

to abolish the electoral colleges, and restore the vote for President directly to the people. It would enable every man in the Union to cast his ballot for the person that public discussion and his own obvious qualities might put out as the most deserving. But we fear that an amendment of the constitution is not feasible; a conservative dread of innovations—in other respects will, for a long time, prevent any reform of that instrument. It is fortunate, therefore, that we are not left to one mode of redress, and that there is another, less direct, but probably no less effective. We mean, the stripping of the creature office of its extraneous patronage &c. Cut off the power of the office, and you're so far diminish the dangers of an improper election. Let the appointment of the sixty or seventy thousand office holders dependent on that mastodon of monopoly, the post-office, be rendered to the people, or the monopoly be abolished; let the appointment of numerous and active agents of political intrigue, the custom house subordinates, be also rendered to the districts in which they serve;—let the expenditures of the treasury be confined strictly to the legitimate objects of government, and not extended to special schemes and private plunder,—and a most powerful arm of corruption, an imminent and abiding danger, will have been removed. The distribution of fifty millions of dollars a year, and the allotment of a hundred thousand offices, are the objects which have filled our parties with violence, fraud, and corruption, and swelled the federal authority into the monstrous proportions of a despotism.—*Illustrated Journal*.

North Carolina Whig.



CHARLOTTE:

Tuesday Afternoon, October 4, 1853.

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

LT. E. W. CARR, Esq., is our agent in Philadelphia, authorized to obtain advertisements and private subscriptions.

LT. F. W. Palmer, Esq., is our authorized agent to receive advertisements and subscriptions at his office in Boston, New York and Philadelphia.

The Junior Editor is absent and the press of other engagements have prevented the Senior from giving any attention to the Editorial Department.

New Cotton

Begins to come in, some 15 or 20 bales having been sold during the past week at \$1 a bale.

More New Advertisements.

We hope that our friends in the Country will excuse us for calling on them so often in behalf of our merchants, but really we are now making such great exertions to accommodate a large country custom that we feel that we are doing a good service to our countrymen as well as the merchants by noticing their advertisements editorially, especially at this time of the year when the business season is just commencing, and we have nothing else to write about.

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Our Messrs. Williams, Dixon & Co. are now receiving and opening their Store's most splendid Show of Goods, equal if not superior to any we have ever seen in this market, and buyers would do well to call and examine, as their motto is "Quick sales and short profits."

By the way, when we noticed the stock of Irwin Huggins & Co. recently, we had not seen enough to make good to do them justice. Since then we have availed ourselves of this pleasure, and can emphatically say that they have the best stock of goods ever brought to this market, selected with a degree of taste that must please a large proportion of their customers.

Central Rail Road.

As some of our readers may be interested in knowing how far south we have run, in order to give some idea of our progress, we copy the following article from the Asheville Spectator:

RAILROAD SURVEY.
On the 2d instant Mr. T. S. Garrett, principal engineer on this line, at Scranton, Colo., went westward with the reconnaissance down the French Broad to the Tennessee line; Mr. Garrett returned from this place to the surveying party. We understand from Mr. Garrett that we will continue the survey across the mountains at the Scranton Gap, and ascertain the practicability of a tunnel without portal. He will then return to the survey in the N. C. R.R., which will now be completed, and after that, via another Assistant will come on to complete the survey of the Great Smoky Mts.

We are happy to learn, from Col. Guyton, who returned here on Tuesday evening, that he has begun the construction of a Railroad down the French Broad Valley to the Tennessee line and is nearly practicable; indeed more so than he has been led to suppose. We also learn that the instrumental survey was presented to Congress, and is now before the House of Representatives, and that the bill will be introduced into the Senate, and the bill will be passed, and the bill will be signed by the President, and complete the survey as far as the Great Smoky Mts.

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MACAULAY'S HISTORY OF ENGLAND.

The N. Y. Times says: We learn, from good authority, that the third volume of Macaulay's History of England—which has been announced as just upon the eve of publication—cannot be ready before the Fall of 1854. We have reason to believe, moreover, that the story of Macaulay's life in the habit of taking opium to excess, which is now going the rounds of the press, in an entire fabrication.

CONTRABANI GOODS.

Irish linens and other goods, which Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe brought with her baggage from England, it is said, have been seized by the New York custom house officers as contraband.

NORTH CAROLINA ASYLUM.

Dr. E. C. Fisher, of Richmond, Virginia, has been appointed superintendent of the North Carolina Lunatic Asylum.

The Chinese insurgents punish smokers of opium by beheading, and those who use to smoke by the bamboo.

CONSIGNEES PER RAILROAD.

Murphy & H. W. A. & C. Allison & B. K. P. Harris & Co. & Fink & Co., Phifer & Y. R. King & S. Blackwell & Co., Slade, K. & Co., Seiter & M. H. B. Gruber, Hoke & M. Murphy, M. R. Co., W. B. & B. F. Wether, J. W. Strother, J. H. Hodges, Co. & James & R. Reid, W. Dixon, Telos G. M. Co., J. P. Henderson, J. Reid & B. B. & E. Myers, J. C. Jenkins, Clegg & R. A. H. Moore, S. & Wetherby, Barnhardt, M. & Co., Carroll & Co., E. Graham, Murphy & H. S. & Weddington, A. George, E. M. Querry, J. C. & J. Caples, J. B. Gordon, Jenkins, & Co., R. F. Simpson & Co., Wm. Fraz, B. Jett, S. & S. C. Alexander, Long, J. & Co., Brown & L. A. C. Fidewell, Shook & B. J. A. Hamson, C. Hickerson, Houston & J. C. Hemphill, Miller, L. & Co., S. M. S. Tabbs, M. Brown & S. M. Boyer, Lanes & F. Hart & M. W. Banes, Lanes & E. S. Hartnett, S. W. Stamps, Redmon & H. J. D. Beeson & L. R. J. McDowell, H. B. Carter & Co., J. H. & W. Willing, H. Kirkpatrick, Murphy & B. W. Ransour & Co., C. N. Price.

THE COSTA AFFAIR.

We find the following further details of Secretary Marey's letter in the despatches of the Charleston papers:

The Washington Union publishes the letter of the Chevalier Hulsemann relative to the Costa affair, and Secretary Marey's reply.

The Union says that the French Cabinet had expressed its disapprobation of the pro-

ceedings of Austria in the matter, but that England remained neutral.

The Chevalier Hulsemann takes the ground that Costa was seized by virtue of treaties existing between Turkey and Austria, and that no satisfactory evidence has been produced of Costa being an American citizen, and therefore claims him as an Austrian subject, and demands reparation for the conduct of Commander Ingraham.

Secretary Marey in reply maintains the right of any subject to dis-patriate itself, and claims that Costa was without the jurisdiction of Austria, and that therefore the seizure of that individual was unlawful, as he denies the existence of any treaties between Austria and Turkey by the authority of which it could have been effected.

Mr. Marey then proceeds to show that Costa possesses the national character of an American, he having by virtue of his domicile in the United States and his sworn declaration to become a citizen, and holding a letter of protection as an American citizen, granted him by the United States Consul at Constantinople.

Mr. Marey having disposed of these points, justifies the conduct of Commander Ingraham, and concludes by declining to comply with the demands made in the letter of the Chevalier Hulsemann, and expressing his expectation that the Emperor of Austria will take measures to restore Costa to the same condition he was when arrested.

AN OUTRAGE.

It will be perceived by an advertisement in our present issue, over the signature of our Sheriff, Col. John C. Ramey, that a small negro boy is now in his possession, in this place, who says that he was caught upon the road, near his master's residence, by two wagers, who ganged, blindfolded, and concealed him in their wagon, and carried him some distance—how far he knows not—when he escaped, and found himself near the plantation of Mr. George McCutchen, in our district. The boy seems to be quite intelligent and gives apparently a correct statement of the whole transaction. He says he belonged to a Mr. McGee, a house painter, and his master lived near some town where he often saw the smoke and heard the whistle of the ears; but as he had been bought by Ramey only a few weeks before he was stolen away, he does not know the name of the town where his master resides. He says that the widow McCullum and John Seagler are near neighbors of his master. If this boy's statement is true, our citizens should be on the alert, and endeavor to arrest the unprincipled scoundrels who have been guilty of this gross outrage. It certainly merits the severest punishment. We sincerely hope the offenders will be ferreted out, and be made to suffer for their unprincipled and impudent conduct.

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"When the wise Government of a great nation—a Government worthy of respect for its virtues—goes into mourning, lamenting with its people the death of one of its citizens, that citizen truly must have been a great man! And the privation of a great man is an irreparable loss to all mankind. We are sorry to see that we are doing so in order that we have really never seen a more splendid and varied display of styles and qualities of Fall and Winter goods, especially those which are intended to adorn and beautify the fair of our land. Although these goods appear to be of a superior style and quality, yet their Ladies Dress goods equal any that we have seen in many respects. See their advertisements in this paper.

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