

been Spectator, comments on, and makes the opportunity of pointing out the most violent and courageous abuse on the State Rights Republicans or Nullifiers. After calling them *Traitors*, and their principles treason, he winds up by saying: "Let us have Martin Van Buren, and his host of plotters for life, to rule us, and rob us, rather than give power to the known enemies of the Union, with John C. Calhoun at their head."

What think you of this, State-Rights Republicans? Here is a specimen, in plain talk, of the feelings of the federal Whigs towards you;—feelings which have been clearly shown, but not so openly expressed, by the more prudent and cautious portion of the party.

It now remains with the Republicans to decide, whether they will continue to act with those whose organs are constantly denouncing them with bitterness as *traitors*, and their principles—the principles of Jefferson and Madison as *treason*.

Such intolerance is shown by men in a minority, what might we not expect from them in a majority, possessed of power! We might expect that such as dared to differ from them in opinion, would not only be called traitors, but they would run some risk of being hanged as such.

FIRE.

Very destructive fires have recently occurred at New York, Philadelphia, Brooklyn and Jersey City,—particulars may be found in extracts given in another column.

An extensive fire happened too in Aiken (S. C.) on the 4th inst.,—destroying 50 houses, nearly the whole place, the loss about \$70,000.

ORIGINAL PECHE ARTICLES.

Secularia, or the Sequel to the Tale of "Judith Bonnadi," Chapter I, a young lawyer in the Gold Country; Chapter II, the Vane of Neuman; Chapter III, the voyage to London; Chapter IV, the lady in black; Chapter V, the music teacher; Chapter VI, the summer festival.

The vast mines contributed much to Montezuma's prodigious wealth; besides he drew by usage about one third of the whole productive wealth of his subjects. The nobility were compelled to make him vast annual presents in person. Every town in the empire had a regular militia; and it is even said that Montezuma had upwards of thirty vessels, from each of which he could have brought into the field one hundred thousand men.

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BAGGING, ROPING, AND GROCERIES.

JUST RECEIVED AND FOR SALE,
WHOLESALE & RETAIL,

50 lbs. Cotton Bagging, 42 to 44 inches,
30 coils Bale Rope,
30 kegs Nails,
40 bags Coffee,
18 hds. Sugar,

1,000 lbs. Lead do.,
500 lbs. Spring Steel,
53 pr. Elastic Springs,
500 lbs. Blister Steel,
144 Bottles Tonic Mixture,

20 large Copying Hides,
500 lbs. Sole Leather,
100 kegs White Lead,

Salisbury, Sept. 27, 1839.

NEW ESTABLISHMENT.

IN MOCKSVILLE, DAVIDSON COUNTY.

THOMAS FOSTER

INFORMS the public that he has removed from his former stand, to his new buildings on the public square, in the Town of Mocksville, where he will continue to keep a HOUSE OF ENTERTAINMENT. His House is roomy and commodious; attached to which are six comfortable Offices for gentlemen of the Bar, all convenient to the Court House. The subscriber pledges himself to the most diligent exertions, to give satisfaction to such as may call on him. His Tabernacle, Bar and Stables are provided in the best manner that the country will allow, and his servants are faithful and prompt.

Feb. 14, 1839.

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SCULPTURING.

THE Subscriber wishes to inform his customers and the public generally, that he still carries on the Stone Cutting Business,

and is ever ready to execute, in a very superior manner, all descriptions of work in his line.

Gold-Grinders, Mill-Stones, Winders and Door-sills, Door-steps and Tomb-stones, are executed in a very rare style. His grit for Mill-Stones is very good.—Mr. Phillips also begs to inform the public that he can execute Engravings of various kinds—He will Engrave marble-slabs neatly, and granite tomb-stones can be well executed if desired. His charges shall always be reasonable, and as accommodation us possible.

Persons wishing to have work done in the above line, will do well to call at the residence of Mr. Phillips, seven miles south of Salisbury.

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PROPOSALS for carrying the mail of the United States, from the 1st day of January, 1840.

to the 30th June, 1843, on the following post route (in North Carolina,) will be received at the Department until the 15th day of November next, inclusive, to be decided by the 18th day of said month. No. 2155. From Salisbury, by Miranda, Spring Grove, Mount Mourne, Beattie's Ford, Catawba Springs, Vesuvius Furnace, Lincolnton, Wilsonville, Gardner's Ford, Piedmont, Rutherfordton, and Fairview, to Asheville, 136 miles and back three times a week in four horse post coaches.

Proposals to run with stages are invited.

Leave Salisbury every Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 5 a. m., arrive at Asheville next day by 8 p. m.

Leave Asheville every Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday at 6 a. m., arrive at Salisbury next day by 8 p. m.

NOTES.

1. The routes, the sum, the mode of service, and the residence of the bidder should be distinctly stated in the bid; the sum should be stated by the year.

2. No proposal will be considered, unless it be accompanied by a guarantee, signed by one or more responsible persons, in the following manner, viz:

"The undersigned guarantee that, if his bid for carrying the mail from _____ to _____ be accepted by the Postmaster General, shall enter into an obligation, prior to the first day of March next, with good and sufficient sureties, to perform the service proposed."

"Dated, 1839."

This should be accompanied by the certificate of a postmaster, or other equivalent testimony, that the guarantors are men of property, and able to make good their guarantee.

3. The Postmaster General is prohibited, by law, from making contracts for the transportation of the mail with any person who shall have entered into any combination, or proposed to enter into any combination, to prevent the making of any bid for a mail contract by any other person or persons, or who shall have made any agreement, or shall have given or performed, or promised to give or perform, any consideration to do, or not to do, anything whatever to induce any other not to bid for a mail contract.

4. On routes where the mails are transported in stages, and the present contractor shall be superseded by an under-bidder, who may not have the stage property requisite for the performance of the contract, he shall purchase from the present contractor such of the stage horses and property as may be suitable for the service, at a fair valuation, and make payment therefor by reasonable instalments, unless the present contractor shall continue to run stages on the route. Should they not agree as to the suitableness of the property, the terms, or the security, each may choose a person who may appoint a third, and their decision shall be final, or the Postmaster General will name the umpire. This will be made the condition of any bid under that of a present contractor; and should the under-bidder fail to comply, his bid will be offered to the contractor; but should he decline it, the proposal of the under-bidder will be accepted unconditionally.

5. On post coach and stage routes, where that kind of transportation is sometimes difficult, proposals will be received for carrying the mails on horseback, in wagons, or carts, for a specific number of months, weeks, or days, in each year; but no disposition of post coach or stage service will be tolerated unless it be stipulated for in the proposals and embraced in the contract.

6. The proposals should be sent to the Department, sealed, endorsed, "Proposals for mail route No. _____" and addressed to the First Assistant Postmaster General.

AMOS KENDALL.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,

Sept. 27, 1839.

BRANCHES

usually taught in Female Institutions in this State.

N. B. A married Gentleman whose lady would take charge of the Female Academy would be preferred.

A. D. CARTER,

LEMUEL BINGHAM,

JOHN CLEMENT.

Mocksville, Oct. 18, 1839.

MEXICO AS IT WAS IN THE DAYS OF MONTEZUMA.

When Hernando Cortez conquered Mexico in 1519, the city of Mexico contained a population of upwards of sixty thousand families. It was divided into two distinct parts, in one of which lived the nobility, and in the other the lower classes. The public edifices and the dwellings of the court and nobility were built of stone. Temples were magnificent. The one dedicated to Vitapatz, the god of war, and the most worshipped of all their deities, was the most spacious. Besides the dwelling of the priests erected on the inside, and the great number of squares, it contained many for other inferior deities, to which the people had to pay homage on their entrance—this great edifice would accommodate more than ten thousand persons, who came to dance at their regular festivals. One of the squares was set out with trees, at regular distances, through which iron bars were passed, wherein were suspended the heads of victims who had been sacrificed to the gods. In another department there was a large stone, terminating in an acute angle, upon which the priests suspended the victim to be sacrificed, cut open his breast and took out his heart. A splendid chariot contained the grand idol. It was the figure of a man sitting upon a high altar. His head was crowned with a helmet of burnished gold. In the right hand is held a serpent, and in the left a shield with the nation. The countenance was most hor-

rible. The priests slowly withdrew the victim when they permitted the people to pay their adoration to this deity of their worship. On the left was another idol of similar display and character, pretending to be his brother, and equally an object of profound abomination.

The city contained eight temples of a similar description. The chapels in these edifices amounted to not far from two thousand, dedicated to different deities. They were constructed with great magnificence and the appendages and trappings were of innumerable value.

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