THE WESTERN CAROLINIAN

SALISBURY:

Friday Morning, September 27, 1839.

CONVENTIONS.

There is much of force and truth in some of the remarks of a correspondent, signed "No Caucus man," in this weeks paper.—It would really seem, that nothing can now be accomplished without a *Convention*.—Unquestionably, this mode of combining moral, and political power has been, and is, carried to excess, at the present day. We think however, that our correspondent has not made a just discrimination between the different kinds of Conventions.—If he applied his remarks to *political* Conventions, that is, meadles of this nature, brought together in the manner we usually see them, to influence elections,—we entirely agree with him, for certainly, all bodies of this character, whose aim, is by combination, to control the free exercise of the elective franchise,—are hostile to the spirit of our Republican Institutions, and at variance with liberty.—The people, if they regard their rights, ought everywhere to frown upon them.

But where those Conventions are of a different character, and without being designed to control or influence elections—are intended merely to produce a moral effect in favor of some cause or interest, so far from objecting to them, we decidedly approve the plan.—To illustrate:—We have, within a few years past seen several *Conventions* held in the South called "Southern Commercial Conventions"—the object of which was to improve the condition of the country, by arousing a spirit among our people in favor of Southern trade;—these Conventions had no political bias, nothing to do with elections,—were originated in a spirit of patriotism, and should meet the approbation of every Southern man. We have also seen Conventions to promote the cause of Internal Improvement, &c.—these are all patriotic objects, and commendable.

But when a parcel of "upstart politicians," as our correspondent calls them, get up a Convention in which they are both the representatives and the representall,—in which the people have little or no hand, and undertake through it, to control an election by dictation, we go all lengths against it, and shall not hesitate to denounce and expose its true character.

The Watchman was so deranged at our application of the name "Federal Whig" to its party, and its being unable disprove it, that forgetful of the courteous observance due in political disputation, it turned to personal attack on the Editors of this paper. Those who have seen the two papers, can witness, that as to that time, we made no personal allusions to the Editors of the Watchman. If they writers had been satisfied with mining paragraphs on political subjects, either in answer to ours or not, they might have gone on for all that we cared, to the end of time; but if the Editors of the Watchman permit them, covertly to themselves, and on their responsibility to make personal attacks, they must not be surprized at receiving back as is due.—What which a man gives shall he not receive?—He certainly must, so far as we are concerned.

"*Ourselves.*—It is a most extraordinary act of impudent madness in the Editors of the Western Carolinian, to be making the insinuation that we are not the writers of our Editorial: If we chose to avail ourselves of certain advantages which we have in this respect, we could make those Gentlemen look too small to be seen with a Microscope, but we shall not do it unless provoked to it by a repetition of these taunts."—*Carolina Watchman.*

Pro-di-gi-ous! P-h-e-w!—Here is a model of an annihilating threat.—"Too small to be seen with a Microscope." Telescope, or any other sort of a glass, we suppose. Well, one improvement is manifest in the above, which is encouraging, and shows that our late hints have not been entirely thrown away on the Watchman;—we advised it in a friendly manner to practice *prophecying more darkly*, so as to avoid the mortification of blundering failures, incident to new beginners in all arts;—it has changed the game, and now accordingly, *threatens darkly*,—so much so, that we are completely mistified as to the import of the ominous insinuation, with its "questionable shape."—What can be the meaning of the "certain advantages" possessed?—Is it a modest intimation of superior ability or what?—A suggestion has been made to us—but we doubt its correctness—that being intemperate, the threat is intended to signify the possession of "certain advantages," in a personal knowledge of matters and things, acquired in times past, somehow, or somehow, by the astute observation of the "we" abovementioned in making such important, and terrible discoveries as would, most effectually, be an "awful disclosure," reduce the Editors of the Carolinian to an invisible size. If this be so, our dignity being looked at is over, and we may expect henceforth, "to see and not be seen." We call this occasion to express our due appreciation of the forbearance of the Watchman, for the indulgent permission to attain our size, unshorn of its proportions, for one week longer. This was kind, very, affectingly so.

But seriously, if indeed this small matter is worth a serious notice, the "impudent madness" of the above ominous threat, is only equalled by its ridiculous silliness; and now in consistent therewith, we have only to say.—That be it known to all whom these presents may concern, that we hereby give, and grant to the "we" aforementioned, full, free, and entire leave, and permission, to relate, tell, disclose, and publish, any and all secrets, wonders, and discoveries relating, or in any way appertaining to, the Editors of the Western Carolinian, which he, the aforesaid "we" may at any time have ascertained, seen, or heard in the past,—or *foreseen* and *prophesied* in the future;—affixing to any and all of the disclosures, the time, place, and circumstance of the occurrence;—to the end that if we are to be reduced to invisibility, it may be done speedily, and without delay.

American Rail-Road Journal.

We have received Nos. 1 and 2 of Volume 9, a new Series of this work. We have more than once called the attention of our readers to the valuable character of this scientific and useful Journal. The contents of the present numbers we copy below, they speak for themselves:

Rail-road Statistics. Meteorological Record kept in Louisiana. J. E. R.—Rail-roads v. Canals. Correction—Extract of a letter from London. Rail-roads in the Kingdoms of Belgium compared with those of the United States, by Chev. de Gerstner. History cost, and length of the Belgian Rail-roads. Railway Fares. Allegany Mountains the lowest depression. A new Patent. Transatlantic Steam Ships. Syracuse and Utica R. Road Celebration. Steamboat explosions, on the history and causes of. Steamboat Home, wreck of. Theories of Steamboat Explosions. Comparative hazard of Steam Navigation. Supposed safety of English steam vessels. Accidents and extraordinary hazards to English steam boilers and vessels. Specification of a patent for cast iron wheels for Rail-roads. More railway miseries. Specification of a patent for an improvement in the mode of making cast iron wheels. An Essay on trade, in reference to the works of Internal Improvement in the United States, by Charles Ellet, Jr. On the true expression of the power, velocity, &c. of Locomotive Engines, by W. McClellan Cushman. Railway fares (continued.) Central and other Rail-roads. Western and Atlantic Rail-road. Experiments in blasting. Adams' patent Railway carriage springs. Rail-road Statistics. On Steamboat explosions (continued.) Arbroath and Forfar Railway. Lagrange and Memphis R. R Report. Dry Rot. The Iron Trade. Errata.

[FOR THE WESTERN CAROLINIAN.]

The Parting of Summer.

Thou art parting hence, O Summer!
With thy glorious splendor bright,
In the sunshine of thy loveliness
Fast fading from our sight.
The calm of Autumn's coldness—
Its chill hand, and icy breath,
Come o'er thy now receding form,
With the withering blast of death.

Thou art leaving us, O Summer!
Like the hopes of Life that bloom
And gild existence for a time,
Then darken into gloom.
The glory of thy sunset hour,
The aroma of thy rose,
Are emblems fit, to symbolize
Man's Summer as it flows.

Thou art teaching us, O Summer!
In the look of thy farewell,
A lesson, that the bright things
Of the earth, may ever tell.
How the fairest, and the loveliest
Of all that here may seem,
To dwell in beauty—live in light—
Must perish like a dream.

Thou art calling back, O Summer!
By the witness of thy throes,
The mournfully recollection
Of dark, unforgotten woes.
That by the thrall of memory,
Are bound upon the heart,
And from the vista of the past,
Back into life will start.

Thou art warning us, O Summer!
With a lingering look of love,
From the phantoms of this earth
To turn, and cast our hope above.
By the freshness of the Spring-time
That with fleeting beauty fled
By thy glory, so transcendent
Now reposing with the dead.

The Spring will beam in youth again—
The Summer's fulness come,
And Nature with regenerate life,
Burst gladly from the tomb.
Then shall the flowers bloom afresh,
The buds of promise blow,
And all that now is fading,
With the blush of beauty glow.

But to the worn, and weary here,
Whose Spring long since has gone,
Whose Summer had no brightness
In its sunset, or its dawn—
The hopes of future days are dim—
No glad'ning light is shed,
The bloom was blighted in the bud,
The withered flower is dead.

Is dead! And was it but to strive
With aspirations vain—
And hopes that perish while we live,
And labor to attain—
That man was formed by power divine,
With lofty will endued,
To toil, and drink at last, the cup
With bitterness imbued?

No, questioner. 'Twas not for this,
But a far nobler end.
The things of Time must perish,
And the woes of Time may rend
The heart,—but when the brief
And fleeting play of Life is o'er,
The spirit *then* may find a rest,
When "Time shall be no more"

Salisbury, Sept. 23rd, 1839.

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Messrs. Editors: Why is it that in the early years of our Government, we heard nothing of *Caucuses*, or political *Conventions* to control and regulate elections,—while, now we scarcely hear of any thing else? Almost every day, we hear of Whig *Conventions*, Democratic *Conventions*, *Masonic Conventions*, and *Abolition Conventions*. The Doctors likewise, not long ago held a Convention at Washington, and rest assured the Lawyers will not be long behind.—I ask, what mean all these Conventions? Thirty years ago, the American people got along without so many *Conventions*, and I must think there is no use in them now. The truth of the matter is this,—a certain class of men have sprung up in our Country, called *politicians*, who have taken it in their heads that the people have not understanding enough to govern themselves, and they hold these *Conventions* to tell the people how to vote. If this system of *Caucuses*, or *Conventions* is carried on much further, the people may save themselves the trouble of going to elections at all;—for even now, it amounts to little more than merely ratifying what the Conventions decree.—The truth is, it will subvert the intention of the Constitution, and render the elective franchise a mere farce;—the Conventions will take the substance, and give the shadow to the people.

It is high time for the people to begin to open their eyes to these assumptions of power, on the part of the upstart politicians.—It is time that they should put down all these attempts at dictation.—The 10th Congressional District, and particularly the Republicans of old Rowan, and Davidson, set an example on this subject worthy of imitation. The Ashboro' Caucus set itself up to dictate to them, but the Republican spirit of the 10th District, put it down. So should it be served all over the Union, and the liberties of the people never will be safe until all such political combinations are put a stop to, or brought into disgrace.

No Caucus Man.

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Messrs. Editors: It is wonderful what a change has taken place in the *taste* and *opinions* of certain of our "Federal Whigs." For weeks before the election they *paid* the printer of the "dirty sheet" to publish the most scandalous falsehoods against the Republican candidate; they read it, admired it as chaste wit, and circulated it extensively. Look too at the course of the other Federal organ, the Watchman during that time; Then it was all right, and decent, and fit for *Professors* to circulate, and retail out. But now, when some of your correspondents in language respectful and decent compared to that employed by these organs, think proper to expose some of the artifices and falsehoods made use of; we hear the cry—Oh shocking! outrageous! bad as the dirty sheet &c.

But mark their hypocrisy still further. Only last week, the "dirty sheet" came out and introduced the names of a young lady and gentleman of this place, who never had offended him, thereby wounding the sensibilities of a large circle of friends and outraging the decencies of society. This however is passed over by the advocates of "decency" in silence, not a word of denunciation or reproof; but when Bob Short, or any other correspondent of your paper touches off "masked hypocrisy," or flings a joke at a "Federal Whig," then Oh terrible! terrible! how vulgar, and bad. Shame, fy! on such one-sided morality and justice. *It is just like the story of the Farmer and Lawyer in the spelling book.*

I am not one who approves or advocates newspaper wars and personalities; but I must say, that the course of the Federal organs and many of the Federal Whigs towards the Republican Candidate, towards you and other Republicans, would justify you in going much farther than you have gone.

There are some men in the community, who have been palming themselves off as pious and religious men, who do not seem to know that Truth is a duty!—Such hypocrites ought to be exposed: they ought to be taught by the lash that one of its commandments reads—"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor," even if he is a Republican.

An Observer.

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Messrs. Editors: In the last Watchman is a piece signed "C. Harbin" making a furious attack on me for submitting a law question to the Mocksville Debating Society.—At the first glance, I thought the signature was fictitious, not supposing any man of sense would be silly enough, to sign his real name to such a thing;—but behold, it turns out that there is, sure enough, one C. Harbin in and about Mocksville, and this must be the man. Well I am rather thinking that my shot hit in a tender place by the "signs" we see. The cap I threw out, I suppose too, fits nicely somebody's noddle, and if so, let him wear it. But he swears that no "No Composition Pedlar" is a liar, and that he can prove it. Well now if you can prove it, let me advise you to do so, and not depend on your say so, for the *proof* will be another sort of a thing to your assertion.—But what is it you say is a "lie?" Was not the Constable fined $35, and the Sheriff only $10? and were not both of them chargeable with similar offences? Suppose the Constable's offence was a shade the most aggravated. I ask you "Sir Oracle" on which of the two rests the most responsibility to keep the peace?

Come now, Sir, and say, do you think that any judge in any Superior court in N. Carolina, would have given a judgment like this? But I have no time at present *seriously* to discuss this matter—If however you wish to go into it: I say, "go ahead," and if I am not mistaken, by the time we get through with it, the circle of your fame and that of the Sheriff's too, will be considerably enlarged; so "go ahead" I say again, if you choose.

But Sir Judge of the Quorum, why do you fly into such a passion? Why man, you don't write with the moderation and dignity becoming a high functionary. I hope you have no notion of *fighting*! If you have, I tell you now, I object to it on two grounds: *first*, you might happen to kill me, and there would be no amusement in this *for me*, I assure you,—and *secondly*, I might kill you, and then what would the Federalists do *for* a Candidate next summer? It is understood that they have picked you out to beat the Republicans with. So take it either way, and you see there are serious objections to fighting? and if you must have blood, you had better keep to your old habit of shooting frogs around your mill-pond, as they say you do; after you get tired of this if you are not satisfied, and there is no other alternative, if you insist, I suppose you must have a chance at the

"No Composition Pedlar."

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According to notice previously given, and at the ringing of the bell, a respectable portion of the citizens of Salisbury, assembled at the Court-House on the evening of the 25th inst., for the purpose of electing

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We cannot close our brief notice of the events of the week, without paying a well merited tribute of admiration and applause to Mr. Arnest Stryne, for his noble daring in behalf of his suffering fellow creatures. During the latter part of the late gale, and at a time when about ninety souls from the previous undertaking, Mr. S. put off alone in an open pilot boat, and succeeded in saving the lives of three persons who were on the wreck of the Lexington. The first vessel he approached—the Pioneer Wm—was a wreck, and in so dangerous a situation, that he could not get alongside; the second Storm anchored his boat at a short distance from the wreck, plunged into the boiling surge, swam to the vessel, obtained a "line," and again swam to his boat! The boat having been made fast to the vessel, the crew of the wreck warped her alongside, got on board, and were rescued from a watery grave.

The Intrepid Stryne next succeeded in boarding the Alabama and taking off her exhausted and exposed crew, whom he landed at Portsmouth.

With a perseverance which does him everlasting honor, the dauntless Stryne again put to sea in his boat, determined to save the crew of the William Gray, or perish in the attempt. His situation was an exposed, as the breakers broke in more than over her—but he could not approach nearer than about twenty yards of her, to leeward, where he anchored. He then, using the breakers, encouraged the crew to throw their luggage overboard and accompany it, assuring them that,—the boat being to leeward,—all would be saved. After some hesitation they complied, reached the boat, and were saved!

At this time a strong ebb tide prevented their return to Portsmouth. Mr. Stryne lashed them, through the breakers, on the seaward side of Dry Shoal Point, where all received kind treatment from the hospitable Life-Saving Establishment stationed there. At 6 o'clock at night, Mr. Stryne and his boat's crew, with the rescued crew of the William Gray, arrived at Portsmouth, and the joyful tidings flew through the town.

We know not the circumstances of this noble hearted man, but if they be not such as he richly deserves, we know that they will be immediately made so. A necessary tax this, capable of appreciating and admiring such acts, will be back-ward in bestowing substantial evidences of their warm approbation.

Our informant states that Messrs. R. & J. Watson, together with two others, whose names he does not know, with all their Mr. Stryne's last return, still safely lived there even.

Rail Road Accident.—In addition to accident noticed yesterday morning, by the train of cars from Philadelphia. "All the front compartment of the passenger car and the baggage car, together with the depot at Steele Arsby, the engine was uninjured, and the train left in proceed to the next station to the west. Horses had been kept ready at a station where to repair if a break. But on this occasion, when the alarm was sounded at the locks entering to engine at the opposite way, a considerable broke, and before he could reach another brake, the whole train of cars, with a few passengers, two baggage cars, which, the engine, the crew, as the dash, escaped in safety, and the cars, placed them by way of precaution. The front passenger car was badly hung at the back, and stopped the further progress of the train, which, however, carried away one of her wheels-house, but otherwise did not sustain material damage.

By the concussion, both ends of all the cars except the two last, were shattered, the first the most. The passengers in the cars that were ended at the time of the accident, escaped with a few trifling bruises; but some who were standing on the platform at the end of the cars, were seriously hurt, viz: Wm. Chequer of Washington, has a compound fracture of the thigh, his collar bone broken, and otherwise seriously injured—his recovery is considered doubtful. James Aiken, from Galway, Ireland, and recently from Mavenanck, had his thigh broken and his head bruised; and Richard Butler, of Paterson, N. J. had his thigh broken. Two others and the breakman, received some bruises.

At a meeting held after the accident, by the passengers, we heard the steamboat Independence, they passed a resolution censuring the Company for not employing more hands to attend to the breakers attached to the cars.—*N. Y. Courier.*

Flour and Wheat.—The quantity of Flour and Wheat delivered from the Erie Canal during the first week in September at the places named below, is as follows:

	Bbls. Flour.	Bush. Wheat.
Buffalo,	138	588
West Troy,	1,085	12,855
Albany,	5,929	2,787
Total amount,	7,152	16,230

The price of board in Houston and Galveston, Texas, is from $5 to $6 per day. Washing is done at $4 per dozen pieces.

That is a very good price—but what is a *dollar* worth in Texas?—*U. S. Gaz.*

We are informed upon unquestionable authority, (says the Easton *Advertiser,*) that the Hon. Joseph P. Ridgway, Representative from the Congressional District composed of Lancaster, Chesterfield, Kershaw and Sumter, has resigned his seat on account of ill health, and that writs of election will shortly issue to fill the vacancy.

New Hamburg.—It is very easy to make a bank statement, which shall give a most flourishing appearance to its affairs. One transaction, however, one fact outweighs a hundred statements. A man may boast of having a large sum snug in his desk: but should he be found passing the wind by unusual means—should he be detected in paying enormous premiums for that—or should he draw bills upon places where he had neither money nor credit—the natural and inevitable conclusion would be that he been practising a deception in boasting of his riches—and he would be set down as an impostor who was unworthy of confidence.

Do the same rules of distinguishing right from wrong apply to corporations as to private individuals? We know how farcical it is to speak of the rules of right and wrong as applicable to the conduct of incorporations, and therefore we shall come at once to the subject of this article. Some of the banks of this city have been in the habit of issuing drafts of long date on New York banks, where they have no funds to their credit. We have been told of one draft of this description which came back here to the person who remitted it as useless. It is drawn at one of the New York banks for a considerable amount, payable seventy five days after date, signed by the cashier of the City Bank of New Orleans, and the words *acceptance waived*, appear in a small hand writing in the body of the draft.

This is a device for raising the wind, which would do honor to the ingenuity of Vincent Nolte himself. The public will make their own comments upon it.—*N. O. Louisianian.*

Sports of the Turf.—Every body has heard of horse-racing, and Sub-Treasury racing, as the Whigs call it; but whoever heard before of hog-racing? This last sport seems to be fashionable in some parts of the west. Only think of a rough Western man mounted on the back of a huge porker, spurring and whipping most lustily! What a picture for a painter! We had the following in an exchange paper.

Rational amusement.—We learn from a Western paper, that a hog race, for a purse of $50, came off at West Union, Ohio, on the 29th ult.—There were five entrances, for the purse; and the racers had been in training for several weeks.—One of the Smiths (not John) was the fortunate backer of the winning hog.

THE EPIDEMIC.

The sickness has not abated either in malignity or frequency, although the number of recorded deaths is not so great as it was three or two years ago. The weather is serene, mild and pleasantly cool in the day time. The air in the morning and night is chilly—which is believed to be an universal state of the atmosphere both to the sick and those who are liable to the epidemic. The many individuals who are not acclimated, will do well to be careful how they expose themselves to the influence of these chilly airs. A little inconvenience from heat when they go to bed, ought to be endured, rather than run the risk of being cold before day light. They should therefore invariably close their windows before they *retire* to rest. Above all, they should not *rest* a moment after they feel the first *symptom* till they obtain the assistance of a good physician. There is no room for apprehension when the disease is taken in time.—*N. O. Louisian.*

Remarkable Exception.—The ancient town of Pensacola, in the olden times, was called the Montpelier of America. It has a population of 3,000, and besides is our largest naval depot South.—Of course shipping "have do congregate;" but though these form the "material" for fevers in other cities all round Pensacola, she escapes, and verifies her fame by salubrity:

"The Pensacola Gazette states that for the last six months there have been but 6 deaths in that place; one of consumption, from Virginia; three of yellow fever, from the French fleet; one colored man from Alabama, who reached there sick, and one stabbed."

The Catawba is certainly a wonderful plant. It has the reputation of being able to correct the liver—it is said to give tone to the stomach—it extracts ink stains from linen, spots from furniture, and forms a component in a great variety of agreeable dishes. It stands next to nitrous sulphuric in preventing pranks, and it appears from the subjoined that while in various ways friendly to man as a peaceable companion, it has belligerent qualities also while warring on his side, the juice of the vine being able to kill one tribe of his enemies.

"The expressed juice of the Catawba vine introduced into the crevices of a bedstead, with a feather, is said to effectually destroy bed-bugs."—*Pennsylvanian.*

One of the Editors of this paper has had an opportunity of testing the efficacy of the remedy, in taking ink out of clothes. Take the ripe tomato, put it upon the spots of ink and place it in the sun—if the spots are not removed on the first trial, repeat it until it does. *It will not fail.*—*Ed. Jour.*