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JOSEPH W. HAMPTON,----

"The powers granted under the Constitution, being derived from the People of the United States, may be resumed by them, whenever perverted to their injury or oppression."-Madison ...

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Weekly Almanac for May, 1842.

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dered, that publication be made for three months successively in the "Mecklenburg Jeffersonian," and "Charlotte Journal," commanding the said Dein August next, then and there to plead, answer or Advertisements will be conspicuously and correctly insert- demur to the said petition; otherwise judgment will

> Witness, Jennings B. Kerr, Clerk of our said Court at office, the 4th Monday in February, 1842.

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## Wool Carding.

JACOB STIREWALT.

Mill Hill, Cabarrus Co., May 2, 1842.

#### Temperance.

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The following eloquent Speech was recently delivered before the Congressional Temperance Society. by the Hon. THOMAS F. MARSHALL of Kentucky. After a few introductory remarks complimentary to

Our aim is to banish the use of alcohol as a drink from society altogether. We declare in our Society openly, that we will not take into our systems a substance which the God of nature has rendered the tion to business to continue to human stomach unfit to receive, and incapable of merit a liberal share of public | digesting-a substance which has all the properties patronage. He has now sev- of a poison, the effect of which is not only to deeral first rate workmen em- range the animal economy and to destroy life, like

fected by the introduction of Christianity-to enlist is great, and bright, and beautiful. It seems, in husband or an infuriated monster in his likeness. in this cause the countenance and support, and to deed, as if, with the cunning malice of tyranny, I say, sir, these things have an interest, a mighty throw around it all the dignity and influence, which and the ambitious policy of a conqueror, this grim interest for me : and I deem them not entirely be-

from us-the aid simply of your name and counten-

unscathed. Not a shade darkens the fair field of shame. Nothing but honor to yourselves, and blessngs to others, can follow your union with us .-Ashamed of pure and perfect 'Temperance! Oh, on the pathology of the drunkard's stomach, Mr. virtue encircle and adorn her elastic and graceful of action; but this destroys him throughout, body, form. Mine, sir, was a different case. Mr. Presi- mind, and conscience, yet leaves the wretch survivdent, we of the "Total Abstinence and Vigilance or of himself. Society," in our meetings at the other end of the city, are so much in the habit of "telling experi-

ences," that I have myself fallen somewhat into it, and am guilty occasionally of the egotism of making some small confessions, (as small as I can possibly make them.) Mine, then, sir, was a different case. I had earned a most unenviable notoriety; ployed and has just received other poisons, but to work a still more melancholly reach the reputation they won for me. I never was gentlemen who quaff their rich and costly Madeiions. He will warrant good fits on all occasions. Orders from a distance will met with prompt at-tention. His shop will be found in the North-East tention. His shop will be found in the North-East tention. His shop will be found in the Sorth-East tention. His shop will be found in the Sorth-East tention. His shop will be found in the Sorth-East tention. His shop will be found in the Sorth-East tention. His shop will be found in the Sorth-East tention. His shop will be found in the Sorth-East tention. His shop will be found in the Sorth-East tention. 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Perhaps my long intervals of to day, till their complexions are purple as the the remains of temperaneel with Definition of temperaneel with the te The A liberal discount made to cash customers. A fanatic in the cause of temperance! Soon run together. Perhaps my long intervals of crushed grapes whose juice they drain—till their in the remains of their dead master from the Capitol. A coldwater fanatic strikes upon my ear as some- my form, constitution, or complexion—may have trembling hands can scarce conduct unspilled the remains of their dead master from the Capitol. A coldwater fanatic in the cause of temperated in my form, constitution, or complexion-may have full to their lips—till their feet are swollen and full to their lips—till their feet are swollen and gonized with gout, while untold horrors fill the re-ter and temperance go along with it. The object arose, was deemed incurable and resistless. Per-arose, was deemed incurable and resistless. Per-view—and yet they are no drunkards! Oh, no, and the character of our Society have neither kins- haps I had nourished the vanuy to believe that na- view-and yet they are no drunkards! Oh, no, tance would be lowered, the laurels which he has ship nor alliance with fanaticism, political or reli- ture had endowed me with a versatility which enagious. Ours is the cause of morals, public and pri- bled me to throw down and take up at pleasure any Is now receiving and opening a vate, irrespective of rank, sect, or party; it is the pursuit, and I chose to sport with the gift. If so, I cause of peace, of happiness, of virtue. Let me was brought to the very verge of a fearful punishhere, sir, put a case for the consideration of our col- ment. Physicians tell us that intemperance at last leagues in Congress. Let me suppose for a mo- becomes, of itself, not a habit voluntarily indulged, ment that the condition of the world were changed; but a disease which its victim cannot resist. I had that alcohol was but now discovered; that it had not not become fully the subject of that fiendish thirst, yet commenced that career of ravage which has that horrible yearning after the distillation "from marked its course and progress. Let me further the alembick of hell," which is said to scorch in the suppose that the Congress of the United States- throat, and consume the vitals of the confirmed the representation of the people of this great empire drumkard with fires kindled for eternity. I did be--the sober likeness of a sober nation in the case come alarmed, and for the first time, no matter from imagined-were just now apprized of the discove- what cause, lest the demon's fangs were fastening ry; that some great teacher, who had penetrated the upon me, and I was approaching that line which of that society, with which I was first connected, that vide it with others by converting deformity into qualities and effects of this substance, and its future separates the man who frolics, and can quit from I have listened with keenest interest. possible bearing upon the fortunes of the human the lost inebriate whose appetite is disease, and race, should here this night present, for the first whose will is dead. I joined the society on my own time, before the mental vision, in long and appalling account, and felt that I must encounter the title of day in this Hall-the proudest, the most gifted, the myself. But the pledge I have taken renders mo perspective, all the sad consequences upon this peo- "reformed drunkard," annoying enough to me, I ple which have in fact followed its use; that he assure you. I judged, from the cruel publicity should fully satisfy every man in this assembly that, given through the press to my fcolics, what I had poisonous as it is, and ruinous as its effects must be, to bear and brave. But I did brave it all; and I this hitherto unknown evil was approaching our would have dared any thing to break the chain dustry, health, comfort, and in their own emphatic mind, my heart, my body, I would not exchange shores; that the only antidote was abstinence from which I at last discovered was rivetting on my soul, language to peace, he could not withhold his coun- for all earth holds of brightest and of best. No, no, first contact; and that, if we once ventured to taste, to unclasp the folds of the serpent-habit whose full nothing could arrest its progress, until it had embraces is death. Letters from people I never wrought that entire mass of wretchedness which he had heard of, newspaper paragraphs from Boston had, in living colors, pictured to our view. And to New Orleans, were mailed, and are still mailing then let us suppose that the proposition were made to me, by which I am very distinctly, and in the to Congress, not as a cure, but as a measure of pre- most friendly and agreeable manner, apprised that vention-as anticipating the commencement of an I enjoyed all over the republic the delectable repuillimitable evil-as seeking to guard and preserve tation of a sot with one foot in the grave and an unour countrymen in that glorious and happy state in derstanding almost totally overthrown. I doubt not, ery human principle, affection, and motive, yet yiel- a man who totally refrains from all that can intoxiwhich they would be were intoxicating drink un- sir, that the societies who have invited me to address ded instantly and forever before the simple charm cate his brain or derange his nervous structure-the known a sober nation a republican empire con- them at different places in the Union, will expect to of this temperance pledge. It is a thing of interest elasticity with which he bounds from his couch in taining seventeen millions of people, free, sober, find me with an unhealed carbuncle on my nose, healthy, and, so far as this prolific parent of mise- and my body of the graceful and manly shape and ries was concerned, happy !-- all the disease, all the proportion of a demijohn. I have dared all these misery, all the long catalogue of crimes which have annoyances, all this celebrity. I have not shrunk sprung from drunkenness, banished-no, not ban- from being a text for temperance preachers, and a ished, but unborn, unknown, unheard of :-- Sup- case for the outpouring of the sympathies of peopose, I say, that, with this object in view, an ap- ple who have more philanthropy than politeness, peal should be made to these members of Congress more temperance than taste. I signed the pledge to come forward, each in his place, and, as an ex- on my own account, sir, and my heart leaped to ample to those who had commissioned them-to find that I was free. The chain has fallen from my those whose image it was their duty to reflect-to free-born limbs; not a link or fragment remains to whom they should be as a mitror-and whose vir- tell I ever wore the badge of service. Mr. Pretue and happiness it should be their pride to guard sident, the temperate members of Congress are ex--a proposition were made to take a solemn public posed, as I have said, to no shame or annoyance pledge that they never would stain their lips with from the act to which we invite them. It is to resthe polluting contact of a poison which must des- cue others that we summon them. To rescue oth- to nature, they will exultingly recount the wonders reopened to the fine avenues of sense;-no, sir, troy their countrymen: I ask, sir, who would reject reach of a danger from which none are exempt. "My friends have come back-I have good clothes its slow finger at me as I passed--though want and IN this case it appearing to the satisfaction of the a pledge, the impassable barrier against such an in-Court that the Defendant, *Elam J. Teter*, is not undation of misery? I would not-I am sure I solutely from every thing which can degrade, save undation of misery? I would not-I am sure I solutely from every thing which can degrade, save would not. So far from considering such a pledge only this one vice. There is no danger that a man am a man----I am at peace here. My children no day :---not for the brightest and the noblest wreath as the "surrender of my freedom of action," I of lofty mind, a high-spirited, well-educated gentle- longer shrink cowering and huddling together in that ever encircled a statesman's brow-not if some should exult in the deed as one by which I had se- man, will stoop to other vices which sink and de- corners, or under the bed for protection from the angel commissioned by heaven, or some demon cured my own and preserved the liberties of my grade humanity. He will not lie; he cannot steal; face of their own father. When I return at night rather sent fresh from bell, to test the resisting country. The friends of the temperance cause, he is incapable of dishonor. Death itself cannot they bound into my arms and nestle in my bosom. strength of virtuous resolution, should tempt me Court-house in Charlotte, on the Fourth Monday in however, are unhappily not in the condition I have drive him to the perpetration of baseness. Pover- My wife no longer with a throbbing heart and ago-back, with all the wealth and all the honors which supposed. The demon has not, only approached, ty, want, starvation may assail him, he is proof nized ear counts my steps before she sees me to dis- a world can bestow; -- not for all that time and all be taken pro confesso, and the petition hard or but has been welcomed to our shores. He has al- against them all. This alone can drag his virtue cover whether I am drunk or sober-I find her that earth can give, would I cast from me this preready wrought among us an amount of mischief and down; and against it what genius can guard, what now singing and at work" What a simple but cious pledge of a liberated mind, this talisman misery which I am wholly incompetent to describe. magnanimity shield us? Who has not seen the exquisite illustration of a woman's love, anxiety, against temptation, and plunge again into the dan-It is our object to arrest and expel what we cannot most towering, the most majestic, sink vanquished and suffering! The fine instinct of a wife's ear de- gers and the terrors which once beset my path:now prevent. We seek to secure in aid of the most beneath its powers? Who has not seen genius tecting from the intervals of his footfal, before he So help me heaven, sir, I would spurn beneath J. B. KERR, c. M. s. c. glorious moral and social revolution of which the prostrate, courage disarmed, manhood withered, had yet reached his door, whether it was the drunk-world has any record, save only that which was ef. before the march of this fell destroyer of all that en or the sober step, whether she was to receive her and live and die as I am, poor but sober.

necessarily attach to the movements of those con- king selects the loftiest victims, and from those who neath the regard of the prondest statesman here. otherwise are formed to be the ornament and the On my conscience, sir, I speak the truth when I We are sometimes told (for our cause, like every thing else that is great and good, has its difficulties political ambition or elevation is of itself no safe-man is prouder of his commission)--member of IN this case it appearing to the satisfaction of the and its enemies) that the pledge proposed subjects guard. I have been told that the last ghastly spec- Congress as 1 am, if, by taking this pledge, it acle exhibited to us to-night—the ruined stomach of were even probable that it pledge, it necessarily the man who takes it to the implied ad- tacle exhibited to us to night-the ruined stomach of were even probable that it would bring back ono nission that he is himself laboring under the evil in a dead incbriate, once the living receptacle of God's human being to happiness and virtue, no matter question, and flies to this as a means to escape from good and healthful gifts, and so by him intended to what his rank or condition, recall the smile of hope This is a grossly unjust view of the matter, and remain-was part of the frame of a distinguished and trust and love to the check of one wife as she and "Charlotte Journal," commanding the said De-fendant to appear at our next Superior Court of as injurious to our cause as it is untrue. It is to the statesman and member of this House, a man of ge-again pillowed it in safety, peace, and confidence fendant to appear at our next Superior Court of as injurious to our cause done is united. It is to the Law and Equity to be held for our said County at sober we here appeal. We call upon them to ral-councils of his own. State and where and the county at bosom of her reclaimed and nacouncils of his own State, and whose voice has of tural protector, send one rosy child bounding to the ate to guard the cause of temperance. Shall shame the resounded through this hall, while listening arms of a parent, from whence drunkenness had interpose here? Can the man who loathes the bot-thousands hung with rapture upon its accents. exiled it long, I would dare the ridicule of all the tle, and shrinks appalled from all the degradation to borrors which must have meaning, if we can, the ridiculous people in the world, and thank God that which the bottle leads, blush to profess openly the borrors which must have preceded a fate like that. I had not fived in vain. And, sir, I have had that honorable principles which he practices? You But, sir, this poison stops not with physical destruc- pleasure. who are temperate, how can you withhold your aid tion; it is over the intellectual and moral man that it achieves its greatest triumphs. The erect form, ance? Temperate men refusing to join a temper- the muscular limb, the taper waist--Oh! how they ance society !- withholding their name and influ- change under the transforming touch of this monence!-nay, throwing, by their refusal, the weight ster magician. But it is not the trembling limb, the of both against us! It is unnatural, it is unintelli- bloated body, the bleared and dimmed eye, the slug-AVING thoroughly repaired his Machinery, gible, it is cruel. It is most cruel in those untaint- gish ear, the blotched and ulcerated skin, the poithe subscriber is now ready to execute all or-ders for CARDING WOOL in a very superior of the cause upon its wretched victims, writhing liness, and beauty, which most effectually attest the and struggling with the chain which darkly binds terrible power and mark the wrecks with which their strength, nor stretch out the arm, free and un- the demon strews his path--it is the overthrow of paralyzed by its weight, to aid in rending its links the moral principle, the extinction of conscience, asunder. You (Mr. M. here looked steadfastly and sensibility to what is right and wrong, charity, doearnestly at Mr. Wise)—you incur no risk; you mestic affection, all, all that makes as men, the ut-make no sacrifice; you brave no painful notoriety; mestic affection of the moral elements which hold the your lives are as yet unstained; your good name world together, and the entire implication of the weak and the innocent, the mother, the wife, the inyour unsullied escutcheon. There is no room for fant, in suffering for crimes of which they are the most wretched, yet the guiltless victims. These are the proudest trophies, the most splendid fruits of the victories of the wine cup. Other vices, other no; true dignity surrounds her; the diadem of ho- crimes, leave the physical, the intellectual, the mora lecture just read before the Society by Dr. SEWALL nor sparkles on her brow; and the flowing robes of al man capable of repentance, of amendment, and

> Would, sir, that some of the thrilling confessions and narratives disclosed in those homely associations of ours in a distant part of the city could be heard by this audience, as I have heard them-the confessions and narratives of men whom the indefatigable benevolence of the "Vigilant Society of Total Abstinence" has rescued from the very kendrunkard. I was one of your spreeing ra, old and mild and fragrant and sparking and re-dolent of the true flavor of the cork meetar fit for Why there would not be enough to guard the obgion whose ruin has been to night laid open to our man who thinks that his vast dignity and imporno, no, no. Drunkards? Not they! It is not heretofore won be tarnished, his glowing and all. from such men that we hear in our humble ward conquering popularity at home be lossened, by an grade of fortune, and to every diversity of human down at Mr. Wise who sat just under the Clerk's It does appear to me that, if the loftiest among so. I was not what I was represented to be. 1 the lofty spirits which move and act from day to had and I have shown that I had full power over most fastidious here-could hear the tales I have secure forever from a fate inevitably following habheard, and see the men I have seen, restored, by a its like mine-a fate more terrible than death thing so simple as this temperance pledge, from a That pledge, though confined to myself alone, and state of the most abject outcast, wretchedness, to in- with reference to its only effects apon me, my tenance and support from a cause fraught with such sir ; let the banner of this temperance cause go foractual blessings to mankind. I have heard unlet- ward or go backward---let the world be rescued tered men trace their own history on this subject from its degrading and ruinous bondage to alcohol through all its stages, describe the progress of their or not--- 1 for one shall never repent what 1 ruin and its consequences, paint without the least have done. I have often said this, and I feel it disguise the utmost extent of degradation and suffer- every moment of my existence, waking or sleeping. ing, and the power of appetite, by facts which as- Sir, I would not exchange the physical sensations tonished me-an appetite which triumphed over ev- -- the mere sense of animal being which belongs to to me to see and to hear a free, bold, strong armed, the morning-the sweet repose it yields him at hard-fisted mechanic relate, in his own nervous and night-the feeling with which he drinks in through natural language, the history of his fall and his re- his clear eyes the beauty and the grandeur of surcovery. And I have heard him relate how the rounding nature :- I say, sir, I would not exchange young man was brought up to labor, and expecting my conscious being, as a strictly temperate manby patient toil to support himself and a rising fami- the sense of renovated youth-the glad play with ly, had taken to his bosom in his youth the woman which my pulses now beat healthful music-the whom he loved-how he was tempted to quit her bounding vivacity with which the life-blood courses side, and forsake her society, for the dram shop, the its exulting way through every fibre of my frame frolic, the midnight brawl-how he had resolved, -- the communion high which my healthful ear and and broken his resolutions, till his business forsook eve now hold with all the gorgeous universe of him, his friends deserted him, his furniture seized for God-the splendors of the morning, the softness of debt, his clothing pawned for drink, his wife broken the evening sky--the bloom, the beauty, the verhearted, his children starving, his home a desert, dure of earth, the music of the air and the waters--and his heart a hell. And then, in language true with all the grand associations of external nature, on-I am at work again-I am giving food and destitution, and every element of earthly misery, providing comforts for my children-I am free, I save only crime, met my waking eye from day to

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Mr. President, it is really astonishing what a prodigiously great man a member of Congress is in the estimation of some people. Now, suppose all those members who are themselves temperate men-and they constitute, thank heave, n an overwhelming majority in both Houses-would by common consent become members of this Congressional Temperance Society, what sort of influence do you suppose it would have both within and without these walls? They would make no sacrifice in doing this, it costs such men nothing, and if they would only do it, I aver that, before the close of this present sesion, we should not have a single drinking character left in either branch of the National Legislature. They never could stand out against it, I know they could not. I was myself about as boll, and as open, and as hardy a soul as ever swallowed a julip. I did not care who saw me drink; and though, as I have already admitted, I joined the temperance society be cause I was scared on my account, and not for the purpose of influencing others, or under the influence of others, yet sure I am, that if all my fellow members who are temperate and joined this association, (for they constitute a majority far greater than is necessary to suspend the rules of the House or to reverse a Presidential veto.) I should have found myself left in so very small and lean a minority, as the drunkard's corps would have amounted to when the line was once drawn between the parties, that I never could have stood the shame. Why, it would be the weakest, meanest, poorest, most contemptible, powerless little faction that ever did appear in Con-

gress. What a figure would half a dozen drunk-

RESPECTFULLY ten- Marshall said: ders his sincere thanks to the citizens of Charlotte and the public in general, for the liberal patronage he has received; and hopes by strict atten-



Charlotte, April 12, 1842.



Which were purchased at unusually low prices, And will be sold to suit the hard times, or at least as low as any concern in this section of country. His stock consists of all kinds of Goods usually kept in a country store. He has also a large stock of Groceries, which will be sold at reduced prices. Persons wishing to purchase goods for CASH,

will find it to their interest to call and examine his



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EDWARD BURAGE. December 7, 1841. 39...F

#### State of North Carolina,

MECKLENBURG COUNTY. Superior Court of Law, February Term, 1842.

MARY N. TETER US. ELAM J. TETER. Petition for Divorce.

an inhabitant of this State : It is therefore Ordered, that publication be made for three months successively in the "Mecklenburg Jeffersonian," and "Charlotte Journal," commanding the said Defendant to appear at our next Superior Court of Law and Equity to be held for our said County at the be taken pro confesso, and the petition heard ex-

Witness, Jennings B. Kerr, Clerk of our said Court at office, the 4th Monday in February, 1842. Issued the 26th of April, 1842.

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self-defence.

Sir, if there be within this Hall an individual meetings. No. They are the once wretched but act designed to redeem any portion of his colleagues now rescued victims of what, in our Western world, or fellow-men from ruin and shame, all I can say is called "white faced whiskey"-children of the is, that he and I put a very different estimate upon lowest intemperance who there appear. This ty- the matter. I should say, sir, that the act was not rant alcohol, like him of whom it is no unapt rep- only the most benevolent, but, in the present state of resentative, can suit its temptations to men of every opinion, the most politic, the most popular, (looking condition. He holds out an appropriate lure to ev- stand, Mr. M. added with a smile,) the very Wisest ery taste, and draws within his fatal snare the high thing he ever did in his life. Think not, sir, (said and the low, the learned and the unlearned, the vul- Mr. M., still regarding Mr. W. with great earnestgar and the refined. It is to the story of the hum. ness,) think not that I feel myself in a ridiculous ble and the poorer who have been reformed by means situation, and, like the fox in the fable, wish to difashion. Not so; by my honor as a gentleman, not