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County Commissioners.
The County Commissioners for Mecklenburg, elected at the late election, qualified last week before John Walker, Esq., Chairman of the County Court. The following are the names of the Commissioners who qualified: R. M. Oates, R. R. King, S. Watson, T. L. Vall and R. L. DeArmond.

Democratic State Convention.
The Democratic and Conservative members of the General Assembly, after consultation with other gentlemen in this city, have determined to call a State Convention of delegates representing the Democratic and Conservative members of each County, to assemble in this City on the 15th of August next, being the second Thursday of said month.

Acceptance of Seymour and Blair.
The following are the speeches of Mr Seymour and Gen. Blair, on being informed by the President and Vice-President:

Speech of Gov. Seymour.
Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Committee—I thank you for the courtesies in which you have communicated to me the action of the Democratic National Convention.

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Mr. Editor—Allow me to state, through your columns, how this memorable day was spent in our little village. As per agreement the Sabbath Schools of Hebron, Harrison and Pineville Churches, assembled at this place to commemorate the day.

Mecklenburg Bible Society.
The Annual meeting of the Mecklenburg Bible Society will be held in Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church, on Wednesday, the 5th of August, at 11 o'clock A. M.

New Magistrates.
Gov. Holden has appointed the following Magistrates: MECKLENBURG.—W. D. Hannah, R. M. Martin, W. Ewing, S. N. Stillwell, Columbus Irons, W. P. Houston, S. J. Jordan, J. H. Langman, T. S. Burnett, J. R. Gilchrist, George Ochler, R. R. Rea, Thomas Johnston, Thomas Pielan, Eli Hinson, Wm. Stewart, Washington Grier, Julius Phillips, E. H. Bissell, J. Nick Hunter, —Bloom.

Highway Robbery.—We are told that Mr. F. R. Maxwell of this county, as he was returning home on Friday last, was attacked by a man on the road leading from Charlotte to the north, and his money demanded. Mr. Maxwell refused to give up his money, when he was struck senseless on the head by the negro, and his person of \$24. Mr. M. was in the city on Saturday and showed signs of having been roughly handled. It is time that the thieves and desperadoes prowling through the country were brought to punishment.

New Advertisements.
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Northern Carriages for Sale—Chapman.
Important Sale—E. A. Osborne, Charleston.
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The N. C. Railroad—A Dividend.
We see that the Board of Directors of the N. C. Railroad have declared a dividend of 6 per cent upon the capital stock of said Company out of the earnings of the last fiscal year—payable on the 1st of October next. This gives to the State \$180,000—enough to pay the interest on \$3,000,000 of her bonded debt, or to defray all the expenses of the State Government for two years, if economically managed.

Removal of Disabilities.
We are gratified to learn of your excellent Representative in Congress, Hon. N. Boyden, has succeeded in having the disabilities removed from all persons elected to office in this Congressional District.

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County Officers.
The following Bill has passed the Senate, and is now before the House. We presume there is no doubt about its becoming a law:

Section 1. The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact, That it shall be the duty of the County Commissioners elect, in each County respectively, to meet immediately and designate one of their number, who shall at once go before a Judge of the Supreme or Superior Court, United States Commissioner, or any other officer of the United States authorized to administer an oath, and be qualified by taking the oath prescribed in section four, article six of the Constitution of this State, and the County Commissioner thus qualified, shall forthwith proceed to qualify in like manner the other four Commissioners elect.

Section 2. That the Board of County Commissioners being thus constituted, shall, without delay, proceed to qualify in like manner, each and all of the County Officers, elected or appointed, including Justices of the Peace and Constables, and shall take the bonds required by law, as specified in the Revised Code for the discharge of their duties, from such of these officers as are or may be required by law to give such bonds, and shall cause the said bonds to be recorded by the Register of Deeds in a separate book to be known as the Registry of Official Bonds, and the original of said bonds shall also be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, except the bond of said Clerk of the Superior Court, which shall be filed in the office of the Register of Deeds, and said officer shall be surety on any bond required to be filed in his office; Provided, The Sheriff shall execute three several bonds payable to the State of North Carolina; one in the sum of twice the amount of the County and poor taxes for the preceding year, conditioned according to the existing law, and settlement of the county and poor taxes as required by law; one in the sum of twice the amount of the public taxes paid by the County for the preceding year, conditioned for the collection, payment and settlement of the public taxes as required by law; and the third in the sum of five thousand dollars, conditioned as follows: "The condition of the above bondned is, if he or she, he shall well and truly execute and due return make of all process and precepts to him directed, and pay and satisfy all fees and sums of money by him required, or by the Sheriff, or by any process to the proper office into which the same by the tenor thereof ought to be paid, or to the person or persons to whom the same shall be due, his, her, or their executors, administrators, attorneys, or agents, and in all other things well, truly and faithfully according to the law, and the duty of his or her office, and shall be bound to continue therein, then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect; Provided, Those Commissioners and other County Officers who have heretofore been qualified by other means than those prescribed in this Act, shall retain their offices until they have qualified in accordance with the provisions of this Act, and all official acts done by such officers heretofore, and in good faith, shall be deemed valid in all respects.

Section 3. That a majority of the Board of County Commissioners shall have power to perform the duties imposed by this act upon said Board. The sufficiency of the bond for this act shall be certified by the Register of Deeds, and if any bond with insufficient sureties be taken by any officer by said Board, or by a majority acting for them, each and every member of the Board assenting to such sufficiency, shall be liable in all respects as if he or she were a surety on such bond, and subject to suit as such, by any person entitled to sue on said bond, but the Commissioners shall not be liable if they act in good faith, and the bond is sufficient when taken.

Section 4. That if any of the aforesaid county officers, shall neglect or refuse to qualify, or fail to give a bond, or bonds, as required by this act, within twenty days after receiving notice from the aforesaid Board to appear and qualify, it shall be the duty of said Board to declare the office of the said officer elected or appointed, vacant, and to take such action as once as may be necessary to have said office filled in the manner prescribed by the Constitution and laws of this State.

Section 5. That the solicitor of each judicial district of the State shall be qualified by the Judge of the superior court of said judicial district by taking the oath prescribed in section four, article six of the Constitution of this State, and the said solicitor shall be qualified by the Judge of some other judicial district; and if any Solicitor elect shall for insufficient reasons, fail to qualify within twenty days after notice from the Judge of said district, to appear and qualify it shall be the duty of the Judge of said district to declare the office of the said officer vacant, and to report the said vacancy to the Governor.

Section 6. All officers herein mentioned, including the County Commissioners when they are qualified as herein directed, shall be furnished by the authority qualifying them, with the necessary certificates, and their having been qualified and the date when, together with the office to which each has been qualified, which certificates shall be recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, who shall endorse upon each certificate the book and page of the nursing certificate recorded.

Section 7. That all persons now holding offices of trust or profit in this State, shall, immediately after demand is exhibited to them by their successors, chosen under the present Constitution of this State, turn over to their said successors, all of their papers, processes, executions, lists of taxes collected, and uncollected, County and State, for the year 1868, and all other effects whatsoever, pertaining to their respective offices, taking receipts for the same, but such officer is hereby authorized to retain for the same, the commissions issued up to the time of the transfer. Provided, that within the meaning of this section, the Register of Deeds shall be deemed the successor of the late County Register, and the County Treasurer shall be deemed the successor of the County Trustee.

Section 8. No person prohibited from holding office under any State, by section 3, of the Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, known as article 14, shall qualify under this act, or hold office in this State, and no officer whose election is contested, shall qualify until the fact of election has been determined by competent authority.

Section 9. That any person now holding an office of trust or profit who shall wilfully fail or refuse to comply with the requirements of section 7, in relation to turning over the appurtenances of his office to his successor, under the present Constitution of this State, or who shall violate section 8 of this act, shall be liable to a fine not less than one thousand dollars nor over five thousand dollars, or imprisonment not exceeding two years, or both at the discretion of the court.

MURDER IN WILKESBORO.—An atrocious murder was committed in the town of Wilkesboro on the 11th instant. On that day the newly elected officers in Wilkes, assembled at the county seat for the purpose of qualifying and entering on their duties. It seems that Harrison Staley, with three other colored men became intoxicated and engaged in an affray with each other, urged on by Lee Gilreath and other whites. This man Gilreath told one of the colored men that if he would kill Staley, that he (Gilreath) would pay him for it, but failing in inducing the colored man to commit the murder, he struck Staley on the back of the head with a stone of five pounds weight, breaking his skull and killing him instantly.

Section 10. That all laws and parts of laws inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Section 11. That this act shall take effect from and after the date of its ratification.

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Latest News.

FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—Hon. Israel G. Lash, member elect from North Carolina, is missing. His mail has been coming here for some time, but nothing has been heard from him.

MARKETS.
New York, July 18.—Cotton a shade firmer, but less active. Sales of 900 bales at 31 1/2 to 32 cents. Flour dull and declining, but prices unchanged. Gold strong at 143 1/2.

The Legislature has passed an Act making it the duty of the Register of Deeds to issue Marriage License. Until the Register qualifies, the late Clerks of the County Courts will issue License.

Secretary Seward reports that twenty-three States have ratified the fourteenth amendment, from which Ohio and New Jersey have receded. He also reports that Arkansas, North Carolina and Florida have given notice of ratification of "the alleged Legislature of those States."

DARING BURGLARY.—On last Friday night, the Office of the Southern Express Company was broken into by some rascally villain, and the safe belonging to the Company was taken therefrom, and carried some distance from the office, and broken open and robbed. There was only about \$40 in the safe, and a lot of papers of no value, except to the agent. There was also stolen at the same time from the depot, two trunks, and two valises. They were found broken open, and rifled of their contents. The burglars effected an entrance by breaking the window shutter.—Concord Press.

MARRIED.

In Greensboro, on the 14th inst., Dr. J. E. Logan to Miss Fanny Sloan, eldest daughter of R. M. Sloan. In Cabarrus county, on the 8th inst., Mr. Jonas Cook to Miss Mattie R. Shipcook. Also, on the 11th ult., Mr. William G. Barringer to Mrs. Pollie A. Barrie. On the 9th inst., Mr. Drewry Culp to Miss M. E. Bailey, all of York District.

DIED.

In York District, on the 21st ultimo, Mrs. Elizabeth B. Wylie, aged 33 years. In Yorkville, on the 10th instant, Mrs. Martha J. Clawson, wife of W. I. Clawson, Esq., aged 47 years. In Lancaster, on the 8th inst., Dr. Francis K. Brummett, aged 78 years.

ATTENTION!

North, South, East or West, Will here look for STAMPING best; Prices low and patterns new; Here the greatest choice find you. J. R. HECKSCHLER.

ALSO, Clothing, Hats, Shoes and Boots, Hosiery, Staple and Fancy Dry Goods, Wearing Apparel for family use. Come and purchase whatever you choose. Under the Democrat Office. July 20, 1868. 3m

NORTHERN CARRIAGES.

I have just received a few Buggies and Carriages of Northern make, which I offer for sale on reasonable terms. Apply to CHAS. WILSON. July 20, 1868.

Statesville Female College.

The exercises of the Statesville Female College will be resumed on the first Monday of September next, with a competent corps of teachers. Terms for First Session of Sixteen Weeks—One Half in Advance:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Board, Room and Fuel, per month, \$15.00; Washing, per month, 2.00; Tuition in Academic Department, per session, 15.00; Collegiate Department, 20.00; Music, 10.00; Use of Piano, 3.00; Ancient and Modern Languages, each, 8.00; Contingent Fee, 2.00; Drawing and Painting, each, 10.00.

For further information apply to the undersigned at Statesville, N. C. E. F. ROCKWELL, President. The Second Session will commence the 4th of January, 1869, and continue 24 weeks. July 20, 1868.

IMPORTANT SALE

Of Personal Property. On Saturday, the 25th of July, I will sell in Charlotte, to the highest bidder, the following personal property, to wit: Three horses, two Cows, four Yearlings, one Heifer, one Cotton Gin, two Plows, and Harness, and other articles of the same character. E. A. OSBORNE, Assignee of G. W. Williamson, Bankrupt. July 20, 1868.

Turnip Seed! Turnip Seed!

Purple Top, White Norfolk, White Globe, Large Yellow or Golden Globe, Ruta Baga, and other varieties. Just arrived and for sale at the Corner Dry Store, by J. H. McADEN. July 20, 1868.

Notice to Debtors.

In order to help those that I thought deserved help, I credited a number of persons during the past year. I now need the money, and respectfully call on those indebted to me to come forward and settle. I shall be obliged to enforce collection where no disposition is shown to pay up. July 20, 1868. B. M. PRESSON.

Initial Paper and Envelopes,

Just received at JOHNSTON & ELLIOTT'S. Stenographic and Views, Just received at JOHNSTON & ELLIOTT'S.

MUSIC.

A new and enlarged catalogue, just received, from which any price selected will be ordered by July 20, 1868. JOHNSTON & ELLIOTT.

Law School.

The next Session of the Law School at Chapel Hill will commence the 15th day of the present month. Instruction will be given with particular reference to the new order of things. July 13, 1868. 2w WILL H. BATTLE.

Edgeworth Female Seminary.

This Institution will be re-opened on the first Monday of September, with a full corps of Teachers. The entire expense for a Session of Twenty Weeks of Tuition with Board, Washing and Contingent Fee will be, according to classes, either 100, or 110, or 110 Dollars if paid in advance, or 116.50, or 121.50, or 126.50 Dollars, if paid in advance. Moderate extra charges will be made for Ancient and Modern Languages, for Music, drawing and Oil Painting. For Circular address, J. M. M. CALDWELL, Greensboro, N. C. July 12, 1868. 6w

U. S. Marshal's Sale.

DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA. Will be sold on Friday, the 31st of July instant, for Cash, Three (3) Barrels and One (1) Keg of Corn Whiskey, seized in the possession of J. C. Mitchem of Anson county, and condemned to sale by the United States Circuit Court for the District of North Carolina at June Term, 1868, for violation of Internal Revenue Laws. Sale to take place on College Street, in rear of N. Butt's Store, at ten (10) o'clock, a. m. DAN L. GOODLOE, U. S. Marshal. By W. J. SPRINKLE, Deputy. Charlotte, July 13, 1868. 2w

CHARLOTTE MARKET, July 20, 1868.

CORRECTED BY STENHOUSE, MACCAY & CO. Cotton—During the week some 120 bales were sold in this market on the basis of 20 1/2 to 20 3/4 cents for middling (tax paid by the seller)—closing dull on Saturday at the inside figure. Latest news from New York quote the market dull and declining. Flour—Market firm at \$6 to \$6.25—as to quality. Wheat in demand at \$1.80 to \$2.20 per bushel. Corn firm at \$1.37 1/2 to \$1.40 per bushel from houses. Peas dull at \$1.25 to \$1.30 per bushel. Oats 60 to 65 cents. Country Bacon in demand at 17 1/2 to 18 cents for hog round; Baltimore Bacon sides from stores 19 to 20 cents and advancing; Lard 20 to 21 cents. Fresh Butter 20 to 25 cents; Chickens 20 to 30 cents; Eggs 12 cents. Liverpool Salt \$2.60 per sack, and advancing. Corn Whiskey and Apple Brandy dull at \$2.25 to \$2.30 per gallon by the barrel. Molasses 70 cents to \$1.25 per gallon by retail. Manufactured Tobacco 40 cents to \$1.25 per pound, as to grade. Dry Hides in demand at 12 1/2 to 15 cents. Flour, Corn, etc., is on the advance in price.