

Communications.

Mr. Editor:—A writer in your last number, over the signature of "M.," questions the accuracy of the statement made by you on the subject of improving the navigation of Cape Fear River.

I sincerely hope the suggestion thrown out by you (in the number before the last of your paper) will be acted on.

That the Navigation Company have done much to keep the river free from logs and other obstructions, there can be no doubt, and, I suppose, there is as little doubt, that they are amply remunerated for their labor by the tolls they receive from the boat owners.

I have never read the charter of the Company, and therefore cannot say what obligations the law imposes on them in return for their chartered privileges; but, as the timber business is getting to be one of great importance to the people living above the head of steamboat navigation, it is a subject well worthy of consideration, how far that Company are held bound to expend a portion of their tolls in removing obstructions in the river above this place.

I heartily join your correspondent "M." in the wish that the steamboat recently launched by the Henrietta Company, may answer the purposes contemplated by its owners; but he surely cannot suppose that one boat can do all the business required on this river.

Mr. Editor: I was a good deal amused at your correspondent "B." in the last Carolinian. He very sagely considers in his first paragraph, that "capital punishment" interests every body, and consequently, every body is interested in it!

"B" seems to think all his "anti-hanging" friends are afraid of their own necks. We presume he belongs to the "stiff-necked," as he is not afraid of his own.

But, to lay aside jesting, do not the dictates of humanity point us to the abolition of capital punishment? Does not the spirit of the age call aloud for the abolition of this relic of ancient times?

Of course the design of all punishments is, to give majesty to the law, and thereby to intimidate men from violating it; but I humbly conceive that this is as effectually done by other means, as by hanging.

had better not call in the Bible for a witness. He will find it a two edged sword on this subject. If the Bible tells us an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth, it also tells us that if a man take our coat give him our cloak also, and if he slap us on one cheek to turn the other.

But as "B" and myself agree on two points, I will turn to them. I must confess, I am rather doubtful whether any good can be accomplished by a Penitentiary. But there is one object in which every body is interested, and therefore, as "B" would say, it interests every body! That is, good roads.

The first object to be accomplished should be, good turnpikes from each Court House to the other, being four good roads branching off at right angles from each county seat, leading to the next; thus would the facilities for travelling be increased, and as a natural consequence, the travel would be increased, and, doubly and trebly. Instead of being looked upon as a penalty to ride from one Court House to another as it is at present, these roads would offer inducements to go.

In fact, Mr. Editor, it is not possible now to enumerate all the effects of this system; the immense beds of coal that it would bring to Fayetteville, Wilmington and Raleigh—the building stone—the ores of our western mines.

The operations of those convicts need not be restricted to roads either. The streams of every county should be worked upon and made navigable as far as practicable. Every stream, of sufficient magnitude, might be made a thoroughfare of wealth.

NEW COMPANY.—We have been informed that a new Company has been formed by several of our enterprising business men for the navigation of the Cape Fear River, under the title of "The Cape Fear Navigation Company."

COINCIDENCES.—We were struck the other day, in looking at a work called the "Lives of the Presidents," with a few curious coincidences of numbers which relate to the line of five Presidents, beginning and ending with an Adams. Here is a table, for instance, of the periods in which they were born and went out of office:

Table with 3 columns: Name, Birth Year, Death Year. Includes John Adams (1735-1801), Thomas Jefferson (1743-1809), James Madison (1751-1817), James Monroe (1759-1825), John Quincy Adams (1767-1829).

TO BE HUNG, on the 12th December, Jack, the property of the late Jacob Phillips, of Rutherford county, for the murder of his master.

THE Nashville Banner of the 14th inst., mentions the death of Dr. Joseph H. Peyton, the member of Congress elect from that District.

NOTICE. THE subscriber, having made extensive preparations for keeping the Horses of the Preachers during Conference, would be glad to receive any others at 50 cents per day, and will have them attended to.

The following from the correspondence of the Washington Union, shews what we are rejoiced to see:

Philadelphia, Nov. 17, 1845.

You will observe that the tariff convention at Hollidaysburg, on the 12th inst., was a dead failure; and, as I expected, the democrats who came to attend the convention acted with prudence and courage. Governor Porter presided, assisted by sixteen or twenty vice-presidents and four secretaries.

PENITENTIARY.—An Alabama paper is quite eloquent upon the evil of putting convicts in a Penitentiary to be leached a trade. It says:

"It is known, perhaps to all, that the convicts in our State Penitentiary have been ever since its erection, employed in different branches of the mechanic arts, manufacturing only such articles as are produced by the honest and industrious artisans of the country, greatly to the detriment of the latter in several respects, and an annual loss to the State.

COTTON AND FLOUR.—The one rises in price and the other falls.—It may have been marked, perhaps, with some surprise, that cotton has been falling in England, while flour is as constantly going up.

OYSTER HUNT.—"Shell out," seems to be the cry along the Sounds, annually, on the first of November. On that day, we are told by a Northern paper, the laws of Connecticut for the first time permit the taking of Oysters.

A LARGE WOMAN.—A correspondent of the Cincinnati Gazette says:—There is a woman living within 15 miles of Mobile, Ala. (Mrs C.) who weighs four hundred and sixty pounds, being forty pounds heavier than the Hon. Dixon H. Lewis, member of Congress from that State.—She is the mother of several children of unusual size, enjoys good health, and is good tempered.

BOOKS. For New-Year's & Christmas Gifts. For sale by R. W. HARDIE.

At the last session of the Massachusetts Legislature, the Whigs passed a resolution, in all the formality of law, to which Governor Biggs affixed his official signature, the amount of which was that whenever the annexation of Texas should be consummated, Massachusetts would no longer consider herself a member of the American Union.

From the Raleigh Standard.

WHIG CANDIDATE for GOVERNOR.

It would appear from the Register of Friday last, that Governor Graham is to be the next whig candidate for Governor. That paper says, no doubt officially, that Gov. Graham will yield to the harmonious mandate of his political friends, and again enter the field in their service, however much it may conflict with his private interest.

We confess frankly that we care but little what federal leader the whigs run for Governor. We believe that with an able and efficient candidate in the field, and with all the efforts of all the party, the democrats are certain of success. But one thing is clear to our mind, and that is, the announcement of Gov. Graham as the candidate is the strongest proof of conscious weakness in the whig party.

Gov. Graham, then, is to be the Federal candidate. This is settled. The next question is, ought he to be elected? In all candor and honesty, we think not. What has he done for the people? Where are the memorials of his services? What great public measure has he advocated? What system of public economy has he introduced? How much has he lightened the taxes of the people? But, says some one, he has made a good Governor, and ought not, therefore, to be turned out. Beg your pardon, Sir, no democrat has any idea of turning him out.

THE NORTH CAROLINIAN.—We must confess that we were much surprised at the apparent recommendation of the editor of this sterling democratic paper, to let the whigs elect their Governor without opposition, should Mr. Graham be their candidate.

WAKE COUNTY COURT.—The only case tried at the late term of Wake County Court which excited much interest, was that of The State vs. Mr. Sion Ellen, a young man charged with having stolen a pair of suspenders. George W. Hayward and Duncan K. McRae, Esqrs., appeared for the State, and Gen. Saunders and Col. John H. Maully for the defendant; and the case was argued on both sides with considerable ability and eloquence.

AN IMMENSE HORSE.—Carter, the Lyon King has purchased the largest horse in England. He has named him "General Washington." He is twenty hands high, and looks as large as an elephant.

CHARLOTTE—ITS BUSINESS AND PROSPECTS. As an inland town, we venture the assertion that Charlotte, in its present condition and prospects, is inferior to no similarly situated village in the Southern country.

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The whole band of Indians with the sheriff and Nat in the midst of them, then betook themselves to the banks of the Arkansas, in search of a proper tree from which to suspend the prisoner; and after a little time, a tall cotton wood was found, with a projecting branch far up the trunk, that in the opinion of all was suitable for the purpose. Nat, now that all things were ready, expressed a wish to bathe in the river once more, which he was permitted to do, carefully guarded by rifles from the shore. He went into the water, frolicked about for some time, swam to and fro with great apparent pleasure—then came to the shore, donned his blanket and stood ready for the last act of the drama.

The sheriff now told him to climb the tree, which he commenced doing, the officer of the law toiling up after him with the fatal cord Nat reached the projecting limb of the tree, and was desired by the sheriff to work himself as far out upon it from the trunk as he could—which was done, when the sheriff adjusted the noose around his neck, and tied the other end of the rope around the limb. All these preparations were conducted with the utmost coolness, and the most perfect good understanding existed between the Sheriff and the Indian.

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THE Hon. William H. Hayward, Jr., occupied the bench with other Magistrates during the term, and contributed very much, by his legal knowledge, and discriminating judgment, to the advancement of business of suitors and of the County.—Raleigh Stand.

As an inland town, we venture the assertion that Charlotte, in its present condition and prospects, is inferior to no similarly situated village in the Southern country. The number of business men, and their standing and enterprise, would compare with any, even of the northern villages. We have here the U. S. Branch Mint, in rapid course of re-building, and will be ready for operation in the Spring. We have a Branch of the Bank of Cape Fear, doing a fine business. And we have three Churches—Presbyterian, Methodist, and Baptist, and the Episcopalian—have contracted for the erection of a handsome edifice for worship. We have the finest looking and most convenient Courthouse in the State—two Academies, male and female, both in a flourishing condition. Two printing-offices, (one, to be sure, is rather a weakly concern.) Eleven Dry Goods Stores, which a customer can get any thing they want, usually found in such establishments, very cheap, of course. Three Taverns, all well kept. Eight Groceries, where they keep the best liquors, fruits, fish, &c., and the most of them, of any similar establishments we ever came across. One Jeweller and Silversmith—two Tailors—three Saddlers and Harness-makers. Four Blacksmiths—one Tanner—two Plasterers—two Druggists. Five Physicians—seven Lawyers, and lots of Carpenters, Brick-masons, &c. One Finer—one Cabinet-maker, and one Book-binder. Three Milliners, and a variety of other tradesfolk. Business of every sort is brisk in our streets, and the various kinds of produce raised by the farmer commands a better price here, than in any village within a hundred miles of us. To add to all this, we are surrounded by a rich country, settled with industrious farmers, and gold mines innumerable, where the stuff for the "yellow boys" is produced in the greatest abundance. All we lack to make Charlotte the greatest town all about, is a Rail Road; and that we shall have to Charleston in a year or so.—Meek. J. J.

PUMPKINS.—The editor of the Standard is in luck this year, with pumpkins. He received one from Wake weighing 140 pounds; and one from Edgecomb, weighing 127 pounds. His friends have no idea of letting him want for pumpkin pie.

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SPLENDID LOTTERIES.

J. G. Gregory & Co. Managers. \$50,000! \$15,000! \$10,000! Splendid ALEXANDRIA LOTTERY, Class 47, for 1845. To be drawn at Alexandria, D. C., on Saturday 13th December, 1845.

Table for Splendid Lottery: 1 Grand Capital of \$50,000, 1 splendid prize of 15,000, 1 do Dec. 20, 1845, 10,000, 1 do 5,000, 1 do 4,000, 1 do 3,333, 50 Prizes of 1,000, 100 do 410, 150 do 300, &c. &c. &c.

75 Numbers—13 Drawn Ballots. Tickets \$10—Halves \$5—Quarters \$2 50. Certificates of packages of 25 whole tickets \$140, Do do 26 half do 70, Do do 26 quarter do 35.

\$60,000! In 6 Prizes of \$10,000! ALEXANDRIA LOTTERY, Class 48, for 1845. To be drawn in Alexandria, D. C., on Saturday Dec. 27, 1845.

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75 Number Lottery—13 Drawn Ballots. Tickets \$10—Halves \$5—Quarters \$2 50. Certificates of packages of 25 whole tickets \$130, Do do 25 half do 65, Do do 25 quarter do 32 50.

\$35,294! ALEXANDRIA LOTTERY, Class 49, for 1845. To be drawn at Alexandria, D. C., on Saturday Dec. 27, 1845.

Table for Splendid Lottery: 35,294 dollars, 12,000 dollars, 6,000 dollars, 3,000 dollars, 2,073 dollars, 75 prizes of \$1,000! 140 prizes of \$400! &c. &c. &c.

Orders for Tickets and Shares and Certificates of Packages in the above Splendid Lotteries will receive the most prompt attention, and an official account of each drawing sent immediately after it is over to all who order from us.—Address, J. G. Gregory & Co., Managers, Washington City, D. C.

PROPOSALS FOR ISSUING

The undersigned proposes to publish The North Carolina Standard after the first of February, 1846, twice a week. Many democrats, in various quarters of the State, desire this, and it is believed it can be done, if ex-citizens are made in its behalf among the democratic party generally.

The Weekly Standard will be published as heretofore, and the undersigned flatters himself it will be much more interesting and valuable than it is at present. It will consist in least eight columns more of reading matter than it does now.

TERMS. The Semi-weekly Standard will be published at Four Dollars, if paid within the first three months; or Five Dollars if payment be delayed beyond that period; and the Weekly Standard at Three Dollars per annum, payable in advance.