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CHARLOTTE: Tuesday, April 26, 1859.

An Apology. The Editor being necessarily absent, on a tour to Lenoir, we hope our readers will overlook any deficiency they may detect in this department.

Cold Weather. We have been visited this week with several of the coldest snaps of the season. On Friday afternoon last, we had quite a thunder-storm accompanied with rain and hail.

The Wheat Crop. The prospects of the wheat crop, if not injured by the late rain and frost, is very promising. We have accounts from different parts of the country as to this crop and they all agree that the prospects of a large yield are good.

The Whig Convention. Our readers will perceive that this convention meets at Charlotte on the 20th of May, for the purpose of nominating a candidate to represent this 7th congressional district of North Carolina in the next Congress of the United States.

Fire in Columbia. On Saturday morning the residence of Mr. Tom Harley, located near Stark's Hill, was accidentally fired, and the dwelling with its contents consumed.

Whig Meeting in Anson. In pursuance of a call published in the Argus, the Whigs of Anson met at the Court House on the 12th inst. It was truly an old-fashioned 1840 Whig rally.

Stokley's Trial, &c. The trial of this gentleman is drawing to a close. The counsel for the defendant has been attempting to prove Mr. Stokley's insanity at the time of Mr. Key's death.

St. Louis, April 21. FROM FIRE'S PEAK, MEXICO, &c.—The Republican states that a secret movement is going on among the Pike's Peakers, for the organization of an expedition to take possession of Sonora and Chihuahua.

THE JAPANESE MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES.—We mentioned yesterday that the Japanese Minister to ratify the treaty recently made with the United States, accompanied by a large suite, is expected at Washington in June next.

THE U. S. FRIGATE NIAGARA.—A private examination was made on Friday last at the Brooklyn Navy Yard on the United States steam frigate Niagara, which has just been put in the dry dock.

FROM THE FAYETTEVILLE OBSERVER. APRIL 1st, 1859. Mrs. E. J. Holt & Son.—It is known to almost every person that we have in Richmond County what is called the 'Scotch Fair', and that persons from all parts of the State, and from other States, make it a place of resort for the purpose of gambling in all its various forms.

THE ANNUAL COST OF A MEMBER OF CONGRESS.—The Washington Union [now changed to the Constitution], the official organ of President Buchanan, makes the following statement in relation to the expenses of Congress:

A NEW SIGN OF THE TIMES.—The Newark (N. J.) Mercury records, with a good deal of apparent satisfaction, the case of a lady of the highest respectability, young and fair, who was overtaken, on a dark night, walking from one town in New Jersey to another, and being asked if she was not afraid, replied, 'Oh, no, I have carried a pistol for two years past, and I am never afraid.' What a womanly character! how fit for a gentle wife and more gentle mother!

PAUL MORPHY.—We learn by the last 'Spirit of the Times' that the proposed testimonial of the York Chess Club to Paul Morphy on his return to this country, (which will be, it is said in April) has now assumed this definite shape: The members of the Club, (aided by such outside contributions as may be offered,) will give the King of Chess a public dinner, a magnificent American gold watch, a set of gold and silver chess men, watch, a velvet and gold cushion, a surpasse in the world, with a richly inlaid chess board to match, together with a gold medal, commemorative of his European triumphs—the whole not to be less than 2,500.

A HEAVY DAY AT THE NEW YORK POST OFFICE.—Wednesday last will be remembered in the New York post-office. The foreign letters dispatched were 35,187; the foreign letters received per Niagara, Kanagawa, and Pavia were 72,490; and to these 90,000 for domestic, sent and received, and we have a total of nearly 200,000 letters, making the largest and heaviest day's work ever known in the post-office.

PURCHASE OF THE YACHT AMERICA.—The Paris correspondent of the New York Times writes that:—Mr. Leonard W. Jerome, of New York, is bargaining for the purchase of the celebrated yacht America, the conqueror at the World's Exhibition at London in 1851.—This yacht was bought from Mr. Stevens, of Hoboken, her builder, by Lord de Malmesbury, who sold her to the Messrs. Pritchard, ship-builders at Northfleet, on the Thames, two miles above Gravesend. Lord Templeton sunk the yacht by accident, near the yard of the Messrs. Pritchard, and it was only after she had lain in that condition some time, that she was bought by these gentlemen.

It is probable that the sum paid for her was insignificant, but Lord Templeton has asked for and obtained the first promise for purchase after the loss again been put in repair. If Lord Templeton does not insist upon the purchase of the boat, and it is thought he will not, the Messrs. Pritchard will accept the terms offered by Mr. Jerome. If bought by Mr. J. she will be taken back to the United States.

CONSIGNEES PER CHARLOTTE AND S. C. RAIL ROAD, FROM THE 15th TO THE 25th APRIL. J. McLeod 11 packages, Craig & Henderson 25 packages, J. H. Greenlee 44 packages, S. H. Houston & Co 14 packages, J. Ramour & Co 37 packages, W. B. Halgherton 1 package, J. Harper & Son 11 packages, J. Hillebrand 1 package, Barabard & M. 10 packages, W. M. Hammond 12 packages, J. B. Siebel 29 packages, A. Halland 2 packages, J. G. Ballew 1 package, Buxley & V. 1 package, Barlett, G. & Co. 6 packages.

REMARKS ON THE FARMERS' BANK NOTES.—We are gratified to learn that the stockholders at their meeting in this place on Monday last, made ample provision for redeeming their notes immediately. The stockholders decree credit for the promissory notes which they held, and confidence in the Bank will be at once restored, and the community saved from any further loss or inconvenience on account of depreciation of the Elizabeth City notes. By reference to our advertising columns it will be seen that this bank is now ready to furnish checks at one half the premium charged at other Banks in this place.—Greenleaf's Patriot.

CIRCUMSTANCES AROUND CASES.—A great loss was made some months ago by a story trumped up to injure him, that Hon. John A. Gilmer had been congratulated by Giddings; and more recently the same gentleman has been bitterly abused for franking the speeches of W. H. Seward. Some time since, when it became known that Hon. H. Stephens, a Democratic member of Congress, was about to retire, a public dinner was tendered him. Among the names appearing in the invitation is that of W. H. Seward. We have not seen any free made about this in our North Carolina exchanges, though according to their rule (when Whigs are concerned) it is undoubtful evidence that Mr. Stephens is an abolitionist.—Fayetteville Observer.

OBITUARIES OF THE TOWN OF CHARLOTTE, and former Boards of Commissioners. Compiled from the Minutes of the Town of Charlotte, and is hereby published by the order of the Board of Commissioners, for the purpose of being kept on file in the Town Hall, and for the use of the public. It is published by the Board of Commissioners, for the purpose of being kept on file in the Town Hall, and for the use of the public.

TO PLANTERS. COTTON GINS, of the best quality, with 10 or 12 bolls, arranged at the State Fair, November 1858. For particulars apply to J. M. ELLIOT, Wilmington, S. C. April 19, 1859. For prospectus forwarded at the State Fair, November 1858. J. M. E. SUREPENSAS for sale at this office.