

North Carolina Whig.



CHARLOTTE:

WEDNESDAY, July 20, 1853.

EF WILLIAM THOMPSON, Esq., is our agent in Baltimore, authorized to obtain advertisements and subscriptions, and to grant receipts.

EF E. W. GARR, Esq., is our agent in Philadelphia, authorized to obtain advertisements and procure subscriptions.

EF V. H. Palmer, Esq., is our authorized agent to receive advertisements and subscriptions at his office in Boston, New York and Philadelphia.

FOR CONGRESS.

JAMES W. OSBORNE,
of Mecklenburg County.

CANDIDATES FOR CLERK.

We are authorized to announce HUGH F. McKNIGHT, Esq., as a candidate for the Office of County Court Clerk at the ensuing August election.

The friends of WM. K. REID, take great pleasure in announcing his name to the People of the County of Mecklenburg, as a candidate for the Office of County Court Clerk, at the ensuing August election.

We are authorized to announce HUGH M. HOUSTON, Esq., as a candidate for re-election to the office of Superior Court Clerk of Union County, at the ensuing August election.

We are authorized to announce JENNINGS B. KERR, Esq., as a candidate for re-election to the office of Superior Court Clerk of Mecklenburg county, at the ensuing August election.

We omitted to call attention to Messrs. Ellis & Cohen's advertisement last week. See it. Persons wishing cheap Summer Goods would do well to call.

Hon. William A. Graham.

The Hon. William A. Graham passed through this place on Monday last, en route to his term in York District, S. C.

Public Favors.

We are indebted to the Hon. Alfred Dockery for a copy of Owen's Geological Survey of Wisconsin, Iowa, and Minnesota, and other valuable public documents.

The Season and Crops.

General John A. Young, of this place, who has been on an extensive tour in the West and South West, has just returned, and brings with him a favorable report of the state of the crops, in those parts of the country where the crops have not been too far advanced to be benefited by the rains which have fallen since the days of July. But this, he says, was unfortunately the case in Ga. and South Carolina, their crops having nearly matured in the parching drought of the early part of the season.

Mr. Osborne's Prospects.

We have not as yet been favored with a copy of last week's *Wadesboro Argus*, nor will we learn through the favor of a friend that Mr. Osborne made one of his greatest speeches there last week before a large audience, and that he will get the largest vote that ever was polled for one man in those stirring Whig counties, Anson and Stanly. If the friends of distribution as all the other members of the District will only have the manliness and patriotism to go to the polls on the 4th of August, Mr. Osborne will be elected from five hundred to one thousand votes of a majority. Truly upon it, there is no mistake about it.

Distribution in North Carolina.

In every Congressional District in the State, there is a candidate, or candidate, in the field in favor of distribution. The Whig candidates are in favor of it and are pressing it upon the consideration of the people, and a large portion of the Democratic party, not satisfied with the advocates of the Democratic party, on this subject, have brought out candidates of their own party favorable to this measure, and are pressuring their election with great earnestness and zeal. This proves the great popularity of the measure, and shows that the old Rip Van Winkle of the South will wake up once in every century to assert and regulate her peculiar rights.

Mr. Craige in 1836.

We earnestly invite the attention of all parties in this Congressional District, to a letter in this paper, written by Mr. Craige in 1836, to the Committee of arrangements, who superintended the Whig organization in Orange county, which was given up to nominating Edward B. Dudley's son over Mr. Spaight in the Congressional caucuses of that year. It will be seen from this letter, that at that day Mr. Craige was one of the most rigid and uncompromising Whigs in the State of North Carolina. The great interests of the country were prostrate, and bleeding at every pore from the wounds inflicted upon them by the pernicious administration of the dictator, General Jackson, and the approaching election of Mr. Van Buren was pending before the people. It was the first time in the history of North Carolina, that the election of a Governor had been submitted to the people, and much excitement prevailed in the country on the subject of politics, both State and National. At that day, Mr. Craige's unostentatious temperance to denounce the Democratic party as the *bane* of the country, and to denounce the Whig party, but it infected not only the party itself, but also the great political principles of the fathers of our nation. It was the first time in the history of North Carolina, that the election of a Governor had been submitted to the people, and much excitement prevailed in the country on the subject of politics, both State and National. At that day, Mr. Craige's unostentatious temperance to denounce the Democratic party as the *bane* of the country, and to denounce the Whig party, but it infected not only the party itself, but also the great political principles of the fathers of our nation.

"corrupt people." Oh, beware then! and take away the public lands from the *Federal Government*. Take away this "source of power, wealth, and distinction," lest "the power to do harm should remain in the Executive branch of the Government;" and lest the Democratic party should continue to act upon the principle, "that to the victors belong the spoils." Be it remembered that Mr. Craige is now acting in full fellowship with the party which, at the date of this letter, he so bitterly denounced for its corruption; and that, at that time, he entertained no "constitutional scruples" against the doctrine of distribution. Truly, "a change has come o'er the spirit of his dream," and "the cohesive power of public plowmen" has had a wonderful attraction for Mr. Craige's political affinities.

Saturday, September 8th, 1836.

Gentlemen.—Years of the 30th ultimo, inviting me, in behalf of the citizens of the county of Orange, to participate with them on the 17th inst. in the celebration of the recent triumph of wing principles in this State, reached me a few days since. Engagements that may be important, however, prevented me from accepting the invitation, but I did feel in my heart that the service I should do the 11th of August was a proud day to North Carolina, and no one would be more gratified than I would in the celebration of the victory the wing party that day achieved. It is a source of gratification to me which I cannot express, and must be so to every wing in North Carolina, that the descendants of those who were the first to declare their independence of a *foreign* foe, on the 11th of August proved their statement to the world of principles by vindicating the independence of a *native* people.

The gratification must be greatly heightened by the reflection that the latter is a far more dangerous foe than the former, because it works in secret; because it stealthily attempts to undermine the pedestal upon which our liberties rest; while the other boldly made an assault upon liberty itself. The one was resisted because it was *seen*, because no evil was thrown over the daring outrage upon the rights of man; the other cannot be seen, and the wing has persecuted the wing from making any attempt to lift them, and expose them to an injured people, all the corruption beneath. That this is not the creature of imagination; that such a foe does exist; that this has for years been at work; that it has made secret assaults upon our liberties by attempting to corrupt and destroy the morals of the community, the great base upon which they stand, none can doubt. 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