



FAYETTEVILLE, N. C. Saturday, December 20, 1856.

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If all those who are opposed to Slavery... I do not tell you how to combine...

C. C. McCORMACK is our duly authorized agent for the collection of all claims due this office.

It will be seen by reference to the proceedings of the Legislature in another column that its enemies with their peculiar and singular policy have triumphed over a measure, the grand object of which was not to themere prosperity of a town...

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The census of 1855 and the vote of the 4th ult. in several of the northern counties of Illinois, carefully compared, show conclusively (says the Detroit Free Press) that there have been enormous free-republican frauds perpetrated upon the ballot box.

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Christmas presents of great variety and very handsome can be had at W. N. Tillinghast's, and at the Fayetteville Book Store.

A Convention comprising delegates from all the Southern States, was held in Savannah on last week. Its avowed ostensible design was to consider the means best adapted to promote the commercial interests of the South.

There are but few men of education in the South, we believe, who are in favor of restoring this unchristian commerce in Slaves, against which every civilized nation has closed its ports and declared unequivocal hostility.

An appeal is made by the South to the North to come to her support in preserving the Union; to unite with her on a conservative ground of equal rights and equal justice to every section.

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These prefatory remarks are not, perhaps, unnecessary as we wish to say something of the criminal carelessness exhibited in our selection of a town government, and in the conduct of that body.

Our side walks are in ruins and chasms as though an earthquake had permeated the town. Sudden falls and rises, pitfalls, and after a shower, vast and scarcely fordable puddles, make a walk on business (for who would take one at present unless obliged to?) a most vexatious and laborious undertaking.

We are told that the Mayor and commissioners get nothing for their services. Get nothing? Why they have power and honor and should have patriotism.

The Pennsylvania Buchanan and Breckinridge Club have written a complimentary letter to Gov. Geary, of Kansas Territory, applauding his fearless, faithful and impartial discharge of the high and important duties which Kansas troubles had made for him.

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the expenses of the municipal governments of New York, or Boston, and it will be our fault, and our folly, if we continue to do it. Direct importations will cure this evil as to foreign commodities; a like remedy will cure it as to domestic products.

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In the northern part of America there is a province called Kansas, which, having a very warm climate, its inhabitants are much given to agriculture. They have, therefore, imported a large number of slaves from Africa and employ them on their lands.

The muscular strength of the human body is indeed wonderful. A Turkish porter will trot at a rapid pace and carry a weight of six hundred pounds. Milo, a celebrated athlete of Croton, in Italy, accustomed himself to carry the greatest burdens, and, by degrees, became a monster in strength.

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Now it happens that by the very singular form of our republic, said republic the People's Council do not also consent to it the chief of the government, even together with the council of the Nobles, cannot take one akchea out of the treasury; and as the former would not consent to give him any money for their support, he has had to dismiss all of the soldiers and sell the vessels-of-war to other governments.

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THE RECENT AERIAL TRIP. The recent balloon ascension, of Mons. A. J. Morat seems to have been a quite successful affair. He was accompanied by P. O. Kelly, Esq., and they say their ascent was a pleasant one, unaccompanied by any untoward accident.

The night at length closed in upon us, with no prospect of any assistance from the moon to facilitate our researches, and it was only by means of the lights from the vessels floating on Long Island Sound—that we could not direct our course.

It is curious to observe, that Fremont, the defunct candidate of the Abolitionists, or Free-Soilers, is by birth and associations a Southern man. It is even said, that he at one time owned slaves, which is not improbable, as he married the daughter of a slaveholder, and lived in a slave-holding community.

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Cotton—What of the Crop. No crop of cotton has ever been hurried into market like the present. And yet, under the pressure of extraordinary receipts, of the great decrease in the exports to foreign ports, of a tight money market on both sides of the Atlantic, of an apprehended suspension of the Bank of France, of rumors of war in Europe, and of two successive declines in the price of cotton reported by the two last steamers, the price for "middling" in our Gulf ports, at the latest date, was slightly above eleven cents.

To repel any doubts as to that fact, which might arise from looking only at the extraordinary receipts, it will be sufficient to call attention to the multiplied evidence of its existence, and then to show that the extraordinary receipts can be easily traced to other causes than a large crop and can be reconciled with the fact of a scant crop.

The spring was unfavorable. The crop was planted later than usual. When it was planted, the ground was in bad condition, because the plowing and breaking up had been in a great measure prevented by the preceding excessively wet weather.

Repeating the rains and storms above noticed, the summer and fall were remarkable for making cotton ripen and open too early, and for putting it in the power of planters to pick it out. No crop has ever been picked out so rapidly.

Letter from the Hon. Robert Toombs to the General Government. WASHINGTON, GA., Dec. 6, 1856. GENTLEMEN:

I duly received your polite invitation to attend the Southern Convention which will meet in Savannah on the 21st inst., and it was my earnest wish and purpose to be present, but I now find I shall be disappointed.

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