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HORATIO SEYMOUR.

This paper noted the fact that Mr. Seymour had refused to be a candidate, but did so without any "extreme" anxiety.

The STAR had no reference to the Watchman, for it did not remember that it had said anything about Mr. Seymour.

But be all that as it may, Mr. Seymour has not declined, so there is no justice or pertinency in the remark of the Watchman that "the STAR takes it for granted that Mr. Seymour does not mean what he says."

The STAR has no personal preferences for the nomination. We know what we are talking about. The most sagacious men we know of in American politics believe fully that Mr. Seymour is by all odds the strongest Democrat in the country.

We are glad to see from recent interviews had with Mr. Seymour by representatives of the New York Herald and World, that he is hopeful of a uniting of the discordant factions of the Democratic party in that State.

The intelligent colored people of Washington City have held a meeting to denounce the scheme of enticing the colored people from their homes in North Carolina to the frozen regions of the Northwest.

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Spirits Turpentine. Winston Sentinel: The Synod of the Southern Province of the Moravian Church will meet in Salem on January 20, 1880. Rev. Mr. Moran, well known in this State as an eloquent Methodist divine, has recently been ordained as a Priest in the Reformed Episcopal Church in New York.

New Bern Democrat: The steamboat of the City of New York, Saturday, loaded to her utmost capacity, she left behind her on the wharf, awaiting shipment, over 200 bales of cotton. She took out 450 bales of cotton, 250 barrels of sugar, 20 barrels of spirits of turpentine, numerous crates of eggs, raw hides and general merchandise.

Chapel Hill Ledger: The colored people of the Methodist Church have realized, by their festive, some \$28 towards buying a bell for the church. The University opened the first Monday in January. We expect to see many new students. We are glad to learn that Dr. Charles Phillips is improving very rapidly at his new quarters in New York.

Durham gave but \$500 to the University Railroad, and that was subscribed by Mr. Julian Carr. The Chapel Hill Ledger says that, in consequence of our Durham friends for a long time, since they are business men, and look at the affair from a business point of view. Yet we are certain that the railroad will be built at an early day, and will join the North Carolina Railroad at a point near University Station. Nearly \$20,000 have been contributed.

Raleigh Observer: Governor Jarvis has ordered a special term of Duplin county Superior Court, to begin on the third Monday in January. He has also ordered a special term of the county court, to begin on the fourth Monday in January. At both courts Judge Gilmer will preside. There are now nearly 5,000 bales of cotton lying in Moore's yard. The owners and dealers in the county are in a hurry to gauge some brandy. That night the moonshiners came down and took Burns' buggy over a mile from the house and smashed it into atoms.

Charlotte Observer: Proposals for carrying mails of the United States in North Carolina, from July 1st, 1880, to June 30, 1881, have been received by the Postmaster General. Persons wishing to contract for this service should send in their bids on or before January 20, 1880. I scaled envelopes, superscribed: "Mail Proposals, State of North Carolina," addressed to the Postmaster General, Postoffice General, Washington, D. C. For forms of proposal, bond and certificate, and also for instructions as to the conditions to be enclosed in the envelopes, see, bids will apply to the routes mentioned in the accompanying application for the Second Assistant Postmaster General.

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There were about a half dozen fistfight fights in different parts of the city yesterday, but none of them serious. Mr. and Mrs. Hott arrived in the city yesterday morning, with forty cocks of the best breeds that Alliance county affords, and took quarters at the fair grounds. Mr. Daniel Simmons, an eccentric man, had good success in a county, six miles from Hickory, committed suicide last Sunday morning by hanging himself in the smoke-house with a well rope. Mr. Henry Kishon has resigned the superintendency of Great Falls Mills, and has gone to Newbern to take charge of a cotton factory at that place, as superintendent and part owner. The agent of a firm which is in the dog skin trade at Bridgeport, Conn., has been in Raleigh telling the people how to skin a dog so that he will give them \$3 for the hide. The proprietors of the Charlotte Hotel are preparing for their move to the Metropolitan on the 1st. Two or three evening parties were given in the city yesterday, and last night gave an exhibition in Cochran's billiard saloon for the hot money. They gathered up enough to take them on to the next town. It is said that the next town is Charlotte, which is a temperance town. Better wait till the New Year's resolutions. A difficulty between J. A. Young, Jr., and LeRoy and Baxter Davidson, on the street yesterday, attracted a good deal of attention and a very large crowd. Friends interfered and a black eye or two was the only result. Sheriff Robinson, of Lincoln county, having visited in the jail Lullie Young, the daughter of the negro killed by policeman Hill, and Celia Jenkins, in whose house the killing occurred, and talked with them both, has thoroughly satisfied himself as to the identity of Bob Pharr and Henry Johnson, and consequently favors their release, and has inspired by an organized effort, and parties are concerned and interested in the matter.