

WEEKLY PROGRESS.

BY J. L. PENNINGTON. FRIDAY MORNING, JAN. 13, 1860.

Rates of Advertising in the Weekly Progress. The following are the only rates of Advertising in the Weekly Progress...

Working Men. We have received a pamphlet copy of an "Address by the Working Men's Association of Wake County."

Democratic District Convention. Yesterday being the day fixed for the assembling of the Democratic District Convention...

Precept and Practice. Non-interference with the North. Practice: Movements for two lines of steamers from North Carolina...

Death of Palmer, the Alleged Insurrectionist. Dr. Wm. Russell Palmer, whose arrest and examination in Memphis, Tenn., for alleged conspiracy in the late attempt to incite the servile population of the South to revolt...

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FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

SALISBURY, January 8th, 1860.

Dear Progress!—After the very flattering introduction given me by friend "Cosmo" in his last communication, I feel somewhat trepid in presenting to the readers of the "Progress" the news items of our town...

I am happy to state that our citizens have imbibed some of the military enthusiasm at present manifested in your city. They are forming a company of mounted riflemen, the names of several of our most prominent townsmen being on the list...

On yesterday there was to have been a meeting of the Democracy of Rowan, but owing to the extreme inclemency of the weather, it was postponed until Tuesday of our next Court...

HELPER A RESIDENT OF RICHMOND. It is not generally known, I suspect, that Hinton Rowan Helper, who has become so notorious within the last two or three months...

Such is a statement of the information furnished us with regard to Helper. There seems to be little doubt that he wrote the book from no other motive than to make money, and that provided he could make it sell, he cared nothing either for the truth or falsity of its statements...

VALUE OF FUGITIVE SLAVES.—It is stated that there are now in Canada forty five thousand runaway slaves from the South. Valuing these slaves at an average of one thousand dollars each, it is clear that the British provinces are harboring \$45,000,000 worth of the property of the United States...

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Gov. Leitcher, of Va., on the Crisis.

Gov. Leitcher sent his first message to the Legislature on Saturday last. After referring to the objects of the Constitution and the Union, the tranquility that for many years reigned, the first disturbance of this peace by the people of the North by interfering with our domestic institutions...

It is readily and cheerfully conceded, that a large portion of the citizens of the non-slaveholding States are loyal to the Constitution and the Union; but it is not to be disguised, that a large number are indifferent to both, and would prefer a dissolution of the Union to the extension of the territory, or the increase of slave States...

Democratic Meeting in Jones. Pursuant to notice, a meeting of the Democrats of Jones County at the Court House, in Trenton, on Saturday the 7th of January, 1860, when on motion of Wm. P. Ward, Esq., Thomas J. Whittaker was called to the Chair...

Resolved, That we approve of a District Convention to be held at Newbern, on the 12th day of January next, to select delegates to represent this Congressional and Electoral district in the Charleston National Democratic Convention...

Resolved, That in the opinion of this meeting the only hope of allaying sectional strife, and to restore the era of good feeling, harmony and concord among the members or States of this confederacy, and to cement and bind us still stronger in the bonds of Union, will be the triumphant success of the democratic party at the next Presidential election...

Resolved, That we cherish the perpetuation of this Union as a sacred legacy, left us by the patriots and statesmen of other days, and while we reverence the Constitution and the laws under which we live, we are determined to be guided and governed, yet warned by the parting admonition and counsel of the father of his Country, the great and good Washington, to frown down with indignation, any, and all attempts to alienate one portion, and to divide the Union...

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Executive officers, postmasters included, cannot be entertained by the South for a moment.

I am now, and have ever been, a friend to the Union of the States. I appreciate its value, ardently desire its preservation, and would not rashly surrender it. In the present crisis, these views in the earnest hope that the Northern views may be brought to reflection, and that the conservatism of that section may be aroused and stimulated to immediate action...

Whether the Union shall survive or perish, it is, nevertheless, your duty to place the State in such a condition that she will be prepared at all times, and upon the shortest notice, to protect her honor, defend her rights, and maintain her institutions against all assaults of her enemies...

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And on motion of Wm P Ward the Chairman and Secretary were added to the list to both Conventions.

On motion of E W Haywood the proceedings of this meeting were directed to be signed by the Chairman and Secretary and forwarded to the Southern Progress for publication, and that the Raleigh Standard and Democratic Press be requested to copy.

On motion of Jas B Stanly the meeting was adjourned. THOS. J. WHITAKER, Ch'n. ELI E. H. F. PERRY, Sec'y.

NEW YORK DELEGATES TO THE CHARLESTON CONVENTION. SYRACUSE, Jan. 7.—The Congressional Convention for this district convened in the City Hall in this place, to day, and elected the Hon. Ex. Speaker Thomas G. Alvord and Hon. Nathan F. Graves as delegates, and Henry Pratt and Henry G. Beach alternates, to represent the Twenty-fourth Congressional district at the Charleston Convention...

LATER FROM HAVANNA. NEW YORK, Jan. 10th.—The Quaker City has arrived from Havana, whence she sailed on the 5th. The weather was rainy, and the receipts of sugar and molasses from the interior were very light. The former article was firm.

NOMINATION OF MINISTER TO FRANCE. WASHINGTON, Jan 10.—Hon. C. J. Faulkner, of Virginia, has been nominated as Minister to France. There has been no confirmation yet by the Senate.

APPELLING CASUALTY! One hundred and Sixty Persons Killed! One Hundred and Fifty-Five Wounded! BOSTON, Jan. 11.—At 5 o'clock on Tuesday evening the walls of the Pemberton Cotton Mills, at Lawrence, fell in a mass, making a complete wreck of the building and burying in the ruins a large number of operatives...

THE ILLINOIS DEMOCRACY. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 11.—The Democratic Convention today elected Delegates to Charleston. Resolutions were adopted, declaring that neither Congress nor the Territorial Legislatures have the power to exclude slavery from the Territories...

THE ALABAMA DEMOCRACY. MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 11.—The Democratic State Convention assembled here to-day. They had a stormy time in organizing. The contest was between Hokers and the Yancey wing. Two temporary chairmen were elected amidst great confusion...

THE "OAK CITY GUARDS" AND THEIR CAPTAIN. Capt. High, of the Oak City Guards, is, as he deserves to be, very popular with his Company. The Democratic Press of Saturday says: There is no man in the city, or in Wake county, who deserves better of his fellow-citizens than the present Sheriff of Wake, and Captain of the Oak City Guards...

From the Mount Vernon Record.

Mr. Editor: Almost the only gleam of sunshine visible amid the angry clouds that loom just now over our national horizon is the common patriotism of those in all sections, who are united and united in the holy labor of rescuing the house and name of the immortal Pater Patria from neglect and decay...

Mr. Miller commenced his labors in this city at the solicitation of our Lady Manager, on the 11th of January last, and has since repeated his veneration at many points in this State and Virginia, and once in the Federal Metropolis. The subject, "The Eighteenth Century," is a most comprehensive one, but it has in Mr. Miller a masterly expositor. Its accurate historical resume, its philosophical analysis, its many deductions, its inspiring patriotism, and its thorough eloquence, alike stamp it as one of the eclectic productions of the day...

Mr. Miller's efforts, thus far, have resulted, I understand, in the addition of \$4,000 to the Mount Vernon Fund, with the certain prospect of a further increase. All honor to him for his gallant labors! All honor to all those in the land who have felt, in this matter, the workings of patriotism at their hearts, and embodied them in services such as his! Speed the day, now merely dawned, when Mr. Miller shall stand the champion of the cause of that lofty spirit of national reverence and love, which has been moving over the otherwise turbid waters of popular sentiment.

ANOTHER DEAD SEA. A writer in the Union (Cal.) Democrat gives a very interesting description of Mono Lake, which has recently engrossed public attention, from the fact of the discovery of deposits of gold in the neighborhood. He says: Mono Lake is more literally a "dead sea" than the sea of Sodom. According to Dr. Clarke, it "sees swarms with fishes, and shells abound on its shores." Mono Lake has neither. The extreme length and breadth of the Dead Sea, according to Meritt, are 75 by 10 miles, giving a superficial area of 800 square miles. It is fed by Jordan and Arnon, and the brook Kedron, besides many rivulets, empty into the Dead Sea.

Into Mono Lake McLane's river falls from the North, and Crosby's river from the South, and these, through brooks or creeks fall into it from the North. Besides numerous rivulets and springs all around its borders. But this lake not only responds to the Greek epithet *monas*, as being "a lone, solitary, deserted, forsaken," but it also answers to the same adjective as explained in the Spanish as being "pretty, nice, neat." This lake takes as many shapes as the points differ from which you view it. From the west side, about ten miles from its northern limit, it appears like a beautiful crescent. Its horns curving delicately around the right and left. From the North it appears to be nearly circular. Like the full moon, the islands in its waters strikingly representing the clouded spots on that planet. From the East it appears to have no particular shape, but it stretches off irregularly among the mountains.

The old title or no echo around this lake, and indeed it is difficult to understand a person talking at a little distance. A dreamy, spell-like spirit seems to pervade the atmosphere. The smooth, glassy surface of the waters, the upheaval, disrupted, volcanic mountains, the dark, jagged peaks, looking down, as it were, into this abyss of their cjection; the illusion of vision, and the whitened shores, thickly clothed in many places with vesicular lava, which looks like mountains erected to the "mighty dead," all conspire to impress the mind with the idea of a fitful scene, portrayed by the pencil of an omnipotent hand.

VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE.—The Senate was unanimously passed a bill to create a new county, to be called Webster, in honor of the late Hon. Daniel Webster. Mr. Paxton, in advocating the bill, said: No Senator on this floor is more opposed than myself to the political opinions generally entertained and advocated by the distinguished man whom it is proposed for us to honor to-day. The last hours and the last speeches of his life were, however, devoted to the constitutional rights of the South, and those who are now engaged in this war with the fanatic abolition crew who now govern Massachusetts. I understand that an effort has been made (whether successful I know not) to remove from the State house grounds for Massachusetts the statue of Webster. If the abolition authorities of Massachusetts consider this act is desecrated by the statue of Webster, I doubt not the authorities of Virginia would give it a place in our capital square. Contiguous to the proposed county we have a county called Clay, another called Calhoun, a third named Montgomery. It is proper that we should give to this new county I. Those three distinguished men were long associated in the Senate of the United States, differing, it is true, in their construction of the constitution, but each honestly desiring to advance the prosperity of the country, and to maintain the constitution and Union. Let Virginia cherish the memory of these great men. It is enough for me to know that the black republicans of Massachusetts, who are now engaged in a war upon the constitution and rights of the South, are now endeavoring to dishonor the name of Webster.

Both houses have passed the bill giving Andrew Hunter, Esq., \$1,500 for prosecuting the Harper's Ferry insurgents. STATISTICS OF 1859.—The newspaper statistics of 1859 are being published. During the year twenty-six persons died who were over one hundred years of age, the oldest of whom was Cesar, a negro, of Louisiana, who was over one hundred and thirty-eight years of age. The total loss by fire during 1859, was twenty-two millions dollars, being six millions more than for the year 1858. The railroad accidents last year were seventy-nine in number, killing one hundred and twenty-nine persons, and wounding one hundred and twenty. The number killed being only a little more than half of that of 1858. There were twenty-one steamboat accidents, killing two hundred and forty-two persons, and wounding one hundred and forty six.

HOME MANUFACTURES.—Texas seems about to take the lead in the South in home manufactures. A large amount of cabinet work is produced in all the towns of this thriving State. In Rusk county carriages are made of the best workmanship and the latest styles. In other places there are excellent cotton and woolen factories; and flouring mills are beginning to be numerous. For a young State, Texas has made a very handsome beginning. CATHOLIC BISHOPS.—There are in the United States forty-eight Catholic Archbishops, two mixed abbots, and two thousand two hundred and twenty-three secular and regular priests.