

Western Democrat

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THE N. C. SYNOD.—The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of North Carolina assembled in this place on Wednesday evening last.

THE REV. DR. CHAPMAN WAS ELECTED MODERATOR, AND REV. F. H. JOHNSTON AND REV. MR. BEALL, ASSISTANT CLERKS.

There was a very respectable attendance of Ministers and Elders, and a good deal of business was harmoniously transacted.

On Sabbath, the pulpits of the Lutheran, Baptist and Methodist Churches were occupied by Ministers in attendance on Synod.

The next session of Synod will be held in Newbern on the last Wednesday in October, 1867.

DAVIDSON COLLEGE.—The Trustees of Davidson College met in this place last week and elected a President for the College in the place of Rev. Dr. Kirkpatrick, resigned.

REMARKABLE HAIL STORM.—The following is an account of a hail storm that occurred in this county on Thursday last, which is not only remarkable for being out of season, but for quantity and appearance.

W. J. YATES, Esq.—Dear Sir:—The following is a description of a very novel and dangerous hail storm which occurred at half-past 2 o'clock yesterday evening.

COTTON.—It will be seen by our market reports, and by news from Europe and New York, that Cotton has again advanced; and the tendency is said to be upward.

COUNTY COURT.—Last week the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions was held for Mecklenburg county. Nearly the whole time was occupied in trying cases in which negroes were concerned.

Why not have a court whose sole duty it will be to try petty criminals—a kind of police court. The present mode is very expensive, dilatory and cumbersome.

THE RIGHT SPIRIT.—The Chester (S. C.) Standard, speaking of the collection of debts, says: "Several of our lawyers have informed us that even had not the Legislature postponed the Fall Session of the Court of Common Pleas, the docket would have presented a beggarly array of suits."

THE WILSON CAROLINIAN warns newspapers against dealing with Northern Advertising Agents, or publishing notices of swindling concerns like Gift Enterprises, &c.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. New Dry Goods Store—Brem, Brown & Co. Just Received—Stenhouse, Macaulay & Co. Valuable House and Lot for Sale—J. W. Stockton, Statesville.

Attended Negro Insurrection on the Mississippi—A Memphis dispatch of Monday says that a serious disturbance occurred at Cat Island, 25 miles below that city, last Saturday.

No MORE RATIONS.—Gen. Howard, Commissioner of the Freedman's Bureau, has issued a circular to his subordinates, notifying them that the issue of rations by the Government to the Freedmen ceased on the 1st of October.

By request we publish the following extract of a letter from a gentleman of high character in Texas to his correspondent in this county:

"Austin, Texas, Aug. 21, 1866. "For the sake of our children it is better for us that we accept the humiliating terms given us—hoping by strength and energy to aid Johnson in preventing further humiliation."

"I think I can see the end of these troubles. Johnson will triumph. I have always regarded him as a man of integrity. I have seen him in many difficulties in times past, and never knew him to give any encouragement to any device by which success could be obtained, if it savored in the least of intrigue or corruption."

THE ELECTIONS, which took place in the States of Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana, on Tuesday last, have gone largely in favor of the Republican or Radical party.

IMPORTANT DECISION.—Judge Aldrich of South Carolina, at a late term of the Court for York District, made an important decision in a case which is thus stated by the Yorkville Enquirer:

"A case of much importance came before the Court for decision on Tuesday. This was a case of M. H. Nichols, on one side, vs. W. B. Boykin and R. Whitesides, involving the question of Currency as a legal tender."

"We are indebted to Mr S. A. Cohen, (of the firm of Elias & Cohen,) who has just returned from Europe, for a file of English papers. We have found much in these papers to interest us."

COTTON AND ITS PRICE.—In the years 1859 and 1860, just prior to the war, the great Southern staple, Cotton, the production of slave-labor, amounted to five millions of bales per annum—This was three-fourths in weight, and seven-eighths in value of all the cotton grown on the globe, the present year, 1866, wherein hiring labor will have been tested.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE NEGROES.—A correspondent of the N. Y. Watchman writing from Georgia is of opinion that Providence intends the Negroes to be scattered equally over the whole United States. He says:

"Why are there such abundant grain crops in the North and such scarcity in the South, just at the time of the freedom of the colored people? Is not this the hand of God? Does he not direct these people to go to the North to get corn? Is there any Joseph to welcome them to the abundance of the land? It is too far for them to send; and moreover, they have neither 'money' nor 'camels.'"

"I am wholly mistaken in the indications of Providence, if God does not intend, to a great extent, to distribute the colored people among the Northern States."

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From the Louisville Journal, Republican paper.

GEORGE D. PRENTICE'S INTERVIEW WITH JEFFERSON DAVIS.—Danger of Secession at the North.—A Most Timely Warning.—In the course of an interview that we had with Jeff. Davis in January, 1865, the subject of the terms of peace was introduced. Mr. Davis asked us what was the chief objection of the North to the recognition of Southern independence.

"We tell the Northern fanatics as a lover of our whole country we solemnly tell them, that, unless madness has seized upon their hearts and brains, they will not insist on pushing the dissections between the President and Congress to the fighting point."

"A large lot of TIN will be sold wholesale and retail, lower than any can sell it. Merchants and retailers do well to call. We also keep a good stock of SHOES. Oct 15, 1866."

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SENSATION.—A despatch appeared in the Philadelphia Ledger Thursday morning, dated Washington, announcing that the President had pronounced certain interrogatories to the Attorney General respecting the Constitutionality of Congress, and that an opinion in writing would be given against the legality of that body.

INVITATION TO THE POPE.—The New York correspondent of the Philadelphia Ledger writes: "There is good reason for believing that at the Grand Provincial Council of the Roman Catholic Church, which is about to assemble in Baltimore, an effort will be made to extend a formal invitation to the Pope to make the United States his home."

HAIL STORM.—We learn that the Southern part of this county was visited with a terrific hail storm on yesterday, doing much damage to the cotton and tobacco crops.

SINFUL HABITS are the channels of sinful thoughts. If we would have the thoughts to cease to flow, we must close up the channels.

ELDER M. T. YATES.—We regret to learn through letters from Elder M. T. Yates, one of our Missionaries to China, that on account of financial changes which have taken place in that country, he is now entirely dependent on the Board of the Southern Baptist Convention for support.

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MARKET REPORTS.

LIVERPOOL, Oct. 12.—Sales of cotton to-day, 18,000 bales. Advanced to 15d.

THE PENNSYLVANIA ELECTION.—Philadelphia, Oct. 12.—The Legislature of the State will stand: Senate, Republicans 34, Conservatives 12; House, Republicans 63, Conservatives 35.

AWFUL CALAMITY.—The steamship Evening Star, bound from New York to New Orleans, foundered at sea on the 8th inst., and 254 lives were lost.

THE KNIGHTS OF ARABIA.—A Raid on Cuba.—The New York Herald's Mobile correspondent claims to have ascertained the object of the secret order of the Knights of Arabia, of which Capt. Braine, capturer of the Chesapeake, is the alleged grand commander.

GENERAL EARLY.—General Jubal A. Early will spend the winter in Toronto, Canada West. He has completed his history of his Valley campaign, and has it now in press.

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We have opened at Brem's old stand a large Stock of Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes, &c. You will find one of the largest Stocks of Goods ever exhibited in this city, and at lower prices.

Plantation for Sale. As Agent for the heirs at law of Thos. H. Grier, dec'd. I will sell, on Tuesday the 6th day of November, at Public Auction, that valuable tract of Land known as the Spratt place, 6 miles South of Charlotte, on the Nation Ford Road, adjoining the lands of C. E. Bell, M. N. Hart and others.

Just Received, 50 Boxes fine CHEESE, 50 Boxes Star Candles, A large quantity of Baggings and Rope, for sale at reduced prices by STENHOUSE, MACAULAY & CO.

HUTCHISON, BURROUGHS & CO., INSURANCE AGENTS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS.

MANSION HOUSE. On the 1st of November, to meet the necessities of the times, I will furnish DAY BOARD at 20¢ per month.

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State of North Carolina, Union Co. In Equity—To Full Term, 1866.

DAN CASTELLO'S GREAT SHOW, AND TRAINED WILD ANIMALS.

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