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SPECIAL NOTICE
From and for this date, no name of a new subscriber will be entered without payment in advance, nor will the same be paid for more than a longer time as is paid for.
Sole of our old subscribers as desire to take the paper on this system will please notify us when making application.
January 1, 1858.

W. W. McKEATHAN,
Attorney at Law,
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.
I will attend the County and Superior Courts of Cumberland, Harrow, Moore and Robeson Counties. Prompt attention given to the collection of all accounts due to his hands.
95-4f

GEO. W. WILLIAMS & CO.,
Wholesale Dealers in Groceries,
AND IMPORTERS AND DEALERS IN
Hardware and Cutlery, Swedes Iron, &c.,
RAY STREET, FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.
July 2, 1861. 364f

COX, KENDALL & CO.,
Commission Merchants
AND
WHOLESALE GROCERS,
No. 11 & 12 North Water St.,
Wilmington, N. C.
Orders from the County promptly executed. Particular attention given to the sale of Cotton and Produce.
July 2, 1861. 10-4f

JOS. UTLEY,
Grocer and Commission Merchant,
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.
July 10, 1862. 95-4f

T. C. & B. G. WORTH,
Commission and Forwarding Merchants,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
July 28, 1861. 84-4f

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

COTTON YARN,
No. 19 Hay Street.
C. P. MALLET.
July 8, 1862. 88-4f

Rice and Tobacco on Consignment.
CASKS of fresh Rice and 100 Boxes Manufactured Tobacco, various qualities. For sale by
GEO. W. WILLIAMS & CO.
Fayetteville, Sept. 24, 1862. 63-4f

NOTICE.
I am 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.
July 28, 1860. 84-4f

SALT.
SALT for sale on consignment by
GEO. W. WILLIAMS & CO.
Nov. 30. 79-4f

WANTED.
I am having the above articles to sell will receive the highest Cash price by selling on Mr. M. Thompson, at McPhaul's Mills, Fayetteville, or on the subscriber at his old stand on Market Square.
ALEX. JOHNSON, Jr.
Nov. 6, 1862. 79-4f

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

ARMY HARNESS.
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 will do in quick dispatch.
JOHN CARTER.
McDon P. O., (Fayetteville, N. C.)
June 13, 1862. 34-4f

800 lbs. Gum Arabic for sale by
J. R. LEE.
Oct. 15. 69-4f

WANTED.
I have the Fayetteville Arsenal, Four or Five GOOD BLANKETS, to whom good wages and steady employment will be given. Apply to or address
J. A. DELANEY,
Lt. Col. C. B. A., Comd'g.
July 9, 1863. 98-4f

Florence and Fayetteville Rail Road.
UNDER the provisions of an Ordinance of the Council of North Carolina, Books will be opened on the 16th June at the following places and under the direction of the following persons, to receive subscriptions to the Capital Stock of the "Florence & Fayetteville Rail Road Co." Shares One Hundred Dollars each.
At the Rail Road Office in Fayetteville.—Under the direction of the General Commissioners, A. A. McKethan, D. A. Ray, A. W. Steel, Wm. McL. McKay and Jno. M. Rose.
At the Red Springs.—Under the direction of Hector McNeill, Wm. J. Stewart, Jas. A. Smith, Dan' C. McNeill and Col. Alex. McMillan, or any one of them.
At Floral College.—Under the direction of Dr. Neill McNeill, Dr. A. D. McLean, Archibald Smith, Edmund Lilly and Col. Alexander Watson, or any one of them.
At Queen's College.—Under the direction of Murlack McRae, D. McLeod, D. McAllister, J. McRae, Jr., and J. H. McQueen, or any one of them.
At Albionville.—Under the direction of John Purcell, Jno. McNair, Sion Alford, Dugald McCallum and Jno. McCallum, or any one of them.
The Subscription Books will remain open for the space of 60 days. When a sufficient sum is subscribed the Company will be organized for the purpose of building the Road.

VALUABLE LANDS for Sale.
I OFFER for sale my PLANTATION, 2 miles west of Carthage, Moore county, containing 250 acres, which is a Great and Saw Mill, Cotton Gin and Screw. I will receive in payment State Bonds, Confederate money or likely Negroes.
JOHN MORRISON.

VALUABLE LANDS for Sale.
I OFFER for Sale my PLANTATION on McClenon's Creek, 6 miles west of Carthage, lying on the basin of the Coal Fields, 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 MORRISON.

NOTICE.
I HAVE about 5000 acres more, in different tracts, in the county of Moore, containing Mineral, and Turpentine land, which I will sell on liberal terms.
JOHN MORRISON.

Mineral Lands for Sale.
I HAVE an interest of one-third in a tract of 500 ACRES on the waters of Deep River, on which have been discovered a salt mine and pure sulphate, and an equal quality for growing leather, with worthy geological location.
JOHN MORRISON.
Carthage, Nov. 13 1862. 77-4f

NOTICE.
PERSONS wishing to buy TOWN PROPERTY will do well to call on the subscriber. I will sell on reasonable terms any House and Lot having such a good Kitchen, Smoke-house and good Well of water. Also, four Town Lots with good Stables thereon and very convenient, and one other small Lot. Also, 22 acres of Land joining the town of Carthage, convenient for wood.
A. M. BRANSON.
Carthage, Dec. 2, 1862. 83-4f

Administration Notice.
THE subscriber having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Jas. Sully, dec'd, hereby gives notice to all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to Wm. McL. McKay within the time prescribed by law, or this notice will be binding in bar of their recovery.
CATHARINE SUNDY, Adm'x.
Aug. 4, 1862. 49-4f

Administrator's Notice.
THE subscriber having a Decedent Term, 1862, of the County Court of Cumberland, qualified as Administrator upon the Estate of Neill G. McNeill, dec'd, notifies all persons having claims against the Estate to present them within the time limited by law, otherwise this notice will be binding in bar of their recovery. Debtors are requested to make prompt payment.
HECTOR McNEILL, Adm'x.
Dec. 10, 1862. 86-4f

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. 90-36p

HORSE SHOING.
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 it is necessary will be adequate to his customers when he states, that the iron alone 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'y 2, 1863. 91-36p

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 Commodities are very good for the times.
T. WADDILL, Proprietor.
May 20, 1862. 27f

FAYETTEVILLE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY.
Capital on Premium Notes amounts to \$267,088.26 Cash on hand and other assets 5,977.35
Total, \$273,065.61
The Company have paid all losses promptly, and have never made an assessment on their premium notes.
Total losses paid, \$29,682.69
OFFICERS.
GEO. McNEILL, President.
D. A. RAY, Vice President.
C. A. McILLIAN, Sec'y.
DIRECTORS.
Henry Lilly, W. N. Tillingham,
H. L. Myrver, W. J. Mindes,
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Nathan A. Stedman, T. S. Luterloh,
J. G. Cook, Hon. J. B. Shepherd,
James Kyle, R. F. Brown, J. Wilgton,
A. A. McKethan, J. D. Williams,
h. Collins and C. C. McCrummen, Traveling Agents
The Company invite applications.
May 28, 1861. 21-4f

A GEM!
The New Style, Small,
COLORED PHOTOGRAPHS,
at
Vanorsdel's Gallery.
SALT! SALT!
25 SACKS for sale by
ROBERT MITCHELL.
Dec. 22. 88-4f
100 SACKS OF SALT.
100 lbs. Salt Soda, for soap making,
125 Boxes J. A. Long's best brand of Tobacco,
50 Bbls. Prime Sugar,
850 Lbs. Sole Leather.
JOS. A. WORTH.
Dec' 22, 1862. 89-22m

A Large Durham Cow
WITH a Young Calf, for sale.
DAVID MURPHY.
Jan'y 5. 92-4f

Blacksmith to Hire.
NO. 1 Workman. Address "W." at this office.
Dec 29. 89-4f

Palma Christi Beans.
THE subscriber will pay the highest cash prices for any quantity of Palma Christi Beans.
J. A. WORTH.
Fayetteville, Oct. 8. 67-4f

ALMANACS.
FRESH supply of Farmer's & Planter's, 2d Edition. Also, a few of Turner's.
For sale by
E. J. HALE & SONS.
P. N. The publishers have raised the prices to 15 cents each, at which price we will sell them.

800 REWARD.
I AM AWAY from Mr. N. Carpenter, on the Charlotte Rail Road, near Brown Marsh, in November last, about 5 feet 6 or 8 inches high, very well put up, and with a smooth black skin.
She is supposed to have taken up with a free negro man in the Brown Marsh neighborhood. I will give the above reward for her delivery to me in Fayetteville, or \$500 for her confinement in any jail so that I can get her.
JAMES P. ROBERTSON.
Jan. 23. 97-4f

NOTICE.
THE UNDERSIGNED, having entered the military service of the Confederate States of America, hereby give notice to their old customers of America, that they have appointed John D. Starr and John D. Williams, of this place, their attorneys to collect either separately or conjointly all moneys due them either by account or note, and otherwise to attend to their business generally during their absence. They respectfully ask all persons indebted to them to call as promptly as possible on their agents and make payment.
STARR & WILLIAMS.
Sept. 19, 1861. 96-4f

Groceries! Groceries!
LARGE and well selected Stock of FAMILY GROCERIES always on hand, consisting of Bacon-Sides, Mess Pork, Mulletts, Mackerel Nos. 1 and 2, Molasses, Sugars of all grades, Tobacco, Cigars, and all other articles usually kept in a Wholesale Grocery Establishment.
COX, KENDALL & CO.
Wilmington, April 2, 1861. 10-4f

YOUR COUNTRY IS CALLING!
HAVING been detailed on recruiting service for a few days, I am authorized to announce the period and the terms of the operation of the conscription law, so as to permit conscripts and others so disposed to volunteer in companies of their own selection. Thus by volunteering you will avoid being forced into the conscript camp. I am anxious to receive recruits for Capt. Kelly's company from Moore county, or if desired I will receive any who wish to join other companies of this command. To those who would avoid being forced into the war, I appeal to them to come forward, volunteer like me, and assist in driving the invading foe from our soil. I shall be happy to meet any who feel like volunteering at the following times and places:
Kelly's Store, February 6th
Starr's, " 9th
Starr's Station, " 11th
Jonesboro, " 13th
A. BOLIN, Lieut.
Co. F, 50th Reg't N. C. T.
Fall Creek Mills, Moore Co., Jan. 30. 90-8p

TO CONSCRIPTS!
HAVING been detailed by special order, for thirty days, on recruiting service, I hereby give notice that the conscription law has been so far suspended, as to allow conscripts to join any company now in service, and be thereby entitled to the bounty and other benefits provided by law for volunteers. It is confidently expected that this liberal offer on the part of the Government will be eagerly embraced by the greater part of those liable to service under the conscript act. Recruits for cavalry companies will be required to furnish a horse. Conscrip'ts become volunteers and strike for the defense of your country. N. F. MUSE, Lt. Col. E. J. 31st N. C. T. Recruiting Officer. Jan. 31, 1863. 93-3f

RECRUITS WANTED!
\$100 BOUNTY and \$25 per Month Pay!
I HAVE been ordered by Maj. Gen. Gustavus W. Smith to recruit in this place as a Recruiting Officer for Capt. Jno. McKellin's company, 5th Evans Reg't, Partisan Rangers, now near Kinston. A favorable opportunity is now offered to conscrip'ts to volunteer and thus secure one hundred dollars bounty in addition to twenty five dollars per month pay. This branch of the service is remarkably healthy as the troops are kept constantly in motion. We have been in service eight months and have not a man by sickness. To the rescue sons of the gallant "Old North State." Your brethren in the field call upon you to help them drive back the vile invaders of our soil. Apply to me in Fayetteville, or to R. W. Hardie at the Court House. ARCHD. McFADYEN, Lieut. Co. A, 63d Reg't N. C. T. Jan'y 30, 1863. 90-36p

WESTERN RAIL ROAD.
THE Trains of this Road leave Fayetteville daily, 1 Sunday excepted, at 6 o'clock A. M., and returning leave Mecklenburg at 6 o'clock P. M. Freight Train Monday, Wednesday and Friday. By order of the President. JNO. M. ROSE, Treas'r and Act'g Trans. Ag't. Jan. 22, 1863. 97-4f

WESTERN RAIL ROAD OFFICE,
Fayetteville, Jan. 22, 1863.
FROM and after the 1st day of Feb'y. Freight on this Road will be STRICTLY CASH, to be paid daily, unless freight is sent to or delivered from the Depot. By order of the Pres't.
JNO. M. ROSE, Treas'r and Act'g Trans. Ag't. 97-6f

Egypt Coal Mine.
THE undersigned were, at the November Term of the Confederate Court, District of North Carolina, appointed Managers of the Egypt Coal Mine property, and have entered into copartnership for the purpose of mining and selling Coal, and solicit orders for the same to any of the following places, for any amount can be supplied on short notice. The Coal from this mine is undoubtedly the best in the Confederate States. Applications may be made to Chas. B. Mallett, Fayetteville, N. C., or James Brown, Charleston, S. C.
CHARLES B. MALLETT,
JAMES BROWN.
Fayetteville, Jan'y 20, 1863. 96-4f

FOR SALE.
"MOUNTAIN HOTEL," MORGANTOWN, N. C. This large establishment, situated in the town of Morgantown, N. C., is now offered for sale. Terms made known on application to
J. M. HAPPOLETT,
Morgantown, N. C.
Jan. 19, 1863. 95-36p

W. R. RICHARDSON & CO.,
Stock Brokers and Commission Merchants,
RALEIGH, N. C.
[Office on Fayetteville Street.]
WE will give particular attention to sales and purchases in any of the Southern States, Bank and other Stocks, collection of drafts, and any business connected with the different departments of the State government. Bank notes of all Southern States bought and sold. References:
O. G. Parsley, Wilmington.
W. A. Wright,
Hon. Thos. Ruffin, Albemarle County.
Hon. W. N. Edwards, Warren County.
Hon. D. W. Curtis, Rockingham County.
H. W. Cuzion, Lincoln County.
And Citations of Raleigh, generally.
Jan'y 13, 1863. 95-1m

SOAP! SOAP!
I AM now making and keep constantly on hand, at my Factory on Person Street, FAMILY BAR SOAP, at wholesale and retail.—ALSO—
Plain, Variegated, Perfumed, and Brown Windsor Toilet and Shaving Soaps.
A supply kept for retail at J. W. Lett's and Isaac Hollingsworth's.
Orders promptly filled.
Sole Land and Follow wanted. Highest cash prices given.
Fayetteville, Jan'y 17, 1863. C. P. JONES. 95-22p

NOTICE.
THE subscriber wishes to purchase a TURPENTINE STILL, of some 15 to 20 barrel capacity, for which a reasonable price will be offered, if the size and length of use, as well as the price of its delivery to Trolinger's Depot, on the Wilmington and Charlotte Road, Richmond County.
W. F. LEAK.
Rockingham, Jan'y 19. 97-6p

PLOWS and PLOW POINTS,
ALL NUMBERS, can be had at M. A. BAKER'S Gun Shop, on Third Street, opposite the old Wagon Yard.
Fayetteville, N. C., Feb'y 2, 1863. 94-1m
Apply all orders for CASTINGS executed at the shortest notice and on most reasonable terms.
Highest cash prices paid for old Iron and Brass.
M. A. BAKER.
Blank Warrants for sale at this Office.

CONSCRIPT OFFICE.
RALEIGH, N. C., Feb'y 5, 1863.
OFFICERS No. 3.
A MISCONSTRUCTION having been placed upon the A published orders of officers detailed upon recruiting service, it is hereby announced for information of Recruiting Officers and others interested, that the execution of the Conscrip't Law has not been suspended in this State for thirty days nor for a single hour.
The officers charged with the execution of this law will devote themselves to the zealous and prompt performance of their duties.
The safety and welfare of the country demand that every man in this crisis should do his whole duty. Not a day nor an hour should be lost in filling up the thinned ranks of our glorious and gallant army. A few more such victories as it has recently achieved will speedily secure peace and independence to the country.
By order of Col. T. P. AUGUST,
Command't of Conscript's for N. C.
J. C. PRICE, Adjutant.
Feb'y. 1-2t

Recruits wanted for the Cumberland Plough Boys.
HAVING been detailed for a short time on recruiting service, I will give notice to all who wish to join this Company, that they now have the opportunity of doing so. I will be happy to meet and receive your names at the different places and times specified: At Black River, Lock's Creek and Cedar Creek, on Saturday the 7th Feb'y; also at the same places on the 14th, Capt. R. McDaniel will receive the names at Lock's Creek, Lieut. D. M. Johnson at Cedar Creek, myself at Black River.
JAMES A. GAINES,
Lieut. Co. F, 21th Reg't N. C. T.
Feb'y 4, 1863. 1200-3f

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!
THE very best opportunity and most liberal terms are now offered to non liable to conscription, and all others who desire to enter the service of the Confederate States.
The conscription law is partially suspended for a time to give all men subject to military duty an opportunity to volunteer in any Co. or Reg't they may wish to enter. Transportation will be given them to their companies and seventy-five cents for rations each day after they are sworn in will be allowed. They will also receive One Hundred Dollars bounty on the first pay roll after they join their companies. All who wish to volunteer in the 25th Reg't N. C. Troops (formerly Col. Vance's) and now commanded by the young, gallant and accomplished Colonel H. K. Burwell, will please call on me at Carthage, where I will give them all the information I can, and he glad to receive their names.
Also a full pardon, except forfeiture of pay while absent, has been granted to all deserters and absentees who will return to duty or report themselves to the recruiting officers in the county on or before the 10th of Feb'y, and I hereby secure all men in the county about 100 miles from the 25th Reg't N. C. Troops to report to me on or before that time. This is the best opportunity you will have to redeem yourselves from death and disgrace now facing and desirable than ever was helped on men before. By your present course you will leave a heritage of shame to your children, and your children's children will curse the memory of the base deserters and traitors, who handed down such a load of infamy and disgrace to their posterity.
The authorities are getting very tired of the war, and there are indications of peace. Then if every man will come forward and do his duty we may look for an early peace.
G. WILCOX,
2d Lieut. Co. H, 26th Reg't N. C. T.
Carthage, Jan'y 31, 1863. Recruiting 1200-3f

NOTICE.
THE subscriber offers for sale that valuable tract of Land, situate about one mile west of Wadesboro', containing SEVEN HUNDRED AND ONE ACRES, more or less, known as the Meloy Plantation. Said land is well adapted to the cultivation of Cotton, Corn, Wheat, Oats, &c. A good part of the land is covered with its native forest. A portion of the land is cleared and in cultivation. There is a dwelling house, barn and other out-houses on the place. Terms liberal. References to Alex. Little, Attorney at Wadesboro', or to the subscriber, five miles west of Jonesboro', Moore county.
JOHN L. McIVER.
Feb. 3. 1200-9p

VALUABLE LAND FOR SALE.
1200 ACRES on Juniper Creek, near the Fayetteville & Western Rail Road, known as the McFadyen land. This tract of Land is well timbered, and convenient to market. There is a plantation suitable dwelling house and other necessary out-houses on said land. Terms liberal.
Reference to Frederick Swan, near the Western Rail Road, Moore county.
JOHN L. McIVER.
Feb. 3. 1200-6p

Wanted to Purchase.
NORTH CAROLINA and VIRGINIA BANK NOTES, or the notes of any Southern Bank, \$5 and 10 cent.
T. S. LITTLE, JR.
Feb'y 5. 1200-3w

Wanted to Hire.
A GOOD HOUSE GIRL, by the month or quarter. Apply to
A. G. THORNTON, or E. J. BINES.
Fayetteville, Feb'y 9, 1863. 1-4p

Just received on consignment and for sale,
A FEW bbls. SALT in good order and of excellent quality. Apply to
B. ROSE.
Feb'y 9, 1863. 1-2p

NOTICE.
TAKEN up on my premises, a small black COW, with one half a horn and a short tail. Marke: An under square in the left ear and a fork in the other. The owner will oblige me by coming forward, proving property, paying charges and taking her away.
T. B. DAVIS.
Feb'y 7, 1863. 1-3p

Extract Logwood!
Extract Logwood!!
Extract Logwood!!!
2000 POUNDS EXTRACT LOGWOOD, just received and for sale by
FRATT, DOWIE & JAMES,
Charleston, S. C.
Feb'y 3, 1863. 1200-6p

DENTAL NOTICE.
DR. J. DAVIS is in town and can be consulted. All operations on the teeth performed at his office over Dr. B. W. Robinson's office.
Jan'y 31, 1863. -99-5p

200 Acres Land For Sale.
200 ACRES of unimproved land in Richmond County, on Jordan's Creek, near Laurel Hill, adjoining the lands of John Fairley, Unsum K. Moore and others.
ALEX'R PEREEL.
Feb. 3. 1200-3t

\$50 REWARD.
I WILL pay a Reward of Fifty Dollars for the apprehension and confinement in the jail of Cumberland County of my negro boy LEWIS, who ran away last summer. Lewis is a black negro, with a long under lip and has lost one of his lower front teeth, is eighteen years of age, stout built, and about 5 feet 8 inches high. His mother and most of his relatives live in town, but he has many acquaintances among the negroes in the neighborhood of St. Pauls, Robeson County. There is no doubt that he lurks near the suburbs of this town, and is well provided for in either town to the country and is well provided for in either place.
Fayetteville, Jan'y 21. -99-4f
McCORMACK

Cabbage Seed! Cabbage Seed!!
DUNCOMBE CABBAGE SEED, fresh and genuine, at
J. W. LETT'S.
Jan'y 15, 1863. 94-2m

A TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF ROBERT E. TROY.

Few and brief are the years that have passed since I was admitted to the fellowship of the "Cape Fear Circuit," as "A MEMBER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR." On the Circuit and in the Court Room I met with men of towering intellect, burning eloquence, withering sarcasm, brilliant wit, great learning and high attainments in their profession. And withal they were possessed of a spotless purity of character and of an incorruptible integrity. Such men bade me well come to their ranks 15 years ago. Since then, how many have fallen by the wayside and how ill honorable graves? The first who died after my admission to the Bar was Thomas L. Hybart, son to be followed by Louis D. Henry, John B. Kelly, J. L. McKay, Arch'd A. T. Smith, Robert Strange, John D. Eccles, David Reid, James C. Dobbin, William S. Ashe, James L. Gaines and Warren Winslow, all of whom were my seniors. Of my juniors, I mention with feelings of regret who have died within the same period the names of J. G. McDugald, Slocumb of Sampson, White of Bladen, Benj. R. Huske and Henry Mullins of Fayetteville, and now there is another added to the list, one who was both my senior and my friend—ROBERT E. TROY, the subject of this brief tribute to his memory—a man who was known to and beloved by all those of his professional brethren who have preceded him to the spirit land as well as by all those whom he has left behind.

The above catalogue of Death's gleanings from the Cape Fear Circuit in 15 years should remind us "what shadows we are," and should also remind us that if such men can die and be forgotten we have but a poor share for remembrance among the sons of men unless some gifted one fitted for the task shall prepare and publish "THE HEROES AND BAR OF THE CAPE FEAR CIRCUIT OF NORTH CAROLINA." To such a work I would cheerfully contribute a memoir of ROBERT E. TROY, and in the meantime take a melancholy pleasure in penning these lines to his memory in the hope that others may be induced to imitate his many good and virtuous example.

Robert E. Troy was the son of Alex' Troy, Esq. of Columbus county, better known as Solicitor Troy of the Cape Fear Circuit, a Lawyer of considerable eminence in his day. Robert died at his residence in Bladen county, on Oct. —, 1862, aged about 47 years. In early life he was a taught school. During that period he was for a short time an Assistant to Rev. Simeon Colton, D. D., at the Donaldson Academy in Fayetteville, where he was regarded by the scholars as being too strict a disciplinarian. For a time he had thoughts of preparing himself to enter the Ministry of the Presbyterian Church, but hereditary instincts prevailed and he became a member of his father's profession and settled at Elizabethton, Bladen county, but in what year I am not advised, probably in 1841. While in Bladen county he married Miss Mary Anderson, whom he has one son, Alexander, the inheritor of many of his father's characteristics. The health of Mr. Troy failing him in Bladen county he removed to Lumberton, Robeson county. In November 1847, I there met Mr. Troy for the first time, and he was then in the enjoyment of a leading practice among such men as Strange, Toomer, Smith, Gen'l Winslow, Mullins, Haigh, Dobbin, and Shepherd, and that rank he held notwithstanding the "coming in" of such as French, Kelly, Ashe, Rob't Strange, jr., W. Winslow, Lotche, Person, M. B. Smith, Dargan, Cameron, the McLeans, Fuller, McDugald and others, until the Spring of 1859, when from entrenched health he quit the Bar he had so much adorned. To have held rank so long among such gifted and intellectual Lawyers is Mr. Troy's best and highest eulogy, and demonstrates the confidence clients had in his judgment and powers. At the Bladen Bar he was met by Holmes, Miller, Davis, Landon and Empe, and it is no disparagement to them to say that here too, Mr. Troy had held a leading practice and was held in the highest esteem by them all.

Mr. Troy was well versed in the "ancient lore" of his profession and his mind was deeply furnished with the nice distinctions and "subtle devices" of the Fathers of the law, and throughout his entire practice preferred "Oke to Blackstone," though he was well read in both; he also excelled in the "form" or kind of action and was rarely if ever, outwitted; he was not a proficient in the examination of an unwilling witness, usually becoming indignant at what he felt was the withholding of truth, and usually roused their ire so that they pulled against him. In this department of the profession Dobbin excelled in a pre-eminence degree; he seemed to insinuate his blandest tones and coaxed and wheedled the truth out of them. This art Troy did not possess, but in all other parts of the management of a cause in the Court House he was ready and well skilled, and prompt to take a manly advantage of every slip made by his adversary.

In arguing a cause before the Court or Jury he was always fair, and yet his whole soul was centered in the cause for the time being; his style was terse and vigorous and he loved best the old Anglo-Saxon words, and with them and his exceeding earnest manner, he convinced his hearers that he at least had an honest conviction of the truth of what he said. While Mr. Troy was not the most popular orator at the Lumberton Bar, yet he was possessed of a peculiar style of eloquence that always had a manifest effect upon juries, and persons always listened to him with peculiar interest and marked attention. The writer can probably not give a better estimate of Mr. Troy's abilities than by saying, he always loved to have him as an associate but dreaded him as an adversary, and has frequently felt mortified at losing cases which he thought he should and would have gained had his adversary been other than Troy.

In the Supreme Court room he was always listened to with marked deference and respect, and was much beloved by the Judges who composed that tribunal. From his position and talents he was compelled to take an active part in politics, yet he never loved the bustle, excitement and heart burnings and bickerings they produced, and whenever he could withdraw by finding some other speaker he invariably did so. He was a warm and enthusiastic Mason, a devoted Son of Temperance, and a consistent and pious Elder in the Presbyterian Church, and to him and his energetic efforts, viz: The Masonic Lodge, Temperance Hall, and Presbyterian Church, Mr. Troy was charitable beyond most men, as was evidenced in his adoption of more than one orphan child to



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