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New Stage Line.

THE Subscribers having become contractors for carrying the mail from Salem to Reidsville, in Rockingham County, N. C.

TO THE TRAVELING PUBLIC.

The subscriber begs leave to inform the public, that the line of FOUR HORSE POST COACHES between this place and Warsaw is still in operation, notwithstanding the low stage of water on the river, and the law of Congress in regard to passenger boats.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, June Term, 1853. Francis Fries and others, vs. Issue divisavit. Menah Gwyn, vel non.

Mail Arrangements.

Northern—four horse coaches.—Arrives Daily at 1 1/2 o'clock, p. m. Closes at 9 p. m.

DECK AND PORT.

Incidents of a cruise to California, with sketches of Rio Janeiro, Valparaiso, Lima, Honolulu, and San Francisco. By Rev. Walter Collins. For sale by BLUM & SON.

CASTINGS.

Mill-Gearing, Spindles, Gudgeons, Cranks, Iron and Brass Boxes, &c., cast to order. Also Corn Shellers, Wheel Fans, Threshing Machines, portable and stationary Horsepowers, of the most approved quality. E. BELLO.

Window Paper.

A LOT of superior Window Paper, of different patterns, for sale by BLUM & SON. July—24th

MISCELLANEOUS.

Volcanoes, their Causes—Igneous Theory.

With our ideas of volcanoes we always associate the grand and the terrible; and a volcanic eruption—a huge piece of artillery, with a mouth perhaps a mile in circumference, shooting up rocks and burning lava—is truly a terrific sight.

COMING HOME.

Glad were! The waters dash upon the bow of the gallant vessel. She stands on the deck, and while the winds woo her ringlets, looks anxiously for the headlands of home.

Tabiti and its Lions.

The missionaries who have successfully resided during the last fifty years, have wrought a change in the dress of the natives, especially those in the neighborhood of Papeiti.

Large Mass of Pure Copper.

A letter from Eagle river, Lake Superior, states that there is a mass of pure copper in the North American mine, which was thrown down on the 8th instant, forty two feet long, twenty feet high, and two feet thick—the largest mass of copper ever before discovered.

The Cotton Plant.

Professor Schow traces the history of the diffusion of the cotton plant and cotton, with a tolerable degree of probability to periods before the birth of Christ, when it was confined to India. Herodotus, who lived in the fifth century before Christ, relates that the Indians made their cloths of a wool grown on a plant.

eruptions. Water, however, is allike- hood, except no agency whatever; and a strong argument in proof of this, is, that in the moon there is neither air nor water, and yet the volcanoes of the earth are mere dwarfs compared with those on our satellite.

Buying on Trust.

We have been looking for a sensible article on this subject, and have at length found it. We hope it will be read in earnest, and that an effort will be made by all to abolish a system that is working destruction to the poor man, and inflicting many sore injuries and losses upon the rich.

Inhalation for Consumption.

The following voluntary testimonial of the invaluable benefit of inhalation for that dire destroyer of the human race, consumption, was written to the National Intelligencer, by the gentleman whose name is attached to it.

Woodwinking the Pigeons.

Pigeons are much more injurious to the gardener and farmer than crows, or any other of the feathered tribe. It is said that a pigeon eats its own weight of food in a day, and that principally of a vegetable nature.

Cork.

Many persons see corks used daily without knowing whence come those useful materials. Corks are cut from large slabs of the cork tree, a species of oak, which grows wild in the southern countries of Europe.

Science for Every-Day Life.

A variety of interesting and important papers were read before the American Scientific Association, during its late session at Cleveland. W. H. Thomas, Esq., of Cincinnati, read an essay, which discussed the indications of weather, as shown by animals, insects and plants; and was full of facts, many of them new, and of scientific explanations of themselves.

THE YEAR OF PESTILENCE.

For a year past the yellow fever has been raging with great violence on the coast of South America and in a number of the West India Islands. At the island of Hayti probably not less than one hundred American officers and seamen have died, besides a large number of the inhabitants.

Sounds during an Earthquake.

The great stability of the earth during the night is a phenomenon which has been observed ever by the natives. In elevated cities, or in the vicinity of the coast, the sound is generally ascribed to the rest of the world being, with the locality where the sound is heard, the only one in which the direction of the breeze is from the sea.

Baron Humboldt's Account.

Baron Humboldt's account of the volcanic district of the world had earthy crusts resting on lakes of igneous melted matter. Humboldt believes that the volcanic region of Quito, in South America—the whole of that vast plateau—is a single volcanic surface, composed of a solid crust covering a lake of molten matter.

That student brother!

That student brother! He could leap the waters, and fly like a bird home.— Though he has seen all the splendor of olden cities, there is but one spot that fills his heart, and that spot he will soon reach,—"sweet home!"

Coming Home!

What sees the sun-brown sailor in the darkling waters? He smiles! There are pictures there of blue-eyed babe and his mother. He knows that even now his young wife sings that sweet cradle song.

That bronzed sailor loves his home,

as an eagle whose wings seek oftener the tracks of the air, loves best the mountain airy. His treasure is not here. Coming home. Sady and won California folds his arms and sinks back upon his favored pillow.

Handel's tuning fork was sold recently,

in London, for sixteen dollars. At the same sale a violin, of remarkable excellence, brought twelve hundred dollars. The total amount of coffee shipped at Rio Janeiro for the United States, from 1st July, 1852, to 1st June, 1853, was 947,359 bags.

A single pound of flaxen thread,

intended for the finest specimens of French lace, is valued at six hundred dollars, and the length of this thread is about two hundred and twenty six miles.— One pound of this thread is really more valuable than two pounds of gold.

A colored servant to one of our able

divines was on one Sunday observed by his master to be very busy writing during the discourse. After service the clergyman asked Peter: "What were you doing with your paper and pencil all the forenoon, Peter?" "Taking notes, massa."