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Such of our old subscribers as desire to take the paper on this system will please notify us when making remittances. Jan 15, 1863.

W. M. McL. McKay,
Attorney at Law.

WILL attend the County and Superior Courts of Cumberland, Harnett, Moore and Robeson Counties. Prompt attention given to the collection of all claims entrusted to his hands. 58-11

GEO. W. WILLIAMS & CO.,
Wholesale Dealers in Groceries,
Hardware and Cutlery, Swedes Iron, &c.,
HAY STREET, FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.
July 2, 1861. 36-11

COX, KENDALL & CO.,
Commission Merchants
AND
WHOLESALE GROCERS,
No. 11 & 12 North Water St.,
Wilmington, N. C.
Orders from the Country promptly executed. 10-11

T. C. & B. G. WORTH,
Commission and Forwarding Merchants,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Jan 28, 1861. 84-11

JOHNSON, WILLIAMS & CO.,
SALT MAKERS.
We have thirty (30) pans now in operation nine miles west of Wilmington. Parties wishing to supply themselves with salt, can be furnished by applying to A. Johnson, Jr., Agent at Fayetteville, to E. Page, manager at the works, or to J. M. WILLIAMS, General Superintendent. Fayetteville, Nov. 20, 1862. 81-11

COTTON YARN.
No. 19 Hay Street.
C. P. MALLETT.
88-11

Rice and Tobacco on Consignment.
10 CASKS of fresh Rice and 100 Boxes Mannu- factured Tobacco, various qualities. For sale by GEO. W. WILLIAMS & CO. Fayetteville, Sept. 24, 1862. 65-11

NOTICE.
I expect to be absent from home a few months in the West. Archibald McLean is my authorized Agent to transact my business until I return. N. G. JONES. Dec 28, 1860. 81-11

SALT PANS FOR SALE.
5 BOLLER IRON PANS, large size, for sale at the Eagle Works, Fayetteville, N. C., by D. ANDERSON. Dec. 8. 84-11

WANTED.
2,500 BUSHELS WHEAT, \$1.00 per bushel. Persons having the above articles to sell will receive the highest cash price by calling on Mr. M. Thompson, at the Merchant Mills, Fayetteville, or on the subscriber at his old stand on Market Square. ALEX. JOHNSON, Jr. Nov. 4, 1862. 76-11

Twenty-five Dollars Reward.
DANAWAY from the subscriber, his negro boy MOSES. He is 21 years of age, about 5 feet 10 inches high, robust, long feet, very much tanned on the toes, and looks down when spoken to. He was seen at McLean's Mills in Robeson county on the 21st ult., and was in Fayetteville about three weeks ago. The above reward will be paid for his delivery to me or for the confinement in any jail so that I get him. Bennettville, S. C., Aug. 14, 1862. 52-11

ARMY HARNESSES.
I AM prepared to manufacture all kinds of Wagon Harness for Army use. I tan my leather and can give good bargains. Agents will do well to send their orders to me as they shall have prompt attention, and sent off in quick dispatch. JOHN CARTER. Goldston P. O., Chatham Co., N. C., 34-11

200 lbs. Gum Arabic for sale by
J. R. LEE. 69-11

NOTICE.
CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA.
Mkd. Paymaster's Office,
Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 12, 1862.
All claims against this Department, to be paid, must be presented before January 25th, 1863. D. P. RAMSEUR, Surg. and Med. Purveyor. 81-11

WESTERN RAIL ROAD OFFICE,
Fayetteville, Aug. 29 1862.

On and after the 1st day of Sept. the following rates will be charged on Passengers, viz:
From Fayetteville to Little River, 50 cts.
to Rock Branch, 75 "
to Jonesboro, 1.00
to Melver's, 1.25
Twenty-five cents additional will be collected by the Conductor of each passenger, leaving a Station without a ticket.
A new rate of Freight will go into effect at the same time, which will be printed and furnished to the public in a few days.
By order of the Pres't.
JNO. M. ROSE, Treas'r W. R. R. Co.
Aug. 30, 1862. 56-11

WESTERN RAIL ROAD.
FROM and after Monday the 22d inst., the Trains of this Road will run daily, leaving Fayetteville at 8 o'clock, A. M.; returning leave Melver's Depot at 1 o'clock, P. M. C. E. MALLETT, Pres't.
Sept. 20, 1862. 62-11

LOOK AT THIS!
THE FAYETTEVILLE HOTEL,
Fronting 300 feet and in the business portion of the Town,
contains more spacious and well ventilated Rooms than any Hotel in the State,
and my Patrons say my Conduits are very good for the times.
T. WOODILL, Proprietor.
May 20, 1862. 27-11

DEAN, BALDWIN & CO.,
Auction and Commission Merchants,
58 Sycamore St., Petersburg, Va.
REFERENCES.—W. Steel, President Bank of North Carolina, Fayetteville, N. C.; O. S. Baldwin, Wilmington, N. C.; George Myers, Wilmington, T. W. Royston & Co., A. L. Scott, A. S. Shafer, Petersburg, Va.; E. L. Harding, Raleigh, N. C.; Dr. George C. Bland, Dr. H. E. Shore, L. A. Hawkes, Upton & Wilson, Notoway, Va.; N. C. Barton & Co., Richmond, Va.
J. F. DEAN, A. H. BALDWIN, W. W. ARBOLD.
Dec. 17, 1862. 87-11

FAYETTEVILLE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY.
Capital in Premium Notes amounts to \$267,588 25
Cash on hand and other assets, 5,077 35
Total, \$272,665 61
The Company have paid all losses promptly, and have never made an assessment on their premium notes. Total losses paid, \$29,682 39

VALUABLE MILLS for Sale.
I OFFER for sale my PLANTATION, 2 miles west of Carthage, Robeson county, containing 100 acres, on which is a fine Saw Mill, Cotton Gin, and other machinery. I will receive in payment State Bonds, Confederate money or likely Negroes. JOHN MORISON. Dec 27, 1862. 90-11

VALUABLE LANDS for Sale.
I OFFER for Sale my PLANTATION on McLean's tract, in Robeson county, containing 2100 acres, which is as productive as any lands in the county of Moore. The improvements good and the situation healthy. Terms liberal. JOHN MORISON. Dec 13, 1862. 77-11

LANDS IN ROBESON COUNTY FOR SALE.
2,500 ACRES on the Ruff Swamp, 9 miles from C. & B. Railroad.
3,700 Acres on the Broad Ridge, about 5 miles from Lumberton. Twenty acres of which is in cultivation.
370 Acres known as the Red Banks, on the W. C. & R. Railroad, 15 miles from Lumberton. About 130 open and under fence. There are two small framed houses on the premises.
400 Acres about 1 mile from the last mentioned tract, very heavily timbered.
1,000 Acres known as the Little Desert. A rich swamp about 1 1/2 miles from Fayetteville and 1 mile from the Fayetteville and Lumberton Road, adjoining McGeachy and others.
1,000 Acres known as the Desert, adjoining William McNeill, Collier Daniel McNeill, McAlpin and others. 350 acres high land, the balance is a rich swamp. Dec. 13, 1862. 80-10-11

ART.
Woodward's Solar Camera.

A GEM!
The New Style, Small, COLORED PHOTOGRAPHS, at Vanordell's Gallery.

Marble Factory,
By GEO. LAUDER.

Mr. Henry Day will be
at my office for a few weeks prepared to furnish and settle accounts to the 1st January.
It is important that amounts due to the late firm of B. W. & H. C. Robinson should be paid soon. Those indebted will confer a favor by attending to this notice. B. W. ROBINSON. Jan 7, 1863. 92-11

A Large Durham Cow
WITH a Young Calf, for sale.
DAVID MURPHY. Jan 5. 92-11

LOST OR STOLEN.
A SMALL black TRUNK marked "J. Smith, Fayetteville, N. C." The Trunk was taken off the S. R. North Carolina on Sunday morning through mistake. I suppose. Any information will be thankfully received, or a suitable reward will be paid if delivered to me at Mr. D. Anderson's Foundry. J. SMITH. Jan 8. 92-11

Blacksmith to Hire.
A. No. 1 Workman. Address "W." at this office. Dec 29. 89-11

VALUABLE PROPERTY FOR SALE.

THE undersigned having recently undertaken public duties, incompatible with proper attention to the property hereinafter described, will sell at Auction for Cash, (currency) at 12 o'clock M., on the 24th Jan'y next, (unless sooner disposed of at private sale), his Tract of LAND in Moore County, on the Fayetteville and Western Plank Road, about half way between Carthage and Asheboro, containing about 507 Acres, of which some 90 or 95 acres is probably cleared, and well fenced, and some four acres good Meadow. It has on it a comfortable DWELLING, Kitchen, Smoke House, Barn, Store House, spacious Stables, &c.
The sale will be made at the premises, and immediate possession will be given to the purchaser.
He will also sell, a private sale, his Lots and Residence in the town of Asheboro, with an extensive Farm, near the village. One of the Farms about a mile from the village, contains about 100 acres, 80 acres of which is in cultivation. It has on it some 500 acres of good meadow. About 40 acres is seeded in good corn, with a superior variety of wheat, and with rye and winter wheat. The remaining 20 acres is devoted to a corn crop. Three-fourths of the outside fence of this place is built of stone. The other tract, about 50 acres in cultivation—some 25 acres of which is seeded in Winter wheat—has on it an orchard of more than 200 trees, in bearing condition—consisting of choice varieties of apple, pear, cherry and nut trees—about 5 acres of highly fertilized and productive meadow.
The dwelling is 52 x 20 feet, with a wing 15 x 20 feet, both two stories high. The rooms of the main building are all paneled in plain but elegant style. Four of them spacious and well furnished, one is a dormitory, without the place, and one a library room, fitted up with movable shelves. The wing has two rooms with fire places, a dining room and one room without a fire place, with bed chambers, and a spacious and dry stable under the building. The out-buildings consist of a Kitchen, three negro houses with two rooms in each of them, four of the rooms having each a fire place, and one of them a stove, well house with pantry, a large smoke house, carriage house, wood house, two offices, each with two rooms, and one fire place; a framed barn 54 x 30 feet, with stable room for 8 horses, space for sheep pen enough to produce 500 bushels, two well garners capable of holding each 500 bushels of grain, with a basement story to admit water, and also separate stables, a stone milk house supplied with a constant stream of cool spring water. The buildings are all in excellent condition, and have been recently painted.
Persons desirous to make further inquiries, can apply to me at Raleigh, to my son or brother residing in Fayetteville, my brother in Fayetteville, or to my son-in-law S. S. Jackson in Asheboro, who is duly empowered to make a sale.
As I am unable to remove to Raleigh I can give immediate possession to
JONATHAN WOODILL.
Dec 27, 1862. 90-11

FLORAL COLLEGE.
THE Trustees of Floral College take pleasure in announcing to the public that they have succeeded in again procuring the services of Rev. Daniel Johnson as Principal of this school.
A full corps of competent instructors both in the Literary and Ornamental Departments will be supplied. The school will open on Wednesday the 14th inst. 1863. Circulars containing full particulars in regard to terms, &c. can be had on application to Rev. Daniel Johnson, Gilgolis, N. C.
The Stewards Hall will also be under the control and management of Mr. Johnson.
Board at Stewards Hall \$18 per month.
M. C. McNAIR, Sec'y of Board of Trustees.
Dec 27, 1862. 89-11

ISAAC HOLLINGSWORTH,
At his Old Stand, Person St.
OFFERS for sale, SOUND SALT
A good assortment of Cigars and Smoking Tobacco, Small Flour, Sugar, Leather, &c., and all articles usually kept in a Grocery Store to be had in market, which will be sold for cash or given in exchange for Country Produce. 89-11

TURPENTINE HACKS.
I HAVE a good supply of Turpentine HACKS, on hand, which I am ready to sell to those who wish to purchase. Also, ready to prepare Axes at short notice, in the best manner.
L. WOOD
Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 30. 90-31-11

HORSE SHOEING.
OWING to the advance in the price of Iron the subscriber is compelled to raise the price of shoeing to \$1 per shoe. He does this with reluctance, but he states, that the iron shoe used in making shoes costs more than half of his charge, and more than twice as much as he formerly received for iron and shoeing.
J. W. WELSH.
Fayetteville, Jan 2, 1863. 91-61-11

SALT! SALT!
25 SACKS for sale by ROBERT MITCHELL. Dec 22. 88-11

100 SACKS OF SALT.
100 Bbls. Salt Soda, for soap making; 125 Boxes J. A. Long's best brands of Tobacco; 50 Bbls. Prime Sugar; 500 Lbs. Sole Leather.
JOS. A. WORTH. Dec 22, 1862. 89-21-11

NOTICE.
TWO likely NEGRO MEN, George, 44 years old, and John, 41, belonging to the Estate of Thomas M. McLeran, dec'd., will be sold privately, whenever suitable application shall be made to me. I will also hire out two likely MEN for this year.
MARY ANN EVANS, Ex'r. Jan 2, 1863. 91-11

NOTICE.—\$25 REWARD.
THE subscriber will pay \$25 dollars reward to any one who will inform him, in Fayetteville, a negro GIRL, who ran away from his residence on Friday night the 24 of January, 1863. Said negro girl is about 5 feet and a half high, is inclined to be thick, a rasher bright black face, full with thick lips. She is 15 years old, but large for her age. The above reward will be paid to any one who will return her safely home or lodge her in jail and inform me of the fact and place of her recovery.
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HECTOR McNEILL, Adm'r. Dec. 10, 1862. 85-11

Wagons Wanted.
THE undersigned, Salt Commissioners for the County of Cumberland, wish to employ from one to twenty-five Wagons to haul Salt from Saltville, Va., for which they will pay twelve dollars per bag of 100 lbs. and allow the wagons to take one-fourth of the Salt at the Work at \$1.50 per bushel on their own account. Wagons from any part of the State will be employed on application to us, by letter or otherwise.
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WOODWARD'S STAR POLISH.
FOR the benefit of the public I would inform them that I have a lot of STAR POLISH on hand but no boxes to put it in. Please say to your servant to gather all the old tin boxes they have and bring them to me and I will buy them. A. J. WOODWARD. Fayetteville, Jan 3, 1863. 91-11

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Land at Auction.

WILL offer for sale at Auction, on Tuesday Feb'y 30, at the Market House, at 12 o'clock,
640 Acres of LAND,
lying on the River 2 miles below town, and belonging to J. Robinson: 40 acres are cleared and under cultivation. This tract contains about 200 acres of excellent Swamp Land, and 150 acres of sand hill, well timbered; the remainder, next to the River, is adapted to the growth of corn and the cultivation of grass.
Any one desiring to purchase can get further information by applying to the owner or to the subscriber
C. E. LEETE, Auc'r.
Jan'y 6. 92-11

LAND AT AUCTION.
WILL be sold on TUESDAY, 31 February next, at the Market House, at 12 o'clock. Two Tracts of Land on Over's Creek, known as the King and Bolton lands.
The King tract contains 640 acres, the Bolton tract contains 1050 acres.
The above lands contain the lands of J. P. McLean, M. J. Buse and others.
There is a Saw and Grist Mill on the Bolton tract. Persons desiring to purchase can do so privately by calling on
C. E. LEETE, Auc'r.
Jan'y 7. 92-11

Real Estate, Negroes and Furniture at Auction.
AT the Market House on Thursday the 22d inst., I shall sell at Auction, a HOUSE AND LOT situated on North Street, between the Morgan House, and adjoining the lands of Mr. James Kyle. 424 acres of LAND, 24 miles North of the town of Fayetteville on the Raleigh Plank Road, opposite Mr. C. B. Mallett's, adjoining W. B. Wright, Esq., One NEGRO WOMAN, 25 years of age and child 3 years old. A lot of FURNITURE, amongst which is one Piano, one Extension Dining Table, Bedsteads, Chairs, &c., one excellent MILCH COW. JOHN H. COOK, Auc'r.
Jan'y 9, 1863. 93-11

FOR SALE.
THAT commodious DWELLING HOUSE on Lamon Street, known as the property of Miss Eliza W. King.
The House is well finished. Good Kitchen, Smoke House, &c.
If not previously disposed of will be sold on 22d inst., at 12 o'clock, at the Market House.
A. M. CAMPBELL, Auc'r.
Jan'y 8, 1863. 92-11

FOR SALE.
WILL be sold at the Market House, on Thursday Jan'y 22, 1863, at 12 o'clock, NINETY-FIVE ACRES LAND, West of Town, joining the lands of Mrs. Hybart, Alex. Johnson, McPherson and others. Terms at sale.
A. M. CAMPBELL, Auc'r.
Jan'y 8, 1863. 92-11

RECEIVER'S NOTICE.
THE following persons who have money, property or evidences of debt in their hands belonging to alien enemies, are hereby required to meet me in Asheboro, on the 31 day of February next, and to surrender me such property as they may have in their possession, and to pay over such sums of money as may be in their hands, and which have been returned to me as belonging to alien enemies, to wit: Jesse Walker, Alfred Ridge, Allen Lamb, W. A. Troon, Joseph Scoville, Willis Ridge, A. S. Horney, Wm. Loftin of Caraway, A. P. Johnson, Henry Fuller, Benj. Rush, Washington Rush, Jefferson Lamb, W. A. Croen, Wm. Henly, J. M. Worth & Sons, Coffin, Foust & Co., George Staunton, Mieshach Henry, Cyrus P. Menclhall, E. F. Hoover, Jesse and Frederic Pearce, Huldah Robinson, Jacob Briles, James W. Pearce, John H. Pearce, A. U. Tomlinson and W. N. Miller.
JOHN MANNING, Jr., Receiver. 92-31-11

Valuable Sale of Real Estate.
ON 31 day of February next, will be sold for Cash, at the Court House door in the town of Asheboro, the following Tracts of LAND, sequestered to the use of the Confederate States of America, and ordered to be sold:—
One Tract of land 1/2 mile south of New Salem, containing 101 acres, formerly belonging to C. W. Woolen.
One Tract adjoining Jabez Powell and others, containing 194 acres, formerly property of Thos. Stalker.
One undivided 1/2 part of 267 acres of Land on the waters of Caraway, adjoining Enoch Harlan and others.
One Tract on the waters of Polecat, containing 75 acres, formerly belonging to Joseph P. Julian.
One other Tract on the waters of Polecat, formerly belonging to Robert Darnton, and assessed at \$700.
All will be sold at the same time and place, former sales having been set aside.
160 acres of Land and a House and two Lots in the town of Union, formerly belonging to W. Clark.
One Tract on Polecat containing 80 acres, formerly belonging to C. W. Woolen. Also, a House and Lot in New Salem, formerly property of C. W. Woolen.
JOHN MANNING, Jr., Receiver. 92-31-11

AUDITOR'S DEPARTMENT.
THE attention of all persons who are concerned in thereby called to the Act of the General Assembly which creates the office of Auditor of Public Accounts. Accounts with the State for the expenditure of public money will be required to conform, in all cases touching military affairs, to the Army Regulations of the Confederate States; and all accounts, whether in the military or in the civil departments of the government are to be presented quarterly, and as soon as may be after the close of the regular quarter.
The undersigned avails himself of the present opportunity to notify all who are delinquent in rendering accounts of public money or property in their hands since the commencement of the war now pending, of the necessity of having their accounts prepared and settled. The attention of the General Assembly will be called to the names of these persons, and suits will be directed in cases where this notice is disregarded.
Claims against the State will be audited according to the rules observed by the late Board of Claims.
S. F. PHILLIPS, Auditor, &c.
Jan'y 7. 93-61

SUGAR.
15 BBLs. SUGAR for sale on consignment, by JOSE UTLEY. 93-11

WANTED.
AT the Fayetteville Arsenal, Four or Five GOOD BLACKSMITHS, to whom good wages and steady employment will be given. Apply to
LI. COL. C. S. A. COMD'g.
Jan'y 9, 1863. 93-11

NOTICE.
I HAVE yet for sale one hundred and fifty thousand CHOICE FRUIT TREES, which I am selling off at old prices.
CYRUS P. MENDENHALL. 93-11

Coppers! Coppers!
300 LBS. SUPERIOR QUALITY COPPERS. Also 100 Tierces FRESH BEAT RICE. PEMBERTON & SLOAN. Jan'y 8, 1863. 92-11

Horse for Sale.
I WILL sell a GOOD WORK HORSE at a reasonable price. Apply at my place 10 miles South of Fayetteville.
JOHN McDONALD. Jan'y 6, 1863. 92-11

From the State Journal.
THE BATTLE OF GOLDSBORO—GEN. ROBERTSON'S REPORT.

HEADQUARTERS, Goldsboro, Dec. 10, 1862.
Capt. A. S. Evans, A. G., Headquarters, Evans' Brigade in the Field.
Captain: I have the honor to report that in accordance with your order, I left Mosely Hall, on the Goldsboro and Kinston Railroad, at 11 o'clock, a. m., on the 15th inst., with Leavenworth's, portions of Pender's and Evans' regiments, and a section of Artillery, (from Moore's Battalion) commanded by Lieut. McClesse, proceeded to White Hall, on Neuse River, to burn the bridge at that point and dispute the enemy's crossing, should he attempt to turn our right.
Having no cavalry, I impressed a citizen guide and pushed forward to reconnoitre in advance of my command. Upon reaching White Hall, I learned that the enemy had not made his appearance there. I then ordered my guide to scout towards Kinston to prevent surprise. One hour later, my force arrived and I made rapid preparation for burning the bridge.
Making a personal examination some miles to the front without finding the enemy, I returned to White Hall. Shortly afterwards, citizens with loud noises, and much excited, announced that the enemy was advancing. I ordered Maj. Jackson and Lieutenant Worthington to watch his movements, but they could not find him. I sawed his approach until nearly dark and determined to recross and burn the bridge according to my order. The torch had scarcely been applied ere the enemy's cavalry appeared. With artillery they shelled the woods until late at night, destroying the gunboat in process of construction on this side. Several men taking off their clothes, attempted to cross the river by swimming, but were driven back by our sharpshooters. From the force displayed it was evidently his intention to cross the White Hall bridge.
About 9 o'clock a. m., on the 16th, brisk picket skirmishing commenced. I visited the bridge, and after giving the necessary instructions, went back to order up the 31st N. C. regiment, (Col. Jordan,) which had arrived during the night, and which I placed in position as much sheltered as circumstances would permit. I then posted the artillery as well as the nature of the ground would admit, and ordered both shell and solid shot to be fired. For some time previous the enemy had been firing from twelve to eighteen pieces, some of immense calibre. Owing to a range of hills on the White Hall side, the enemy had the advantage of position, not more than one regiment at a time could advantageously engage him. I therefore held Leavenworth's, Pender's and Evans' in reserve, leaving the 31st and two picket companies of Leavenworth's regiment in front. The cannonading from the enemy's batteries became so terrific that the 31st withdrew from their position without instructions, but in good order. I immediately ordered Col. Leavenworth forward. The alacrity with which the order was obeyed by his men, gave ample proof of their gallant bearing, which they so nobly sustained during the entire fight, which began with intensity for several hours after they became engaged. No veteran soldiers ever fought hotter or inflicted more terrible loss upon an enemy, considering the numbers engaged. It was with difficulty they could be withdrawn from the field. Three times did they drive the Yankee cannoniers from their guns, and as often prevent their infantry regiments from forming line in their front. In spite of the four hostile regiments, whose standards waved from the opposite bank, did these brave men continue to hold their ground, and finally drove the enemy in confusion from the field. More than one hundred of their dead and wounded were left on the river bank. The conduct of this regiment reflects the greatest credit upon its accomplished and dauntless commander.

Col. Pease, of the 59th regiment, displayed the most singular coolness and courage for several hours with eighteen men of the picket guard belonging to the 11th regiment. He fought the enemy at close quarters, notwithstanding his own command was not in action.
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