in great variety and at very low prices, at TAYLOR'S Hardware Store and Tin-ware Depot, opposite the Mansion House, Charlotte, N. C.  
May 29, 1860.

**Blacksmith's Tools.**  
Such as Bellows, Anvils, Vices, hand and slide Hammers, Buttresses, Farriers' Knives, Sledge-hammers, Stocks and dies, Blacksmith's Pincers and Tongs, Rasps and Files of every kind, Cut horseshoe and clinch Nails, Borax; Iron of all sizes, both of northern and country manufacture, cast, plow, bilster and spring Steel; &c., for sale very cheap at  
TAYLOR'S, opposite the Mansion House.

**Ludlow's Celebrated Self-Sealing Cans,** of all the different sizes, at TAYLOR'S Hardware Store, opposite Mansion House.

**Agricultural Implements of all kinds.**  
Straw Cutters, Corn Shellers, Plows, Hoes, Shovels, Spades, Forks, Axes, Picks, Mattocks, Grubbing Hoes, Trace Chains, Wagon Chains, Log Chains, Pruning and Hedge Shears, Pruning and budding Knives, garden Hoes and Rakes, with handles; Grain Cradles; grain, grass and brier Scythes, Bush Hooks, Wagon boxes; Hollow ware, such as pots, ovens and lids, skillets, spiders, stew-pans and kettles, Cauldrons from 20 to 120 gallons each; Iron and brass Preserving Kettles, Sheep Shears, &c., at TAYLOR'S Hardware Depot, opposite the Mansion House.

**Tin and Japanned Ware,**  
A large assortment; Block Tin, Block Zinc, Tin Plate, Babbitt metal, &c.  
**Stoves,** the largest Stock, of all sizes, at TAYLOR'S Hardware, Stove and Tin ware Depot, opposite Mansion House.

**\$100 REWARD!**  
RAN AWAY from the subscriber on the 1st October, a mulatto boy named SOLOMON. He is near six feet high, about thirty years old, tolerably bright, rather slim, and weighs about 175 pounds. He has a down look when spoken to. The end of the forefinger of his left hand has been cut off, and a sharp hard knot has grown on the end of it. I think he is lurking about Rocky River, in the lower end of Cabarrus county, where he was raised. All persons are forewarned not to harbor or assist him, under the penalty of the law. I will pay the above reward for his delivery to me, or his apprehension and confinement in any jail so I can get him.  
Negro Head Depot, Union Co., N. C.  
April 9, 1860.

**Beef Cattle Wanted.**  
Highest Cash Prices paid for Bees and Sheep.  
I am still engaged in Butchering, and desire to purchase Beef Cattle and Sheep, for which I will pay the highest market prices. Those having stock for sale will find it to their advantage to give me a call. Inquire at Dr. Taylor's Tan Yard.  
Aug. 21, 1860. 26-1f J. L. STOUT.

**NOTICE.**  
Taken up and committed to the Jail of Mecklenburg county, on the 28th day of September, 1860, a Negro boy about 18 or 20 years of age, (black) about 5 feet 6 or 8 inches high. He says his name is JIM, and that he belongs to John Worth of Gaston county; and that his master moved to Texas early last Spring, at which time he ran away from him. Jim appears very dull; can scarcely communicate anything about his master or home with any intelligence. He has a scar on his right fore finger, made by a cutting knife. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay expenses, and take said boy away, otherwise he will be disposed of according to law.  
Oct. 9, 1860. E. C. GRIER, Sheriff.

**DRY GOODS.**  
**LADIES' CLOAKS and BONNETS,**  
**DRESS GOODS and EMBROIDERIES.**  
**Carpets & RUGS.**  
A VERY LARGE ASSORTMENT OF  
**PLANTATION GOODS.**  
The above will be found to compare in styles and prices with any in the town.  
**FISHER & BURROUGHS**  
Nov 13, 1860

**The Western Democrat.**  
CHARLOTTE, N. C.

**GOOD AMENDMENTS.**—When the Revenue bill was under consideration in the Senate, Mr Burton moved to amend it by taxing gongs (an article used at Hotels to remind boarders that their victuals are ready.) Mr Burton very correctly asserted that gongs are great nuisances. Mr Outlaw proposed that every man who wears a shawl be taxed \$1; and Mr Faison moved that bachelors be taxed \$5. We are sorry to say that neither of these amendments were adopted.  
The amendment taxing "dead heads" on railroads after being adopted was reconsidered and stricken out. Every man who rides on a railroad (except the President of the Road) should be made to pay his fare.

**THE SOUTHERN CABINET.**—The Cabinet of the Southern Confederacy stands thus:  
Postmaster General—Henry T. Ellet of Miss.  
Attorney General—J. P. Benjamin of La.  
Secretary of State—R. Toombs of Georgia.  
Secretary of the Treasury—C. G. Memminger, of South Carolina.  
Secretary of War—L. Pope Walker, of Alabama.  
The following gentlemen have been appointed Commissioners to Washington: Messrs Abram of La., Crawford of Ga., and Forsyth of Ala.

The election in Arkansas resulted in the selection of 25 secessionists, 15 conditional secessionists, and 20 Union men.  
It is stated that Gen. Twiggs has surrendered all the Federal property in Texas to the Texan authorities.  
The members of the Peace Conference, on Saturday the 23d, visited Mr Lincoln in Washington. He made a short address, giving, it is said, an outline of his policy. Mr Lincoln then called on the President and spent a short time in consultation with him.  
It is stated that the new Cabinet will be composed of the following persons: Wm H Seward, Sec'y of State; Simon Cameron of Penn., Sec'y of the Treasury; Edward Bates, Attorney General; Montgomery Blair of Missouri, Sec'y of War; C F Adams of Mass., Sec'y of Navy; Schular Colfax of Indiana, Postmaster General; Gov. Chase of Ohio, Sec'y of Interior.

All Ports in the United States north of South Carolina, says the Charleston Courier, are now considered Foreign Ports, and goods arriving from such ports must be entered at the Custom House of the Confederate States of America. All ports from Georgetown, S. C., along the coast south and west, including Texas, are Coastwise Ports.  
We think this will have the effect of turning a great deal of North Carolina trade from South Carolina to Virginia ports.

**MECKLENBURG HOUSE,**  
This hotel, situated near the centre of the town of Charlotte, and convenient to the business portion of the town, has been leased by the subscriber, and refitted and put in good order and condition, and I am now ready to accommodate all who may call upon me. All that I ask of the public is to try me, and if they are not pleased, I will then know that the fault lies with me. My table will be provided with the best that the country can afford—having secured the best of cooks and servants, I am satisfied that I can please the taste of the most fastidious.  
Being provided with good and comfortable stables and careful and attentive ostlers, I am prepared to provide for my best friend, the Horse.  
Feb 19, 1861. 3m MATHIAS HARKEY.

**DR. JOSEPH GRAHAM**  
Offers his Professional Services to the citizens of Charlotte and the surrounding country.  
Office adjoining the residence of Mr Wm. Johnston.  
February 12, 1861. yr.

**Music Lessons.**  
The undersigned begs leave to inform his friends and patrons as well as the public generally that he is prepared to give  
**Private Lessons on the Piano,** either at his residence or at the residence of pupils.  
Particular and prompt attention will be paid to orders for tuning and repairing instruments, at shortest notice and on very moderate terms.  
SHEET MUSIC and MUSIC BOOKS will be procured at store prices.  
Having been engaged in the Piano business for more than ten years, I offer my assistance most particularly to all those who may desire to purchase Pianos or to exchange old Pianos for new ones.  
Best references given.  
Orders left at the post office or at Messrs. Davidson's Furniture Hall will receive prompt attention.  
CHAS. O. PAPE, Prof. of Music,  
Charlotte, N. C.  
Jan 8, 1861.

**DAVIS & HARDEE,**  
PRODUCE COMMISSION MERCHANTS,  
Petersburg, Va.  
REFER TO—Hon. D W Courts, Gen. R W Hayward,  
Raleigh, N. C.  
Feb 19, 1861 6m-pd.

**North Carolina MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
This Company, the oldest and most reliable in the State, insures white persons for a term of years or during continuance of life, on moderate terms. Slaves insured for one or five years, for two-thirds of their market value. For insurance apply to  
THOS. W. DEWEY, Agt.,  
at Branch Bank N. C.  
Jan 8, 1861 1y

AT TAYLOR'S you can find the largest assortment of Cutlery, Guns and Pistols, of all the celebrated makes.  
GLASS, of all sizes and qualities—both French and American. Also, Putty by the keg or pound.  
WOODEN WARE Brooms, &c., of all kinds.

**THE JEWISH DISABILITY BILL.**

What has been done with the bill introduced by Mr Hall, of New Hanover, for removing from the Constitution of the State the clause virtually disqualifying persons professing the Jewish religion from holding any office in the State? This sectarian exclusion is so contrary to the spirit of the Constitution, and of the people of North Carolina, it is due to both that it should cease. The Jewish people of the State it is true, are not numerous, and the exclusion is wrong in principle even if only one man suffered by it.—Wilmington Journal.  
The bill was duly introduced by Mr Hall in the Senate. When the *ad valorem* bill came up, the amendment to the Constitution proposed by Mr Hall's bill was inserted in it. The *ad valorem* bill failed and took with it the amendment.  
In the House, simultaneous with Mr Hall, Judge Person introduced this bill. When taken up on its first reading, Mr Yeates and others crowded it with *ad valorem* amendments under which it was defeated.  
This is our recollection of the history of the Jewish Disability bill.  
We concur with the Journal in its estimate of this wrong upon the Jewish people of the State; notwithstanding that Mr Crumpler (of Ashe co.) thought the Jews had privileges enough already. Mr Crumpler, who is a graduate of the culvert, went out of his way to assail the Jews. He spoke of them as "consumers," and not "producers"—men who lived by their wits, dealt unfairly, cheated, &c. This mode of refusing justice to an enterprising and respectable body of our citizens is not such as to commend itself to right thinking people generally.—Rat. Journal.

**INCREDIBLE NEWS FROM MEXICO.**—The Corpus Christi (Texas) Ranchero, has the following singular statement:

Great excitement exists at the present time among the Mexicans in Western Texas, and, indeed, among many Americans, occasioned by a report that a Saint has mysteriously appeared in Mexico, at some point near Camargo, who possesses the power to feed thousands of people with two or three tortillas, little cakes, each getting all he can eat; cures all diseases flesh is heir to; restores sight to the blind; in fact performs all kinds of miracles. No one can tell his name or where he came from. He says he will be killed in Mexico, and requests that his murderer may not be punished. He claims he is sent on an especial mission to the Mexican people, and that he shall perform many wonderful things and make many disclosures before he ends his career. Apparently but sixteen or seventeen years of age, he has a great beard of patriarchal length; and as evidence that he is no impostor it is reported that Gen. Vidaurri had him cleanly shaven, and told him that if he was really a man of God, as he professed, to cause his beard to reappear upon his face. The saint requested his interrogator to turn his back for a few moments, which he did, and after making a prayer and going through some mysterious ceremony, presto! his face was covered with beard the same as before.  
Thus the story goes, and if not true, certain it is that the Mexicans of this and the adjoining counties are swarming thither in large numbers, and are preparing to go.  
Our readers may believe as much of the above as they please.

**AN INTERESTING CASE.**—A few days ago, a prisoner in the Georgia penitentiary, convicted of robbing the United States mails, sued out a writ of habeas corpus, and asked to be discharged, on the ground that the State had seceded from the Union. The court, however, decided that the ordinance by which Georgia had declared her secession from the Union, does not extend beyond a separation from the other States and a withdrawal of the powers delegated to the General Government; that upon the past exercise of those powers by the latter Government the ordinance does not assume to act, and was not designed to act; and does not annul any of its acts. The prisoner was, therefore, remanded.

**WAR CAPACITIES OF THE SOUTH.**—The Mobile Advertiser discusses the probabilities of civil war, and adds:  
The South could detach one-half its whole male population to wage war with as much ease as the North could one-fifth and in case of need the proportionate array of fighters which we could marshal would astonish the world, and it would be still more astonished by the solvent prosperity of our condition when we came out of a contest requiring such effort. When they talk about coercing, conquering the South, let the valiant Northmen consider that every Southern State could defy the invading armies of the whole world.

**DR. E. H. ANDREWS,**  
CHARLOTTE, N. C.,  
Would inform the public generally, and the citizens of Mecklenburg particularly, that he has resumed the Practice of DENTISTRY and may be found at his old stand. He is prepared to set Artificial Teeth on Gold, Silver, Vulcanite, or on the Cheoplastic process, as patients may desire, and fill Teeth with Gold, Tin, Amalgam or Os Artificial.  
He is also prepared to perform any operation belonging to Dentistry, and need not say that he will be pleased to wait upon any of his old friends or new friends—you may take that for granted.  
February 5, 1861. 3m

**POCKET BOOK LOST.**  
I lost a large calf-skin Pocket Book, on the morning of the 1st inst., somewhere between Charlotte and Job's Creek, on the Wadesboro road, containing one Note on Michael Garmon for \$400, one on same for \$400, one on same for \$300, one on same for \$177 20, one on S. S. Crison and Sarah Kennedy, security, for \$172 46, one on E. Williams for \$100, one on J. & J. Hagler for \$100, one on Chas. Hinson for \$500, one on Geo. L. Morrison, dec'd, for \$99, one on J. A. Garmon for \$376, two on John Cariker for about \$81, one on C. W. Spears for about \$41, one on C. H. Polk, amount not recollectcd, one on John R. Polk, amount not recollectcd. All these Notes, and some others not recollectcd, are payable to me. Also, one note on J. M. W. Flow, payable to a Mr Bost, but owned by me, for \$200. There were also in the book some three or four hundred dollars worth of receipts on A. F. Harley, constable, besides judgments and other papers.  
All persons are forewarned against trading for any of the above named Notes or other papers that may have been lost.  
Any one returning the book and its contents to me or leaving it with Mr Wm. Treloar in Charlotte, will be suitably rewarded.  
I. S. LINKER.  
Feb 5, 1861. 3t

**THE REVENUE LAW.**

The following is the new Tax Law passed by the Legislature of North Carolina:  
Section 1. That an "Act entitled Revenue," which was ratified on the 16th day of Feb., 1859, be amended in the following manner, to wit: In addition to the exemption specified in section 25, there shall also be exempted from taxation all such property and estate, and their profits, as may belong to State and County Agricultural Societies, and be set apart and used by them for agricultural fairs, and all such, and their profits, as belong to any church or religious society, and be set apart and used by them for parsonages.

**SCHEDULE A.**  
Sec 2. The amendments under schedule A shall be as follows:  
1. Real property, with the improvements thereon, including entries of land, shall be taxed annually eighteen cents on every hundred dollars of its value.  
2. The provisions of paragraph 6 shall be construed to extend to interest received or accrued upon the subjects therein named, whether held in one's own right, or as guardian, executor, administrator, clerk and master of any court, or as trustee or agent of any kind whatever, and the person or persons holding any such subject of taxation shall list the same for taxation.  
3. Every resident of this State, owning any bonds of the State of North Carolina, issued after the ratification of this act, shall be liable to a tax of four cents on every dollar of interest received from such investment.  
4. Paragraph 7 shall be amended as follows: Every dollar of net dividend or profit not previously listed, declared, received, or due on or before the first day of July in each year, upon money or capital invested in shares in the Bank of Washington, the Merchants' Bank of Newbern, the Bank of Wadesboro, the Bank of Fayetteville, the Bank of North Carolina, the Bank of North Carolina, the Bank of Charlotte, and the Bank of Yanceyville, shall pay an annual tax of 9 cts, and in shares in all other banks, or in any other incorporation or trading company, or in steam vessels of twenty tons burden or upwards, four cents. And any person listing any dividends of profit of the banks herein specially named, shall be required to list the same separately from any other dividend or profit for which he is liable to a tax, and also to specify the name of the bank from which said dividend is due or has been received.  
5. Every resident surgeon dentist, physician, lawyer, portrait or miniature painter, daguerrean artist, or other persons taking likenesses of the human face; every commission merchant, factor, produce broker, and auctioneer; every State and county officer (except judges of the supreme and superior courts); every president and cashier or treasurer of any bank, railroad or other incorporated company, whose annual total receipts and income, in the way of practice, salary, fees, wages, perquisites, or emoluments, amount to or are worth \$500 or upwards, one per cent on such total receipts and income; and so much of paragraph 16 schedule A, as imposes a tax upon persons other than those herein named, is hereby repealed.  
6. The tax imposed by paragraph 17 upon liquors, wines, and cordials, shall hereafter be four per cent. And this paragraph so amended is hereby transferred to schedule B, and the tax imposed by it shall hereafter be given in and paid under the same rules, regulations and penalties as are prescribed in case of merchant's tax.

7. To facilitate the collection of the tax on collaterals, every executor or administrator shall return in his inventory whether the estate of the deceased goes to the lineal or collateral relations or to a stranger, and if to collaterals, the degree of relationship of such collaterals to the deceased, under a penalty of one hundred dollars to be recovered in the name and for the use of the State.  
**SCHEDULE B.**  
Sec 1. The amendments under schedule B. shall be as follows:  
1. Every money or exchange, bond or note broker, private banker or agent of foreign broker or banker, shall pay the sum of five hundred dollars for each county in which he has an office or place of business, and every person acting for such broker, whether with or without compensation, shall be held and deemed a broker to all intents and purposes in the place or county in which he shall so act, and shall be liable for the above tax.  
2. Every person who is not a resident of this State who shall come into this State in the capacity of or as agent for a broker, and with the intention of exercising any of the functions of a money or exchange broker, shall pay the sum of five hundred dollars in each and every county in which he shall act as a broker, which tax shall be collected by the sheriff of the county and be accounted for as other taxes.  
3. Every person who shall propose to act as a broker, according to the foregoing section, shall pay the tax to the sheriff of the county in which such broker's business is to be transacted, and take a license for the same, which shall authorize him to act as broker for one year; and any person who shall act without such license shall forfeit the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, to be recovered by the sheriff of the county where such tax may be due, one-third of which shall go to the sheriff, and the remainder shall be accounted for as other taxes, and such person so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.  
4. Every non-resident merchant, drummer or agent who shall come into this State and sell any goods, wares or merchandise, by sample or otherwise, whether delivered or to be delivered, shall pay a tax of one half of one per cent on the gross amount of such sales made in any one year, and shall, before making such sale, obtain a written license from the sheriff of the county in which he proposes to do business, which the sheriff is authorized to issue whenever such person shall give bond with security in the sum of five hundred dollars for the payment of the tax hereby imposed, at the time and under the same rules and regulations as are prescribed for the payment of merchant's tax; and every person violating the provisions of this paragraph shall be liable to a penalty of five hundred dollars, to be collected by the sheriff, four hundred dollars of which shall be accounted for and paid as other State taxes, and he shall be further liable to indictment as for a misdemeanor.

**SCHEDULE C.**  
Sec 4. And the amendments under schedule C shall be as follows, to wit:  
1. The president and cashier of the banks herein named, on or before the first day of October, in each year, shall pay into the public treasury the following tax on each share of stock owned by individuals or corporations, to wit: Bank of Washington, 25 cents; Merchants' Bank of Newbern, 25 cents; Bank of Wadesboro, 12 1/2 cents; Bank of Fayetteville, 12 1/2 cents; Commercial Bank of Wilmington, 25 cents; Farmers' Bank of North Carolina, 25 cents; Bank of North Carolina, 60 cents; Bank of Lexington, 30 cents; Minors' and Planters' Bank, 30 cents; Bank of Commerce, 30 cents; Bank of Clarendon, 30 cents; Bank of Cape Fear, 60 cents; Bank of Wilmington 60 cents; Bank of Charlotte, 12 1/2 cents; Bank of Salisbury, 60 cents; Bank of Yanceyville, 25 cents. And any other which may be chartered by this or any future General Assembly 60 cents on the share of \$100 of such stock, and in that proportion for shares of a less value.  
And in case the said officers of any bank, shall neglect or fail to pay the tax, as herein required, said bank shall pay double the amount of said tax, and the same shall be sued for and recovered by the Attorney General, in the name of the State, in the superior court of the county of Wako.  
Sec 5. Hereafter the clerks of the county courts shall have until the tenth day of April in the year ensuing the taking of the tax list, to deliver to the sheriff such a copy thereof, and under the same penalties as are prescribed in the fortieth section of said act.  
Read three times and ratified in General Assembly this 23d day of February, A. D. 1861.  
W. T. DOBSON, S. H. C.  
H. T. CLARK, S. S.

**SUPPRESSION OF FORTUNE TELLING.**—A bill for the suppression of fortune telling has just passed the Pennsylvania House of Representatives:  
It provides that any person who shall pretend, for gain or lucre, to predict future events by cards, tokens, the inspection of the head or hands of any persons, or by any one's age, or by consulting the movements of the heavenly bodies; or who shall pretend, for gain or lucre, to effect any purpose by spells, charms, necromancy or incantation, shall be guilty of misdemeanor, punishable by any Court of quarter Sessions in the Commonwealth, with fine and imprisonment. The first offense shall be punishable with not more than 2 years' nor less than 15 days imprisonment, and a fine of not more than \$100, nor less than \$10; the 2nd offense, with any term of imprisonment and fine exceeding the above that the Court may deem proper. That any person who shall advise the taking or administering of what are commonly called love powders or who shall prepare the same to be taken or administered, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished as above provided.

**MASSACRE IN MEXICO.**—Advices from Monterey, Mexico, announce that Mejia had entered the town of Rioverde, about forty miles from San Luis, at the head of two thousand men, and that he butchered two hundred men who defended the place, sacked, pillaged and burned the houses and returned to the mountains. The little defensive force, especially the officers, contested every inch of ground but had to yield at last.  
**CONTRACT AWARDED.**—We learn that a contract has been awarded to the Atlantic & N. C. Railroad Company by the State for the manufacture of shell and shot and the remodeling of old flint guns belonging to the Government, and that the work is to be done at the Company's shops in Newbern, and to be superintended by J. D. Whitford, Esq., President of the Company, and Mr Hudson, Master Mechanic. We are truly glad that the Company have secured the contract and doubt not but they will be able to execute it in a satisfactory manner.—Newbern Progress.

**SORE THROAT.**—A correspondent of the Charleston Courier says: "I have used for forty years in my family the following remedy for Sore Throat:  
One-quarter of a teaspoonful of ground red pepper, one desert spoonful of Epsom salts, put in a tea cup, pour on the ingredients boiling water, cover the same for a few minutes, and then let it cool, and take a teaspoonful every fifteen minutes, if there is much soreness in the lower part of the throat, wash with No. 6. I use freely red pepper sprinkled on muslin doubled round the throat was occasionally with whiskey or vinegar. No danger in keeping it on for hours—it makes a mark, but does not blister.  
I have had two cases lately in my family, so severe as to alarm me—both cured in a few days by the use of the above remedy. Sometimes I cut a slice of lemon and put in the pepper tea; I also use sugar or molasses to make it more palatable. For a child, make the tea weak; if they cannot take pepper tea the throat may be washed or mopped with it. I would not hesitate to use this remedy with a severe Ulcerated Sore throat.

The New York papers have elicited the following statement from the women and children who lately left Fort Sumter in the Marion:  
The Force in Fort Sumter.—There had been no reinforcement of Major Anderson up to the time of the Marion leaving on Friday last. Seventy-nine persons, including the officers and band, and exclusive of a working corps of some twenty men, under Capt. Foster, constitute the whole garrison—a force generally felt to be insufficient for a rigorous or prolonged defence of the place. When Lieut. Talbot returned from Washington, the command were assembled, and the decision of the President communicated to them. The expressions of confidence reposed in them by the authorities at Washington gave them new heart, and every man declared he would fight to the last, and die rather than surrender.  
A great many guns have been mounted on the 2d and 3d tiers, and they are now in as good condition to defend the fort as they ever will be, excepting that they are short-handed. A light is kept burning throughout the night in each of the casemates, and every thing ready for action, there is no lack for ammunition, any quantity of grenades of a destructive character have been prepared for use at close quarters.