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ATTENDS the Courts of Cumberland, Harnett, Wake and Johnston.
Address, Toomer, Harnett Co., N. C.
Feb. 16, 1856. 85-y

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DR. K. A. BLACK.
OFFICE Front Rooms, over Dr. S. J. Hinsdale's Chemist and Drug Store.
Feb'y 7, 1856. 84-tf

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JAMES C. DAVIS,
ATTORNEY AT LAW.
All business intrusted will be promptly attended to
Address Montpelier post office, Richmond county, N.C
October 1, 1855. 1y

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MARBLE FACTORY,
BY GEO. LAUDER.
Nearly opposite to E. W. Willkings' Auction Store,
Fayetteville, N. C.
Oct. 1, 1855. y

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DR. JOHN W. PAGE,
Barclaysville, Harnett County, N. C.
DR. PAGE is now permanently located at Barclaysville, and offers his professional services to the public. He will give strict attention to Obstetrics and the diseases of women and children.
March 14th. 4m

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GEORGE McDUFFIE,
INSPECTOR OF TIMBER AND LUMBER,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
All business entrusted to him will meet with prompt attention.
Nov. 24, 1855. 6m

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*SPRING GOODS FOR 1856.*

We are now receiving an unusually large Stock of
SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS,
Which we will sell very Cheap for Cash, or on the usual time to Wholesale buyers exclusively.
Our Stock will consist of a general selection of
STAPLE AND FANCY DRY GOODS,
*Silk and Straw Bonnets,*
*Boots, Shoes, Umbrellas,*
*Ready-Made Clothing,*
*Dress Trimmings,*
With a great variety of notions.

☞ Those owing us notes past due are earnestly requested to make immediate payment.

STARR & WILLIAMS.
March 22, 1856. 90-tf

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JAMES KYLE

IS now receiving his SPRING SUPPLY of CHEAP GOODS, among which are

Irish Linens, Lawns and Diapers,
French, Scotch, and Domestic Lawns,
Calicoes—French, English and Domestic,
French, Scotch and Domestic Ginghams,
Embroid'd and Plain Crape Shawls and Scarfs,
3-4 to 10-4 Bleached Shirting and Sheeting,
French and Irish Linen Drilling,
Black and Colored Silks,
Bonnets and Bonnet Ribbon,
Bolting Cloths, Nos. 5 to 10,
Joseph Repka's Cottonades,
Colored Granadine and Barege,
Linen Cambric Handkerchiefs, assorted,
Blay Linens, 3-4 to 4-4, very cheap,

With many other articles, all of which have been purchased by the Package at the lowest rates, and will be offered at the lowest prices, by wholesale or retail, for Cash or on time to punctual customers.

March 29, 1856.

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FOR SALE,

The Dwelling at present occupied by the subscriber, situated on Hillsboro' Street, adjoining the premises of Hugh Gilmore, Esq. Apply to J. G. Smith.

A. E. GIERSH.
March 29, 1856. 91-tf

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NEW
SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS.

ALEX. JOHNSON, Jr.

Has received in part, and is this day receiving, a large and well selected Stock of

*STAPLE AND FANCY DRY GOODS,*

Consisting in part as follows:—

Plaid and Chena Striped Silks; plain Black Do.; Black Str'ped Plaid and Fig'd Do.; Col'd and Black Challies; Berages, Tissues and Berage DeLain; Berage Tissues and Organdie Robes; Printed Jackonet and Organdie Muslins; Gingham Lawns; French, English and American Prints; White and Printed, Plain and Embroidered Mantillas; White, Black and Col'd Crape Shawls; Embroideries of all kinds, some handsome setts Collars and Sleeves to match; Honeton and Malteece Lace, Collars and Sleeves; Thread Lilse, Linen and Cotton Edging; Jaconet and Swiss Muslin, Edging, Inserting and Flouncings.

ALSO,

A large assortment Silk, Panama, Leghorn and Soft Hats, for Men and Boys; Ladies', Misses' and Children's Bonnets and Flats; and a fine assortment of Cloths, Cassimeres, Vestings and Summer Goods for Men and Boy's wear. Ready-made Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Umbrellas, Parasols, &c. &c.; with many articles not enumerated, making my Stock a very desirable one; and I would invite my old customers, friends, and the public generally, to give me an early call.

A. JOHNSON, Jr.
April 4, 1856. 92-tf

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CAPE FEAR NAVIGATION COMPANY.

The annual meeting of Stockholders of this Company will be held in Fayetteville, on Friday, 30th May.

J. H. HALL, President.
May 9, 1856. 97-3t.

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SPRING GOODS FOR 1856.

B. F. PEARCE

IS NOW OPENING a large and well selected Stock of
SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS.

*Among which, may be found for the Ladies,*

Black and colored Silks, Silk Tissues and Bareges, Challies and Battiste, Brilliantes, Printed Lawns, Jaconets and Organdies, Jaconet, Swiss, and Plaid Muslins, Embroidered Swiss Muslin, Edgings and Insertions, Collars and Undersleeves, Embroidered Flirts, Corded, Cactus, Grass, and Whalebone Skirts, Crape, Silk, and Straw Bonnets, and a large and handsome assortment of French, English, and American Prints, Gloves, Hose, &c.

FOR THE GENTLEMEN.

Cloths, Fancy and Black Cassimeres; Vesting, White, Brown and Bluff; Linen Drills; Irish Linen; DrapD'Ete; Farmer's Satin; Farmer's Drill; Moleskin, Panama, Leghorn, and Palm Leaf Hats; and a large assortment of Boots, Shoes,

—Also—

Boots and Shoes; Umbrellas and Parasols, Bleached and Brown Shirting and Sheeting and every variety in the Yankee Notion line, which will be sold at a small advance for CASH, or on time to punctual customers, either at Wholesale or Retail.

B. F. PEARCE,
Late Pearce & Ferguson.
Hay Street, Fayetteville, March 22, 1856. 90-tf.

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J. C. POE,
DEALER IN
STAPLE AND FANCY DRY GOODS,
HATS, CAPS, BOOTS, SHOES, AND
*Ready-Made Clothing.*

Particular attention paid to Ladies' Dress Goods and Trimmings.

HAY STREET, FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.
November 3d, 1855. tf

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*In order to close out the remaining Stock of Goods now on hand,*

We offer them on the following terms: to Cash buyers at New York cost; to prompt time buyers at New York cost with charges added.

We have many desirable GOODS in store, viz:

DRY GOODS,
*HARDWARE, BOOTS AND SHOES,*
*Hats, Caps and Bonnets,*
READY-MADE CLOTHING.

Merchants and others will find many desirable goods in our Stock, and which can be bought at great Bargains. We are determined to sell out this Spring.

To those who are in arrears to us we would simply state that we want money and must have it. It will afford us much pleasure to give receipts in full to all who are in our debt.

HALL & SACKETT.
March 27. 91-tf

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☞ Just received, a few doz. genuine East India CASTOR OIL, (for my retail.) Also, Citrate of Magnesia and Congress Water.

J. F. FOULKES
April 2, 1856.

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*NOTICE.*

All persons indebted to the Subscriber are hereby notified to come forward and settle by the 1st of April next, or they will find their notes and accounts in the hands of an officer for collection. He can be found at the old stand where he formerly done business.

R. D. DAVIS.

CLOCK REPAIRING.—The Subscriber repairs Clocks at short notice at his old stand on Person street. He will warrant a Clock for twelve months, after passing through his hands. Give me a trial, and if satisfaction is not given I will make no charge.

R. D. DAVIS.
March 1, 1856. y

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S. M. THOMAS,
DEALER IN
FANCY AND STAPLE DRY GOODS,
READY-MADE CLOTHING,
*Hats, Caps, Bonnets, Boots and Shoes,*
*Sheetings, Cotton Yarns, Kerseys,*
*Blankets, &c., &c.*

Corner Market and Gillespie St., Fayetteville, N. C.
Dec. 22, 77-tf

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State of North Carolina---Robeson County.

*Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions—to May Term,* 1856.

The petition of Bright Williams, Administrator of the Estate of Alfred R. Rogers, vs. Joseph Williford and wife Sally, Henry Rogers, Ebenezar Rogers, Hanilson and wife Sarah, Hanilson and wife Hannah, Edwards and wife Martha, William Rogers and Henry, Zany, Barfield, Ebenezar, Biggam, Jesse, Robert, Hinant, Bidy, Elly, Mary, Susan, Celia and Hannah Rogers, children of Drury Rogers, deceased, shows to the worship of said Court that Alfred R. Rogers, late of the county of Robeson, died intestate, leaving surviving his widow, who since married said Williford, Henry, Ebenezar, Sarah who married Hanilson, Hannah who married Hanilson, Martha who married Edwards, who are the brother and sister of said intestate, and that letters of Administration upon the Estate of the said intestate regularly issued from this Court to your petitioner, and that he has diligently administered said Estate up to the present period—that all of said defendants except Joseph Williford and wife are non-residents of the State; therefore, it is ordered by the Court, that publication be made in the North Carolinian, for six successive weeks, to notify the said Henry Rogers, Ebenezar Rogers, Hanilson and wife Hannah, Edwards and wife Martha, William Rogers and Henry, Zany, Barfield, Ebenezar, Biggam, Jesse, Robert, Hinant, Bidy, Elly, Mary, Celia and Hannah Rogers, children of Drury Rogers, deceased, to be and appear before the Justices of the said county, to be held for the county of Robeson, on the fourth Monday of May next, then and there to answer to the premises as aforesaid.

Witness, Shadrach Howell, Clerk of our said Court at office, the 9th day April, 1856.

93-6t] S'D'H HOWELL, C. C. C.

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State of North Carolina---Robeson County.

*Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions—February Term,* 1856.

The Petition of John Smith, Executor of the last will and testament of William Byrd, deceased, vs. Henry Byrd, Noah Mercer and wife Polly, Armstead Singletary and wife Emily, John Smith and wife Martha, Claridy Allen and wife Sally, Henry Purnell and wife Frances, Betty Byrd, William Byrd, and Meltess Byrd—that at February Term, 1841, of this Court, the last will and testament of William Byrd was duly admitted to probate and your petitioner qualified as Executor thereof. He has duly administered said Estate according to the terms of the will—that by order of this Court he was directed to sell one slave belonging to the Estate of his testator to pay debts, and there remains in his hands a balance proceeds of said sale, after the payment of debts, about eighty dollars of principal and interest—that the defendants above named are the children of the testator and entitled to the balance in the hands of your petitioner—that Betsey Byrd one of the defendants is a non-resident; therefore, it is ordered by the Court that publication be made in the North Carolinian, a newspaper published in the town of Fayetteville, N. C., for six successive weeks, for the said Betsey Byrd to be and appear before the Justices of our said Court, to be holden for the county of Robeson, at the Court House in Lumberton, on the fourth Monday in May next, 1856, then and there to show cause, if any she has, why the prayer of the petitioner shall not be granted.

Witness, Shadrach Howell, Clerk of our said Court at office, the fourth Monday of February, A. D. 1856, issued 9th April.

93-6t.] S'D'H HOWELL, Clk.

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*NEW FIRM.*

The undersigned have this day formed a Copartnership, under the name and style of

POWERS & TROY,

and will continue the
GROCERY & PROVISION BUSINESS
at the store heretofore occupied by J. W. Powers & Co.

They solicit a continuance of the patronage so liberally extended to the old firm.

J. W. POWERS.
W. C. TROY.
Fayetteville, May 1, 1856

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DESIRABLE RESIDENCE FOR SALE.

By virtue of a Deed of Trust executed to me by John J. Phillips for the purpose therein mentioned, I will expose to public sale at the Market House in Fayetteville, on Saturday, May the 10th, the Dwelling and Lot south of the U. S. Arsenal, at present occupied by Prosecutor, Mrs. Sarah Phillips.

C. S. JOHNSON, Trustee.
Fayetteville, April 16, 1856. 3t.

POSTPONED.

The above sale is postponed until Saturday, the 21st of June.

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NEW GOODS.

WE ARE NOW RECEIVING A
FRESH SUPPLY OF
SPRING AND SUMMER DRY GOODS,
READY-MADE CLOTHING;
Soft Wool and Summer Hats,
*in great variety.*

A complete assortment of BOOTS and SHOES will be to hand in a few days. All of which will be disposed of to Wholesale Buyers on liberal terms.

STARR & WILLIAMS.
April 23. 95-tf

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J. S. BANKS,
COMMISSION AND FORWARDING
MERCHANT,
*WILMINGTON, N. C.*
January 1, 1856. 1y-pd

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PROTECTION FROM LIGHTNING.

The Subscriber would call the attention of persons wishing protection from Lightning to his

IMPROVED CONDUCTORS.

The points are composed of Steel, plated with pure Silver, presenting seven distinct points in one. The rods are connected with nuts, forming one continuous rod, insulated with glass, about five feet apart, the staples firmly fixed in the wall o the building, placing the rods three inches from the building and out of the influence of nails and other attractive materials, and cutting off all connection between the rod and building.

Orders sent to me or left at A. A. McKethan's Shop promptly attended to.

WM. T. BATTLEY.
Fayetteville, April 2, 1856. tf

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GREEN & WEAR,
WATCH MAKERS, JEWELERS,
AND
METALLOGRAPHERS,

HAVING associated themselves together in the above business, they have located in Fayetteville, where they will attend promptly to all orders in their line of business. They have located in the North-West corner of the Market House, in the Fayetteville Hotel Building, on Hay street, where they are prepared to execute orders in the above branches in a satisfactory and workmanlike manner, and respectfully solicit a share of public patronage.

R. D. GREEN. J. S. WEAR.

A CARD.

Mr R. D. GREEN, Watch Maker, respectfully begs leave to return his thanks to his very numerous patrons while having charge of the Watch Department in the firm of Messrs. Beasley & Houston, and hopes the work done by him in the past may be a sufficient recommendation for the future.

N. B. All Watches to be repaired will be taken apart in the presence of the owner, and a written estimate given of necessary repairs, which will be warranted for Two Years.

April 16, 1856. 94-tf

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Bedsteads! Bedsteads!!

Just received from the Manufacturer, Ira Hersey, a supply of

BEDSTEADS

of various patterns, and made of good seasoned timber. These Bedsteads are manufactured in this place, and can be sold to dealers as low as they can be got from the North. Call and examine.

A. M. CAMPBELL.
April 9, 1856. y

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State of North Carolina---Cumberland County.

*Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions—March Term,* 1856.

William McMillan vs. Lewis Jones.—Petition for division of land.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that Lewis Jones, the defendent in this case, is not an inhabitant of this State, it is therefore ordered that publication be made for six successive weeks in the North Carolinian, a newspaper published in the town of Fayetteville, that he be and appear at the term of our said Court, to be held for said County at the Court House in Fayetteville on the first Monday in June next, and then and there plead, answer or demur to the said petition, or the same will be taken *pro confesso* and heard *ex-parte*.

Witness, John McLaurin Clerk of said Court at Office in Fayetteville, the 1st Monday in March, 1856.

J. McLAURIN, C. C. C.
94-6t.]

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WILLIAM McINTYRE
Offers for sale
15 Barrels MESS PORK,
3,500 Lbs. RACON, large sides.
April 26th 3t

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JUST RECEIVED AND FOR SALE BY

Dr. J. F. FOULKES,

A large assortment of Harrison's WRITING INKS, consisting of Black writing Fluid, Blue and Carmine Inks, from one ounce to quart bottles.

Also, a large lot of HARRISON'S PERFUMERY, Consisting of

Toilet Water, for removing blotches and freckles from the skin;
Double and single Cologne; Cream of Beauty;
Preston Salts;
Parian White; Carnation Rouge; Lemon Rouge;
Lip Balm; Cold Cream; Toilet Powders;
Shampoo Lotion; Hair Dye; Floral Pomatum, Crystal Pomatum;
Philicome; Beef Marrow; Bear's Oil; Rose Hair Oil;
Toilet Soap; Brown Windsor.
Palm (family,) mammoth Loundry Soaps;
Crystal and Erasive Soaps; Fuming Pastils; Shaving Creams, assorted; Extracts, assorted;
Corn Starch, &c.
Paint Brushes of all descriptions.

All of which will be sold low for Cash Wholesale or Retail by J. F. FOULKES.
May 9. 4t

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ICE! ICE!! ICE!!!

The subscriber having opened the ICE HOUSE, is now prepared to furnish to the community, and all who may want from the country. Orders accompanied by the money will be punctually filled at TWO CENTS per pound, packages paid for.

ISHAM BLAKE.
April 26, 1856 96-tf

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*FOR SALE,*

A likely NEGRO WOMAN and Child. The woman to be recommended as a good cook, washer and ironer, and also a trusty servant.

For further information apply at THIS OFFICE.
April 4, 1856 92-tf

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SECOND SPRING STOCK.

WE are now in receipt of our SECOND SPRING STOCK of

STAPLE AND FANCY
*DRY GOODS,*
HATS, BONNETS, BOOTS, SHOES,
Umbrellas, Parasols, &c.

All of which were selected with care, and will be offered to wholesale purchasers on accommodating terms.

Orders will be filled with care, and guarantied to please.

H. & E. J. LILLY.
May 1st, 1856. 95-4t

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*DOBBIN HOUSE!*
POWERS & TROY, Proprietors.

The Proprietors of this Establishment announce to the public, that owing to the constantly increasing patronage extended to them, they have been induced to enlarge the accommodation by the addition of an extensive Dining Room on the lower floor, and suite of Rooms on the second floor; thus enabling them to accommodate all who may favor them with a call. And they pledge themselves to an increased exertion to give satisfaction to their patrons.

Spacious Stables attached and careful Ostlers in attendance.

The eligible location of the Establishment, with the experience of the Proprietors in providing for the comfort of their patrons, they hope will secure to them a liberal share of the travel.

The Western and Southern Stages arrive at and depart from this House.

Carriages in attendance on arrival and departure of Steam Boats, for the accommodation of passengers. Horses and Carriages furnished at any notice for carrying travellers to any part of the adjacent country.

J. W. POWERS. W. C. TROY.
Fayetteville, May 12, 1856. 98-tf.

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DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. BENDOW would respectfully inform his friends and this community that he intends to leave here on the First of July, as usual, to be absent until the first of October.

Persons desiring his professional services will please not delay their calls until the last moment.

P. S.—As I am very much in need of money, those who still owe me will please call and settle, and thus oblige D. W. C. B.
May 3d, 1856. 96-6t

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ICE CREAM SALOON

There will be opened on the 12th inst., (for the season) in connection with the Shemwell House, an Ice Cream Saloon in the Store room lately occupied by Shemwell & McDonald, Shemwell House Building, Green street, near the Market House.

Fayetteville, May 9, 1856. 97-tf

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

*Court of Law, Spring Term,* 1856.

His Honor, Judge Caldwell, Judge presiding:

It is ordered by the Court, that a Special Term of the Court of Law be held for the County of Cumberland, at the Court House in Fayetteville, on the 4th Monday of June next ensuing, it being the 23d day of the month; and that the Clerk of said Court give advertisement of the same in the several newspapers published in the Town of Fayetteville.

All suitors, witnesses and others, having business to transact in said Court, are required punctually to attend.

Witness, Jesse T. Warden, Clerk of our said Court, at office, the 7th Monday after the 4th Monday in March, A. D. 1856.

J. T. WARDEN, Clerk.
May 20. 99-5t

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NOTICE.

On the second Monday in June next I shall expose to public sale for cash, at the Court House door in Summerville, all or as much of the following Lands as will pay the Tax and cost due thereon for the year 1854, viz:

| Owners' names. | No. acres. | Situation. | Tax & cost |
|---|---|---|---|
| John Beasley, | 100, | Mingo Creek, | $1 50 |
| Joseph Beasley, | 91, | Black River, | 1 45 |
| Wiley Barefoot, | 156, | " | 2 80 |
| Sandy Barefoot, | 150, | Mingo, | 1 91 |
| Levy Jones, | 100, | Black River, | 1 49 |
| N. L. Phillips, | 345, | Black River, | 4 33 |
| Levy West, | 255, | Mingo, | 2 24 |
| Thomas B. Faucett, | 200, | near Summerville, | 1 98 |
| Wm. Harvill, | 50, | Cape Fear River, | 2 32 |
| Murdoch McLean, | 188, | Upper Little River, | 1 49 |
| John A. McLean, | 150, | Walker's Creek, | 2 43 |
| Ann E. McNeill, | 100, | Juniper Branch, | 3 99 |
| Hector McNeill, (tailor) | 50, | " | 3 78 |
| J W McNeill, for estate of Neill McNeill | 150, | Cape Fear River, | 2 22 |
| Feriby Wilson, | 70, | Campbell's Creek, | 1 25 |
| Patience Thomas, | 133, | Buckhorn, | 1 90 |
| Timothy Blanchard, | 50, | Hector's Creek, | 1 25 |
| George C. Emory, | 67, | Long Creek, | 2 39 |
| Wm. E. Jones, | 340, | Neill's Creek, | 4 35 |
| Uriah Page, | 172¼, | Parker's Creek, | 1 84 |
| Jackson Taylor, | 125, | Pond Branch, | 2 83 |
| Bryant Parker, | 37, | Stony Run, | 1 25 |
| Wm. Reaves, | 303, | Black River, | 4 87 |
| James Vincent, | 150, | " | 1 93 |
| Wm. H. Bunn, | 17, | Upper Little River, | 4 53 |
| Daniel McLean, Sr. | 300, | Murdoch's Creek, | 1 93 |
| James W. Wiggins, | 24, | Stewart's creek Dist. | 2 37 |
| Furny Bennet, | 100, | Hugh's Creek, | 1 46 |
| Elizabeth Hamilton, | 25, | Watery Branch, | 1 12 |
| Daniel McLeod, Jr. | 150, | Black River, | 1 83 |
| Jackson Williams, | 155, | Long Branch, | 2 25 |
| Unlisted, | 23, | joins Alfred Pegram | 1 25 |

JAS. A. JOHNSON,
Sheriff of Harnett.
April 28, 1856. 96-6t. [price of adv. $7 35]

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On Tuesday of June Court there will be an election by the Wardens of the Poor of Cumberland County for a Superintendent of the Poor House. A man with a small family will be wanted, and must be well recommended as to honesty and sobriety. Also a Clerk to the Board will be elected.

S. BOON,
Treasurer of the Board.
May 3d, 1856. 96-3t

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TROY & McLEAN,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW,
LUMBERTON, N. C.
May 5, 1856. 97-tf.

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WESTERN RAILROAD OFFICE,
May 1, 1856.

An instalment of 5 per cent. upon the Capital Stock of this Company is called for, payable on the 1st day of June next; and also, Monthly calls of 5 per cent., until the 1st day of January 1857, when the whole amount will be due.

By order of the Board of Directors,
JNO. M. ROSE,
Treas'r W. R. R. Co.

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JAMES B. FERGUSON,
AUCTIONEER
AND COMMISSION MERCHANT,
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.

Solicits sales and consignments, to which he will give his personal attention.

References—H. & E. J. Lilly, E. W. Willkings, S. W. Willingham.
April 24, 1856. 6m

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NORTH CAROLINIAN.
*FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.*


**Effect of Scientific Swearing in the Fish Market.**

We find the following laughable morceau in "Pierce Pungent's" witicism in the New York Daily News:—

Our excellent friend Mayor Harper, who since his return from Utah has regained his wit in the most astonishing manner, told us last week an excellent story illustrative of the effect of a powerful vocabulary. What 68-ponders and paixhan guns are in war, heavy adjectives well aimed are in argument. But to our tale—or rather the Mayor's.

One of our most popular editors, and a learned man to boot, going through Washington Market saw a nigger wench, celebrated for her powers of vituperation, with a very fine shad for sale. Forgetting that it was the earliest shad of the season, he asked her what she charged.

"Three dollars," quoth the dusky beauty.

"Three devils!" replied the other, "I'll give you three shillings."

As a breath loosens the avalanche which buries the unfortunate traveler, so did this insulting offer bring down upon his head a mountain of abuse.

Our hero lost his presence of mind, and remained as though rooted to the spot, enduring her vituperation, while a crowd gathered round to see the fun, as they called it.

Despair at last came to the wretched victim's aid, and feeling his own utter ignorance of the vernacular in which she was attacking him, he resolved to carry the war into her Africa, and in a different tongue to her own. Taking advantage of her halting to regain her breath, he suddenly burst out into the following torrent:

"Shut up, you villainous old parallelogram of obtuse triangles, you noudescript hippopotamus of ipecacuanha and assafedita, you detestable chronotonologosly inclined isosocles, you three coned geological primary stratum, you cosmopolitan geometry, you double distilled metaphysical ichthyosaurus."

Here our hero stopped, not that he had exhausted his adjectives, but, like his darky antagonist, he was out of breath. Dinah, who had remained as though spell bound while he had been peiting her with these epithets, which were so perfectly novel that they absolutely struck terror in her soul, seeing him about to begin again said, "Oh, pray hush up, massa, and you shall have the fish for a dollar.

Our hero's genius had, however, now got thoroughly warmed up, and he recommenced, and gave her another dose of pollysyllable erudiation, rushing rapidly through the arts and sciences, and actually emptying over her head the Pharmacopœæ, as well as geometry and pneumatics. At last when he called her, in a louder tone of voice, "an architectural hypothenuse and a physological entablature," she fairly caved in, and stuffing her fingers in her ears, she cried, "Golly, this is the most awfullest swearing I ever heard; it makes my blood run cold. Here, only hush up, and you shall have the shad for nothing, and I'll give you a dime to take it off my hand."

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SUICIDE OF A BOY.—A boy killed himself under extraordinary circumstances at Sheffield. He was 12 years of age. He was the son of respectable parents, and was found drowned in a canal. The boy's father, who had treated him always kindly, chastised him for some fault. Two hours afterwards, the lad left his home, and was not heard of by his parents till his body was found in the canal. After he left his home, his mother found on the chimney place, amongst a number of letters, a paper containing the following lines:

"Art thou gone; shall thy steps on the green hills no more
Give echoes of music that charmed us before."

And beneath this the deceased had written: "I am going to drown myself, so you must go to the canal, and you will find me there. It is for you hitting me."

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**Patsey Ferguson's Cousin Trampies on Mary Ann.**

Among the ladies who called at the "Perlice" on Tuesday was Mrs. O'Neil, who dropped in to enter a complaint against Patsey Ferguson's cousin.

"What do you wish, Mrs. O'Neil?"

"To take me bible oath against Patsey Ferguson's cousin."

"And what do you wish to take your bible oath against him for?"

"I want to swear my daughter's peace of mind against him."

"What has he done?"

"A dale, and much besides."

"Well, what is it?"

"He says my daughter Mary lacks characther. He did it to-day forninst the red shed belonging to Donnelly."

"Is that all he has done?"

"And what more could he do, bad luck to his eye-brows."

"If he has not done more than that, we cannot issue a warrant."

"You can't?"

"No, we can't. We can't take cognizance of such matters."

"Take cognizance? Who the divil asked you to? I want you to take Patsey Ferguson's cousin."

"Well, I've told you we can't issue a warrant against Patsey Ferguson's cousin."

"And it's all right, I suppose, to allow him to trample on my Mary Ann?"

"Not at all. If he undertakes to trample on Mary Ann, we will arrest him, and see that he is properly punished."

"And does he not trample on Mary Ann when he throws dirt at her characther?"

"Of course not."

"And you call that law?"

"I do, indeed."

"To the divil wid such law, and may you go along wid it, you murdherin' ould vilyan!"

Here Mrs. O'Neil dashed out of the office, slamming to the door with such suddenness as to cut a yellow dog's tail short off at the handle.

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VALUABLE PETTICOAT.—The 200 emmigrants who arrived at New York Friday from Antwerp, with $750,000 in specie in their possession, have contributed 100 francs to the Tract Society. One woman had $4,000 in gold $20 pieces quilted in her petticoat.

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**History of the Tobacco Plant.**

A succinct history of this universally popular plant with the vicisitudes attending its introduction amongst civilized men, will not be void of interest to those addicted to its use.

In the year 1559, one Hernando de Toledo, a Spanish adventurer, introduced the plant into Spain, and sent a portion to one Jean Nicot, then ambassadore at Lisbon, from Francis the 2d, and he transmitted, or carried either the seed or the Plant to Catherine de Medici.

It was then considered one of the wonders of the new world, and supposed to possess very extraordinary virtues; indeed, miraculous curative properties were attributed to it. This is the first authentic account of the introduction of this plant into Europe. Subsequently A. D. 1559, the Cardinal, Santa Croce, returning from his Nunciature in Spain and Portugal to Italy, carried thither with him Tobacco; and we may infer from the enthusiasm with which its introduction was hailed, from a perusal of the Poetry it inspired. The Holy Cardinal who introduced it, was compared to his predecessor, who brought home the wood of the true Cross.

"Herb of immortal fame!
"Which hither first with Santa Croce came,
"When he, his time of nunciature expired,
"Back from the Court of Portugal retired,
"E'en as his predecessor, great and good,
"Brought home the cross," etc.

This sacred (?) plant was introduced into England by Sir Walter Raleigh, on his return from America, and many amusing anecdotes are told thereof. James 1st wrote a Phillipic against it, entitled a "Counter blast to Tobacco," in which the royal author informs his loving subjects that it "is a custom loathsome to the eye, hateful to the nose, harmful to the brain, dangerous to the lungs, and in the black stinking fumes thereof, resembling the smoke of the horrible Stygian pit that is bottomless." In the year 1604, he endeavored, by means of heavy imposts, to abolish its use in this country, and, in 1619, commanded that no planter in Virginia should cultivate more than one hundred pounds. In 1624, Pope URBAN the Eighth, published a decree of excommunication against all who took snuff in the Church; and ten years afterwards smoking was prohibited in Russia, under the penalty of having the nose cut off. In 1653, the Council of the Canton of Appenzle, cited smokers before them, whom they punished by fine and imprisonment, and they ordered all innkeepers to inform against those they found smoking in their houses. In 1667, public regulations were formed, divided according to the ten commandments, in which the prohibition of smoking stands under the command against adultery. This prohibition was renewed in 1675, and the Tribunal of the Inquisition instructed to put it in execution. Pope Innocent the XIIth, in 1690, excommunicated all found chewing or taking snuff, in the Church of St. Peter's at Rome. Numerous instances subsequent to this period might be cited, not to mention the "Blue Laws" of our own times, to show with what persevering constancy the devotees of "the weed" have carried on the warfare against their opponents, and all the Edicts of Kings, as well as the fulminating thunders of the Church, ended in smoke.

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A LIVELY PLACE.—The story is familiar of the man who took passage in a flatboat from Pittsburg to New Orleans. He passed many dreary, listless days on his way down the Ohio and Mississippi, and seemed to be desponding for want of excitement. Superficially he was quiet and inoffensive; practically, he was good-natured and kindly disposed. In the course of time, the craft upon which he was a passenger put into Napoleon, in the State of Arkansas for groceries. At the moment there was a general fight extending all along the front of the town, which at that time consisted of a single house.

The unhappy passenger, after fidgeting about and jerking his feet up and down, as if he were walking on hot bricks, turned to a used-up spectator and observed:

"Stranger, is this a free fight?"

The reply was prompt and to the point.

"It ar, and if you wish to go in, don't stand on ceremony."

The wayfarer did go in, and in less time than we can relate the circumstances, he was literally chawed up. Groping his way down to the flat, his hair gone, his eyes closed, his lips swollen, and his face generally mapped out, he sat himself down on a chicken coop and soliloquized thus:

"So this is Na-po-le-on, is it?—upon my word it's a lively place, and the only one at which I have had any fun since I left home."

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One day last week, two gentlemen in Washington city, who were returning home drunk from a champagne dinner, happened, in trying to regain their hotel, to blunder into a room where a steam engine had worked into a tolerable rage. "Chu-chu-chu! phiz-zs!" went the machine, while a great drum whizzed around most furiously. "What's that?," exclaimed one of the gentlemen. "A steamboat," said the other. "To be sure it is," said the first: "didn't I know that?" "Boy, what boat is this?" "The Phœniz," said the boy, speaking in two syllables. "What's the passage, boy?" "One-fifty," said the knowing imp. "Well, here's the money," said the gentlemen; "show us our berths." "Walk aft," said the boy. The gentleman walked aft, the boy walked forward, and is perhaps still doing so, with a cool three dollars in his pocket.

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Written on hearing of the duel between Burr and Hamilton:

"Oh, A-ron Burr! what hast thou done?
Thou hast killed dead the great Hamilton!
You getted behind a bunch of thistles,
And shooted him dead with a horse's pistols!"

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A UNIQUE SIGN.—In one of the rural districts, a small grocery store bears a sign with the following inscription:

"Hot cofey tee ginger and spruce bear
pies donuts biled Eggs piga feetes
and sarsiges sold here.
Also fresh and skimed milke
warunted pure with no warter
Broken glas and China takin
in pairt paye.
No ardent licker kept here."

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Hugh Miller, the famous Scotch geologist, is coming to this country to lecture on temperance.