PRACTICAL ABOLITIONISM.—A number of prominent Abolitionists from the east who are in attendance upon the Evangelical Abolitionist Convention, now in session in this city, are stopping at the Richmond House. Amongst them are the Rev. Gen. R. Cheever, of New York. Yesterday, at dinner, a negro was discovered at the table, sitting at the left of Brother Cheever, while at his right sat a couple of Boston ladies. Some ladies at another part of the table called the attention of Mr. Tabor, one of the proprietors, to the fact, and expressed the very common feeling among persons not practical abolitionists, that it was not agreeable to sit at dinner in company with a negro. Mr. Tabor at once directed one of the black waiters to have the black removed, and it was done accordingly. The Abolitionists, among whom the negro was sitting manifested great sympathy for the black, and demanded feelingly if the rules of the house banished him from the company of his friends and companions at the public table. Upon being informed that such was the case, they were constrained to acquiesce. On leaving the dinner table, a Baron Abolitionist found the negro whimpering in the hall, and, to soothe the deep sorrow of his heart, put his arm around the black fondly caressing him. This disgusting manœuvre was performed in the presence of a considerable number of gentlemen, and excited anything but respect for the individual who thus sought to advertise his political sentiments. How the negro came to be at the table could not be ascertained. Cheever occupied the head of the table, the negro his left, and the ladies his right.—*Chicago Times, 18th.*

PHILADELPHIA SYMPATHY.—A correspondent of the Lancaster (S. C.) *Ledger* writes from Philadelphia:

"I cannot but relate a circumstance which occurred here on the morning after my arrival. I saw a negro man in front of the hotel, apparently in deep distress. I approached him and asked what he wished; and he said he desired to see the butler of the hotel, to get one dollar from him to carry him to Savannah, Georgia; that it was impossible for to live here, as he could get no employment, and must starve if he staid.—He stated that his master had set him free, for certain services rendered to him; that he could not give him his freedom in Georgia, and that was why he was here; but that he preferred to live in Georgia till the day of his death, than to live in Philadelphia in freedom; and that he only wished one dollar now, so that he could take the boat for Savannah, and get his old master to take him back. There seemed to be no sympathy for this poor wretch in the "Quaker City." He was free to starve; but had it been a fugitive slave escaped from his master, mobs would have been around to protect him, and if his master got on his trail, and attempted to rescue him in Philadelphia, he would have been mobbed.—Beautiful Government to suffer such things! Great people in Philadelphia, and sometimes—very! starve a free negro because he is "not property," and run off a slave from his master because "he is property," and when they get him so far out of the reach of the owner that he cannot get possession of him, starve him, too!"

DEPARTURE OF THE "SHAKERHEAD" NEGROES.—On Sunday last, a crowd of not less than one thousand negroes, assembled on the basin, to take leave of the negroes belonging to the estate of the late Mrs. Francis B. Shackleford, of Amherst county, who in accordance with the will of the deceased, were about to depart by way of the canal, for a free State. The whole number set free was forty four, men women and children, but only thirty-seven left, the balance preferring to remain in servitude in Old Virginia, rather than enjoy their freedom elsewhere. Some of those who did leave, were thrown on the boat by main force, so much opposed were they to leaving, and many expressed their determination of returning to Virginia as soon as an opportunity offered. Many were the well wishes tendered the departing negroes by the crowd assembled and when the boats started from their moorings, the freed negroes struck up "Carry me back to Old Virginny," which was joined in by one and all, and in a tone which indicated plainly that if left to their own free will, they would gladly spend the remainder of their days in servitude in the home of their birth. The negroes for several years past have been under the charge of Mr. H. H. Lewis, the Executor, who supervised their removal out of the State.—*Lynchburg Rep.*

WANTS TO COME BACK.—In the police court, recently, at Cincinnati, a negro named John Stewart was arraigned on a charge of stealing clothing. He said he was guilty, out of funds, friends, and food, and had taken this course to provide himself with the necessaries of life. He stated in court that a short time since he was a slave in Raleigh, N. C., and was persuaded to purchase his freedom, though false allegations held out to him, and remote to this. He did so, paying $900 to his master, and here is what he thinks of Ohio: "Since I came here I have been kicked about and abused by all classes of men. Can't get work from no one, and to borrow money to get bread with that is out of the question. I did a great deal better there than I ever did here." He was sentenced to the chain-gang at hard labor for one month, and pay the cost of prosecution.—*Wil. Herald.*

A BOLD ADMISSION.—The Somerville (Tenn.) Democrat, in its defence of Douglas against charges brought by its Democratic brethren of the South, makes an admission we were not prepared to hear. It says:

"They say he is a more dangerous foe to the South than Seward. If he is, *the united Democracy of the North are more dangerous enemies to the South than the Black Republicans; the whole Northern Democracy, with a very few exceptions, occupy the precise position of Judge Douglas.*"

This is just what we have all along charged—that the Northern Democracy were as unsound as Douglas—that he is a fit representative of their principles—and that, while they are as "dangerous enemies to the South as the Black Republicans," they will have to nominate Douglas at Charleston to secure the vote of these "dangerous enemies."—*Rich. Wing.*

REPORTED SPECULATION.—It is stated that an investigation is now going on in the Agricultural Bureau, at Washington, where a deficit is said to exist of $100,000. No wonder. Stealing is the order of the day among office holders at Washington and North of that.—*Fay. Ob.*

☞ The Bank of Cape Fear has declared a semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent.

North Carolina Whig.

CHARLOTTE:

Tuesday, November 1. 1859.

☞ R. R. Wakefield, Esq., of Lenoir, has consented to act, and is our authorized agent. He will receive orders for the Whig, blanks or advertisements, and receipt for the same. Any persons subscribing who pay to him within three months will receive the Whig for two dollars.

☞ We learn that a change has taken place in the schedule of the Express train on the Charlotte & S. C. Railroad. Hereafter it will leave Columbia at 4½ o'clock P. M. and reach Charlotte at 10 A. M.

Rail Road Meeting.

We are requested to state that a rail road meeting favorable to the Atlantic, Tennessee and Ohio Rail Road, will be held at the *Hall of the sons of Temperance at Hopewell*, on Saturday the 5th of November next. All persons interested are respectfully invited to be present. Gen. Jno. A. Young and several other Speakers are expected to be present.

Mecklenburg Agricultural Fair.

The Annual Fair of the Mecklenburg Agricultural Society commenced on the 26th and closed on the 28th ult.

On the first day there were over 500 articles on exhibition, and from the manifestations exhibited by the people generally, we may confidently say that the Fair is a "grand fact." The fences of the Grounds is very fine and by another year will be put in admirable order, so that it will favorably compare with any other Fair Ground in the State.

Thursday seemed to be considered the "big day" of the Fair, for, although there was quite a good attendance on Wednesday, on Thursday morning the people began to pour into Charlotte from every quarter, and the number happened to be on the Fair Ground on that day was 5,000—the Ladies making a goodly portion of the number.

The articles in the Ladies Department seemed to be unusually large and manifested a determination on their part to aid by their handy-work and their presence to make the occasion stand unrivaled, and in subject to old.

The exhibition of stock was also very large and we hear it given as the opinion of persons who attended the State Fair, that *that* stock was on exhibition here than in Raleigh.

THE ADDRESS.

At 11 o'clock Gen. Jno. A. Young, the Chairman of the Executive Committee, introduced to the crowd the *Hon.* D. M. Barringer, who was received with three cheers. As we have, by an arrangement with the *Daily Bulletin*, laid the Address before our readers, they can judge of its merits by a perusal.

Our own State was *largely* represented and a goodly number was from South Carolina. And may we have many similar Fairs.

On Friday, the last day, there was a very large attendance, each eager to ascertain who were the lucky individuals that obtained the premiums.

At 10 o'clock, Gen. Young, the Chairman of Executive Committee, proceeded to award the Premiums, a list of which, with the name of the recipient, is given below:

STALLIONS.

To Thos S Neely of York District, S. C., for best Stallion, Argyle, 6 years old, 1st premium, silver Castor. To Adam Gordon, Lancaster District, for 2d best Stallion, 2d premium, silver Goblet.

HORSES.

To Jas B Robinson, for best brood Mare, first premium, silver Castor. To C E Bell and J S Neely, 2d best premium, silver cup each.

To Dr J M Strong, for best pair harness Horses, silver Butter Dish. To J M Potts, for 2d best pair harness 15 mos. 2d premium, pair silver goblets.

To Wm M Mathews for best single harness Horse, N. C. raised, 1st premium, silver cake basket. To B B Smith for 2d best harness Horse, 2d premium, silver cup.

To W T Scott, for best single harness Horse, first premium, silver card basket. To Dr W S Wallis, for 2d best harness horse, 2d premium, silver cup.

To Jno J Hoover of Cabarrus, for best saddle Horse, first premium, silver Bell Knife. To Jos Moore of Lancaster Dist, for 2d best saddle horse, 2d premium, silver cup.

To Thos S Neely of York Dist, for best horse foal, under one year old, first premium, silver cup. To Jno F McKay, for the 2d best colt, one year old, "Forney."

To Jno S Neely, for best Filly under one year old, first premium, silver cup.

To Jas H Davis, for best horse colt over 2 years old, first premium, silver goblet. To Jno K Alexander, for 2d best colt over 2 years, 2d premium, silver cup.

To Col. Thos I Grier, for best horse colt, under two years old, first premium, silver Goblet. To John M McLeod, 2d best horse colt, under two years old, 2d premium, silver cup.

To J M Potts, for best Filly, under 2 years, first premium, silver card basket. To A A Kennedy, 2d best Filly under 2 years, silver goblet.

To Jno B Robinson, for best Filly, under 3 years, first premium, silver card basket. To Dr J M Strong, for 2d best Filly under 3 years, 2d premium, silver cup. To Jos Stowe, of Gaston, for a Filly, premium, silver cup.

To Thos S Neely, for best Filly, under 4 years, first premium, silver cake knife. To J M Potts, for 2d best Filly, 2d premium, silver goblet.

To Geo Wm C Means of Lancaster, for best stock Horse, first premium, silver cake knife. To G W Rose of Cabarrus, for 2d best stock Horse, 2d premium, silver cup.

TROTTING HORSES.

To Dr J Miller, for best pair Trotting Horses, first premium, silver card basket.

To the Morgan horse "Black Dan" of Vermont, owned single harness horse, first premium, silver goblet.

To G C Howie, of Cabarrus, fastest active trotting horse, first premium, silver goblet. To John O King, 2d fastest trotting horse, 2d premium, silver cup.

JACKS, JENNETS AND MULES.

To J M Potts, for best Jacks, premium, silver napkin rings. To E C Davidson, for 2d best Jacks, silver goblet.

To J M Potts, for best Jennet, first premium, silver cake knife.

To W T Scott, for best pair Mules, first premium, silver cake knife. To Dr J M Strong, for 2d best pair of Mules, 2d premium, silver tea bell.

To Jas L Grier, for best Mule under 3 years old, first premium, silver cup. To Chas J Harris, of Cabarrus, for 2d best Mule, 2d premium, silver cup.

To C E Bell, for best Mule colt under two years, first premium, silver cup. To J N Rose, for 2d best, 2d premium, silver cup.

To Dr J M Strong, for best Mule colt under one year, first premium, silver cup.

To J M Potts, for best Jennet colt, premium, silver napkin ring.

THOROUGH-BRED CATTLE.

To A B Davidson, for best Durham Bull, first premium, pair silver waiters.

To E C Davidson, for best Durham Bull, one year old, first premium, silver cup.

To A B Davidson, for best Durham heifer, one year old, first premium, a book.

To J Springs Davidson, for best Durham heifer, 3 years old, first premium, silver fish knife.

To W R Holt of Davidson, (Pres't of N. C. State Society,) for best Devon Bull, first premium, silver card basket. To Edwin R Harris of Cabarrus, for 2d best Devon Bull, 2d premium, silver cup.

To C W Hoyle, of Gaston county, for best Devon bull under 3 years, first premium, silver goblet.

To T S Neely, of York Dist, for best Ayreshire Bull, first premium, silver cup.

To J M Potts, for best grade bull, 2d premium, a book.

To E C Davidson, for best grade bull, one year old, 1st premium, a book.

To Gen W C Means of Cabarrus, for best Durham heifer, first premium, silver cup.

To J M Davidson, for best Devon heifer, under two years, 1st premium, silver cup.

To C W Hoyle, of Gaston, for best grade heifer under one year, first premium, a book.

To Dr J M Davidson, for best Devon cow, 1st premium, silver fish knife.

To Gen J A Young, for best grade bull, under three years, 1st premium, silver cup.

To P B Chambers, of Iredell, for best grade bull, under three years, 1st premium, silver card basket.

To Maj. R S Young, of Cabarrus, for best lot of Milch cows, and for best single Milch cow—giving 3 gallons and 1 pint per day—1st premium, silver cake basket. To Col R W Alexander, for 2d best lot Milch cows, 2d premium, silver sugar basket.

NATIVE AND GRADE CATTLE.

To L J Grier, for best grade heifer, three years old, first premium, silver card basket.

To W E White, Sr, for best yoke of Oxen, first premium, pair silver candlesticks.

HOGS.

To A A N M Taylor, for best Boar, one year old, first premium, silver fish knife.

To A A N M Taylor, for best Sow and pigs, first premium, silver goblet. To D M Lee, for 2d best sow and pigs, 2d premium, silver cup.

To M N Hoover, for Sweet pork hog, weighing 430 lbs, 1st premium, pair silver candlesticks.

SHEEP.

To W R Holt of Davidson, for best South down Buck, first premium, silver goblet; also for best South-down Ewe lamb, premium, silver cup.

To John A Young, for best pen of South-down Sheep, first premium, silver card basket.

FARM PRODUCTS.

To D F Dixon, for largest yield of Irish potatoes, 510 bushels per acre, first premium, silver goblet.

To J S Davis for largest yield of corn to the acre, first premium, silver sugar basket.

To Dr J M. Strong for largest yield of sweet potatoes, 302 bushels to the acre, first premium, silver fish knife.

To Edwin R Harris of Cabarrus, for best single bushel of white Wheat, first premium, silver cup.

To B W Alexander, for best bushel of bread corn, 1st premium, silver cup.

To J S Davis, for best stock corn, 1st premium, silver cup.

To P H. Chambers of Iredell, for best bushel of Rye, 1st premium, a book.

To M L Wallace for best bag flour, 1st premium, silver cup. To Parks & Wallis for 2d best bag flour, 2d premium, silver napkin ring.

To John Walker for best barrel of flour, silver cup.

To John O King for best tobacco, 1st premium, silver goblet. To S M Howell, for 2d best Tobacco, 2d premium silver cup.

To Thos A Wilson for best Chinese sugar Cane Syrup, 1st premium, silver cup. To J R Alexander, for 2d best Syrup, 2d premium, silver napkin ring.

☞ The Competitors on the yield of Cotton for 1 acre, and on 4 acres, will please hand in their certificates to Gen. Young by the 15th of December, when a premium will be awarded for the crop.

VEGETABLES.

To Mrs J M Hutchison for best half bushel of carrots, first premium, silver cup.

To Mrs M Grier for best half bushel of Parsnips, first premium, silver tea bell.

To C J Harris for best lot of Beets, first premium, silver tea bell. To Mrs M Grier for 2d best lot of Beets, 2d premium, napkin ring.

To C W Hoyle, for best cabbage head, first premium, pair silver butter knives.

To P B Chambers, for best lot of Turnips, first premium, silver cup.

FRUITS.

To Westbrooks & Mendenhall, for largest variety of Apples, first premium, silver goblet. To C W Hoyle, for 2d best lot of Apples, 2d premium, silver cup. Mrs Jane Long exhibited some very fine Pears.

MACHINERY AND FARMING IMPLEMENTS.

To J M Potts, for best road wagon, first premium, silver sugar basket.

To J H Thompson, of Davidson, for two horse wagon and cart combined, first premium, silver goblet.

To C Burnett, of Salisbury, for Wheat Fan, first premium, silver cup.

To S R Clapp, for Straw Cutter, first premium, silver cup. To Boyden & Son, for Straw Cutter, 2d premium, silver butter knife.

To Boyden & Son, for best Corn Sheller, first premium, silver cup.

To J H Thompson, for 3 horse Plough, first premium, silver cup. To Boyden & Son, for 2d best 3 horse Plough, silver cup.

To Boyden & Son, for 2 horse Plough, first and 2d premium, silver goblet.

To J P McGinnis, for best 1 horse Plough, first premium, silver cup. To Boyden & Son, for 2d best 1 horse Plough, 2d premium.

To Boyden & Son, for best Cultivator, first premium, silver goblet.

To Joseph Stanton, for superior harvest cradle, first premium, silver goblet.

To J A Fox, for Eagle Plough, silver goblet.

To S L Bond, of Greenwood, S. C., for an improved Thayer Set Smith's forge, first premium, silver cup.

To J A Fox, for Lathe Machine, Sugar Mill, Hot Rivet, and lot of Castings, first premium silver goblet.

To W E Edwards, of Greensborough, for Corn Sheller, first premium, silver cup.

To Wm Tate & Son, for Marble work, 1st premium, silver cup.

CARRIAGES.

To John Hartly, for best Buggy, first premium, silver cup. To Thos E Brown, of Salisbury, for 2d best Buggy, 2d premium, silver cup. Mr Brown also exhibited a home-made skeleton Buggy.

SADDLES AND HARNESS.

To S M Howell, for Saddle and Harness, premium, silver cup.

BOOTS, SHOES AND LEATHER.

To Ramseur & Seagle, of Lincoln, for best assortment of Leather, first premium, pair silver candlesticks. To R F Simonton, for 2d best assortment of Leather, 2d premium, silver goblet.

To Ramseur & Seagle, for best Sole Leather, first premium, silver goblet. To R F Simonton, of Statesville, for 2d best sole Leather, silver cup. To R F Simonton, for best Upper Leather, silver cup. To R F Simonton, for best kip and calf skin Leather, first premium, pair silver candlesticks.

To Ramseur & Seagle, for best harness Leather, silver cup.

To J Shelly, of Thomasville, for the best assortment of Boots and Shoes, first premium, pair silver candlesticks.

DOMESTIC MANUFACTURES.

To J McDonald & Son, of Concord, for best bale of Cotton Yarn, silver card basket. To Geo W H Neal, for 2d best bale yarn, 2d premium, silver cup.

To Mrs Williamson Wallace, for best hand woven Jeans, first premium, silver tea bell. To Mrs John Beatty, for 2d best Jeans, 2d premium, silver cup.

To Mrs E C Wallace, for best pair home-made Blankets, first premium, silver cup.

To Miss Esther Beatty, for best wool hose, first premium, silver butter knife.

To Mrs Franklin Stafford, for best Carpeting, first premium, pair silver butter knives.

To Miss Emma Ross, for Straw Carpeting, first premium, silver napkin ring.

To Young & Wheaton, for Fulled Casimeres and Twilled Kerseys, first premium, silver cream pitcher.

LADIES' DEPARTMENT.

To C W Hoyle, for best dried Apples, first premium, pair of silver butter knives. To Mrs M Grier, 2d best dried fruit, 2d premium, silver napkin ring.

To Mrs Wm C Means, for best half bushel of dried peaches, first premium, silver butter knife. To Mrs T A Wilson, for 2d best dried peaches, 2d premium, silver napkin ring.

To Mrs Wm C Means, for best grape Jelly, first premium, napkin ring.

To Mrs M. Grier, for Apple and Quince Jelly, and Orange Marmalade, first premium, silver cream pitcher.

To Mrs Wm C Means, for best Crab Apple Preserves, first premium, napkin ring.

To Mrs Rufus Ford, for best Green Meats Preserves, first premium, two napkin rings.

To Mrs Rufus Barwell, for best Pickled Cabbage, best Peach Mango and Cucumber Catsup, first premium, silver cake knife.

To Mrs A C Williamson, for best sweet Pickled Peaches, first premium, silver butter knife.

To Miss Emily Nye, for best loaf of Bread, salt rising, premium, napkin ring. To Miss Nannie Barwell, for best loaf Bread, hop yeast, napkin ring.

To Mrs Dr Strong, for best five pounds Butter, first premium, napkin rings. To Mrs J H Carson, for 2d best Butter, 2d premium, silver tea bell.

To Mrs Edwin Harris, of Cabarrus, for superior Strawberry Wine, first premium, silver tea bell.

To Mrs E C Davidson, for fine Muscatine and native Grape Wines, first premium, silver tea bell.

To Mrs E S Barrett, of Gaston, for best specimen of Needlework (Cloak and coat,) first premium, silver card basket.

To Mrs F Stacy, for Embroidered Shawl, first premium, butter knife.

To Miss M Weir, of Cleaveland, for an Ottoman cover, first premium, napkin ring.

To Miss Thomas, of Thomasville, for an Ottoman cover, premium, silver tea bell.

To Mrs M Henderson, for Child's Dress, first premium, napkin ring.

To Miss Sallie Brown, of Davie, for Embroidered Vest, first premium, silver tea bell.

To Mrs Rufus Ford, for best Needlework, first premium, pair butter knives.

To Mrs J W Osborne, for Linen Embroidery, first premium, pair silver butter knives.

To Miss Hammerschold, of Lincoln, for Cross-Stitch on Canvass, first premium, silver tea bell.

To Mrs M L Wriston, for Sofa Cushion, first premium, pair silver butter knives.

To Mrs Robert Shaw, for Wax Fruit, first premium, napkin ring.

To Mrs S Queens, of Cabarrus, for Hair Work, premium, butter knife.

To Mrs Jas P Irwin, for Child's Cap, first premium, napkin ring.

To Miss Pfiel, for Lady's Hat, first premium, silver butter knife.

To Mrs Robert Shaw, for Embroidered Collar, 1st premium, butter knife.

To Mrs Byerly, for Crochet Tidy, 1st premium, butter knife.

To Miss Sue L Johnston, of Lincoln, Crochet Shawl, 1st premium, silver tea bell.

To Mrs T D Caldwell, for pieced bed Quilt, 1st premium, silver cup.

To Mrs B W Alexander, for double work Counterpane, 1st premium, silver cream pitcher.

To Mrs E S Young for best tox cambles, 1st premium, napkin ring.

To Prof Dellven, for best Oil Paintings, 1st premium, silver cup. To Mrs L H Walker, of Greensborough, for 2d best Oil Painting, 2d premium, silver bell.

To Miss Mary Stewart, for Painting—Indian Summer Scene—1st premium, silver butter knife.

POULTRY.

To J M Potts, for best game chicken, 1st premium, napkin ring.

To Robt F Davidson, for best variety of Fowls, 1st premium, pair napkin rings.

JEWELRY.

To J G Wilkinson & Co. for a set of Jewelry, home-made, premium, silver cup.

To R W Beckwith, for an American manufactured chronometer Watch, made of Mecklenburg county gold, premium, silver cup.

On each day the Big Spring Brass Band attended and enlivened the occasion by the charming strains of their music.

On Friday, before the dispersing of the crowd, Jas. W. Osborne was loudly called for, who addressed the crowd with one of his happiest efforts.

Large Potatoes.

We received last week, from Mr. Hugh Gray, of Union county, two very fine potatoes, of the Louisiana species, one weighing seven and the other 6 pounds, for which he will please accept our thanks. These best the potato, our friend of the Rutherfordton *Enquirer* in hogging about. We were so much elated at the good luck that had befallen us that we must needs send them to the fair, anticipating in our imagination, what a rich treat we would have in eating them. But,

There being many a slip
Between the cup and the lip,

we were disappointed in our pleasure; for not sending to the fair ground as early as we should have done, (but we thought there was any danger of losing them) some person has taken them off, thinking, we suppose, that they had a better right to them than we had. If they were taken in a mistake we hope the person will return them to our office.

We have also to thank Mr. James Denton, of Iredell, for sweet potatoes weighing four pounds.

The Affair at Harper's Ferry.

We learn from our exchanges that many letters have been found which go to show that the affair at *Harper's Ferry* was a deeply laid scheme by some of the abolitionists to aid in murdering the people of the South by causing an insurrection of the negroes. Fortunately for us, the fell intention of these myrmidons did not succeed. But this was not their fault. *They* did everything they could, by collecting money to pay for arms to be put in their hands with which to murder us. We regret that all of them are not in our power, that the just desert of their wanderous intentions could be meted out to them. In our next, we will give some of the letters. Some of them implicate J. R. Giddings, but he denies the charge.

Later reports says, that Seward, Sumner, Hale and Dr. *Howe*, of Boston, were implicated in the matter.

Trial of Brown, &c.

The trial of Brown and his associates was commenced in the Jefferson county Circuit Court, on the 26th ult. The Grand Jury have found true bills against the prisoners, *first*, for conspiring with negroes, to create an insurrection; *second*, treason against the commonwealth of Virginia; and, third, murder. The indictments being read, the prisoners plead "Not Guilty." The Court assigned them counsels and they will have a fair trial.

The Capture of Cook.

Cook, one of the insurgents who escaped from *Harper's Ferry*, was arrested near Chambersburg, Pa., on the 25th ult. His commission signed by Brown, was found on him. *H.* was fully identified and was committed to jail to await the requisition of Gov. Wise. Gov. Packer has ordered him to be given up to Gov. Wise.

HON. LYNN BOYD.—The Vicksburg Sun of the 13th has the following allusion to Hon. Lynn Boyd: Hon. Lynn Boyd, speaker of the House of Representatives, was carried from the Hotel, on Saturday last, to the cars, on his way to Cooper's Well, he is very low and not expected to recover.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 24.

BLOODY ENGAGEMENT WITH INDIANS.—Galveston dates to the 20th have been received.

The Dallas Herald publishes a rumor that Maj. Van Dorn had attacked a body of Indians on Concha river, had lost 40 men, and killed 100 Indians.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 22

DISARMING A COLORED MILITARY COMPANY.—The arms recently furnished to a colored volunteer company in this city, have been taken away by the Adjutant General of Pennsylvania, in consequence of the Harper's Ferry affair.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.—A melancholy accident occurred in Moore county a few days ago. A boy about 13 years of age, the son of John McDonald, while driving mules attached to a threshing machine, was kicked in the head by one of them and died instantly.

Annual Meeting of the Mecklenburg Agricultural Society for 1859.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Oct. 27.

The annual meeting of the Mecklenburg Agricultural Society convened in the Court House in Charlotte at 7 o'clock.

A. B. Davidson, the President, present and presiding. The minutes of the three last meetings were read and adopted.

Col. B. W. Alexander introduced the following resolution to wit:

Resolved, That the former Committee appointed to prepare and report a Constitution and code of by-laws for the government of this Society be continued in office until they report an amended Constitution to a future meeting, authorizing the appointment of two Vice Presidents of this Society, and embracing such other reforms and alterations as they may think the interests of the Society demands.

The Resolution was adopted unanimously. The election of Officers of the Society for the ensuing year was entered upon, and A. B. Davidson, Esq., was unanimously re-elected President.

On motion,

R. S. Young, R. J. McDowell and L. S. Williams, were appointed a Committee to select and report ten provisional Vice Presidents to serve until the Constitution shall be amended so as to authorize an annual appointment of this number, who reported to the meeting the following gentlemen to wit: Gen. J. A. Young, of Charlotte, E. R. Harris, of Cabarrus, R. J. McDowell, of Iredell, Dr. C. L. Hunter, of Lincoln, Jasper Stowe, of Gaston, Thos. Winchester, of Union, Dr. W. R. Holt, of Davidson, A. B. Springs, of York District, S. C., W. P. Graham, of Rowan, R. S. Young, of Cabarrus, and James Miller, of Lancaster, S. C., and they were elected by the Society.

On motion of Gen. Young, A. C. Williamson was re-elected Secretary.

By Gen Young,

Resolved, That the thanks of the Mecklenburg Agricultural Society, are due and hereby tendered to P. J. Lowrie, as a member, and as the Treasurer of the Society, for his efficient services, and that he be unanimously re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Resolution was unanimously adopted

By the same,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Society are due and are hereby tendered to R. M. Oates, Chief Marshall, and his assistants, for their efficient services, as Marshalls at the Annual Fair of the Society for the present year

By R. J. McDowell,

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of the Society be authorized to offer a suitable premium for the best essay on the most practical means, or plan, of restoring the exhausted soil of the Western section of North Carolina.

The Resolution was unanimously adopted

By Gen Young,

Resolved, That a vote of thanks are tendered to T. G. W. Myer for his active zeal and untiring aid to the Executive Committee in getting the Fair Grounds in condition for our present Fair, and that he be elected an honorary member of the Society

The Resolution was unanimously adopted.

By James W. Osborne,

Resolved, That a vote of thanks are hereby tendered to the Hon D M Barringer, for his able and very instructive Address, delivered before the Society at the Fair Grounds to day, and that a Committee of three members be instructed to request a copy of said Address from the Hon gentleman, for the use of the Society.

The Resolution was unanimously adopted, Jas. W. Osborne, Esq., Dr C. J. Fox, and W. J. Yates, were appointed a committee to communicate the above resolution to Mr Barringer, and obtain a copy of the address.

By A. C. Williamson,

Resolved, That a vote of thanks is unanimously tendered to Gen. Jno. A. Young, as Chairman of the Executive Committee, for his successful efforts in conducting the necessary preparations to achieve for the honor of the Society, all the glories of the present Exhibition, the most brilliant that ever transpired in North Carolina.

The resolution was unanimously adopted

On motion of J. W. Osborne, Esq., the practical views of the President, A. B. Davidson, were lucidly and instructively submitted to the Society, by Mr. Davidson.

On motion of Mr. Osborne, the President of the State Agricultural Society, Dr. Wm. R. Holt, edified the meeting by a few sensible and pertinent remarks, on the subject of Agriculture.

The election of an Executive Committee was deferred to a future meeting of the Society, to assemble at the call of the Chairman of the present Executive Committee, which shall continue to exercise its functions until such meeting.

The meeting then adjourned.

A. B. DAVIDSON, *President.*
A. C. WILLIAMSON, *Secry.*

THE FRIGATE SHANNON.—The following paragraph, of some interest to the American reader is from the London Times:

The British navy is just about to lose one of the old frigates which played a conspicuous part during the American war—the St. Lawrence, formerly called the Shannon, which, under the command of Capt. P. Brooke, attacked and made the capture of the famous Chesapeake on the 1st of June, 1813, having arrived at Chatham Tuesday, in tow of the African and Adder, for the purpose of being broken up. The St. Lawrence has been stationed at Sheerness for some time, where she has been employed in harbor service, but the admiralty have now order her to be taken to pieces.

A DAUGHTER OF EVE BEGUILING SERPENTS.—At the Erie county (N. Y.) Fair, last week, there was a young girl, sixteen years of age, who had with her a box of snakes, comprising several rattlesnakes, copper heads, California racers, and others, all of the most venomous character. These snakes she handled in the most fearless manner, winding them about her neck, waist and arms.

ALL HER FORTUNE SPENT.—Lady Franklin has spent all her fortune in Arctic researches. She is in South of France, in ill health.

From the Petersburg Press.

TRIP TO MOUNT VERNON.

A few weeks since I made a flying visit from the great "City of Magnificent Distances" to the shades and sunshines of Mount Vernon. The sun shone forth in all his gorgeous pride, and the face of the country looked beautiful along that entire route, so traversed by the great and good Washington.

Approaching the spot so dear to the true American heart, the scenery is extremely grand and beautiful, and in almost every direction as far as the eye can reach upon the bosom of the lovely Potomac, one is delighted at the objects around, rendered doubly attractive by the noble associations from which the lofty name of our country's Father is inseparable.

As I advanced towards the venerable mansion—now being temporarily rescued from decay—I was inspired with the truest feeling of pleasure and gratification with the thought that the women of our country had, by their patriotic exertions, so nearly transferred this richest of boons to their own sacred keeping; and now, since the property itself was almost paid for, our country-men within not many years will have the satisfaction of seeing this noble spot, hallowed above all other upon our broad domain, beautified and restored in all its original fair proportions. This, from time to time, as the ladies continue their generous appeals, realizing the other odd $200,000, or $300,000 yet wanted, will unquestionably be done, and a pilgrimage of our chieftain's Home will in future years indeed be a bright and glowing page in one's own history.

I should judge it would take something of an amount to keep up Mount Vernon with that dignity which would be becoming and proper, even after it is fully improved and restored. The wharf, for instance, which the weight of my own person caused to oscillate when walking upon it, is "positively shocking," and would seem to need administrative attention at once, and a good *substantial* stone one should be placed where passengers from the boat are now in imminent danger of losing themselves through the crevices, and even though they may have paid their *fare*, I think it would be a mooted question whether they ever would be "*found*."

Next would be a regeneration of the roads and walks, particularly the former, viz: the land route to Alexandria. That road, commencing with the ancient entrance, leading through a lovely wood, and formerly a carriage road, would seem to require immediate development, and would be very essential; for as surely as we now live, when the home of the noble Washington is really visitable—for now it is not strictly so, although a few hundreds come here twice a week—*thousands* will then throng it, both by land and water, to pay homage to that shrine of freedom, second only to your own Independence Hall.

In view of much absurd twaddle pronounced against Mr. Washington, from whom Miss Cunningham purchases this property, what, I ask, would the ladies now sell Mount Vernon for? Think you that a million of the best virgin gold Australia or California could produce would repurchase that "modest mansion" back again? Or a dozen such places as Blenheim, with all its "pomp and circumstance," be taken in exchange? No, not a bit of it. Even though "John Churchill's dog kennel" (concerning to Mr. Everett's description of the Duke of Marlborough's estate) *did* cost as much as the pittance given by the Mount Vernon Association, think you all additional corresponding grandeur would measure a tithe of the value of Washington's home nestling so unpretendingly amid those lofty and beautiful trees? Assuredly not.

Of Mr. Washington I would say, *en passant*, that I found him a very courteous and agreeable gentleman. He has purchased a property in Fauquier county, Va., to which point he intends removing with his family, when he hands over the documents.

Westford, a colored man, we encountered at the gatown gate, is a character of considerable interest, and is quite a valuable adjunct to Mt. Vernon and its belongings. He told me that he came to this spot but a couple of years after the General died, but when only eleven years of age, remembered seeing him lying in his coffin. He spoke with some warmth of the time when Mrs. Washington lived and the distinguished personages who from time to time had visited there, the bands of music frequently on the grounds, detailed from the navy yard to discourse their sweet strains, in short, he dwelt with much delight upon the heroic past, and that glorious brightness of the abode of our great chieftain now for ever passed away. Westford talks well, and wrote his name in my note book very legibly and correctly.

The views around and about the mansion are incomparably beautiful; either in the rear, which commands the spacious lawn, and its fine avenue of choice trees, some of which were planted by Washington himself; or the front, where the noble Potomac presents itself at your feet in many picturesque phases and windings, affording numerous subjects for the artist's pencil or poet's pen.

I should judge the mansion was some 125 or 150 feet above the water's edge, and, mounting still higher to a cupola, one a pleasure is still increased, not only by the glorious panorama presented to the eye, but the feeling which crowds itself upon you, that you are standing in the very *presence* of our country's Hero, who, with spyglass in hand, from the same spot, sixty years ago, gazed upon those self same scenes and objects which now so gladden the heart of the visiter.

My fears of trespassing too much upon your columns deter me from extending this hasty letter, otherwise I would give in detail, many objects of interest and value within this mansion, which my eyes rested upon. Most reluctantly did I leave the spot, conscious that weeks instead of *hours* would hardly suffice to fully drink in, at one visit, the sweets of this sacred draught, and convey anything short of a faint glimpse of its native loveliness and its hallowed associations:

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever;"

and well and truly will I remember the pleasure of my first visit to the home of Washington.

I ascertained from Mr. Herbert that it was the intention of the ladies to restore Mt. Vernon to the condition it was in when Washington lived there. His half brother, Lawrence, selected the present site of the main building, and even after more than a century's wear and tear, (one hundred and fourteen years,) parts of it are remarkably firm and sound; the addition of the banqueting room on the north, and the library on the south, were made by Washington himself after the Revolutionary war.

This year is the centennial anniversary of Washington's marriage (1759.) One hundred years ago he brought his lovely wife, Martha, to his Potomac home.

A world of pleasant thoughts crowd upon the mind in reverting to those times, and the noble spirits who have assembled here during the past—their hopes and fears, joys and sorrows; but at some future time I may give you a more detailed letter upon a subject which is gathering more and more interest as the time approaches for the ladies to take possession of the property. The coldness and usually disagreeable state of the weather during the month of February, in this quarter, would seem to forbid the possibility of a "grand flourish," in the way of an inauguration, on the 22d of that month, 1860, the anniversary of his birthday, but the 4th of July, the nation's birthday, I have no doubt will be selected for an imposing ceremony.

No words would seem too eulogistic to express the thanks of every true American heart for the great and noble act, so energetically carried forward and accomplished by that patriotic daughter of South Carolina, Miss Ann Pamela Cunningham, who in spite of much opposition, crowning many a noble heart to falter, has encouraged her sisters throughout the Union to prompt action in behalf of this enterprise. She has won a name which will never be forgotten.

It pains me to look at that wretched hole, shall, our *national monument*, scowling to hide its diminished head. Twenty five year of feeble solicitation have called forth but about 165,000; and by the last gleaning process of post office contribution has resulted, in some cases, generous returns. Heaven forbid its failure this time! But still something more is demanded to warm up our sluggish enthusiasm, and impart to it that true spirit which the ladies have shown in this M Vernon enterprise, and which, under their excellent management and Mr. Everett's eloquence, has resulted wondrously and *substantially* to the fund. Depend upon it, with such marshals in the field, with such excellent generalship, the funds required by the association for restoration and maintenance will easily be raised, so as to give them a cool ten or fifteen thousand a year, long before our national shill will make another ten feet advance.

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION.

A magistrate's court met at Charlestown, Va., on yesterday, to examine the parties captured at Harper's Ferry, who were engaged in the insurrection.

Col. Davenport presided, and Charles B. Harding and Andrew Hunter, Esqs., appeared for the Commonwealth. The prisoners were brought in amid profound silence, all of them looking haggard and care-worn. Brown seemed more feeble than any of the rest.

Brown and Edwin Coppoc were married together. Brown seemed haggard, with his eyes swollen from the effects of the wounds on his head. Coppoc is uninjured. Stevens seemed less injured than old Brown, but looked haggard and depressed. He has also a number of wounds on the head