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The Standard. RALEIGH, SATURDAY, DEC., 17, 1853.

LETTER FROM HON. JOHN W. ELLIS. The reader will find below a letter from Judge Ellis, addressed to the Editor of this journal, in which he withdraws his name from among those who have' been spoken of as likely to be nominated by the

DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION. We copied inte our last issue an article from the Charlotte Democrat and one from the Wilmington Journal on the subject of the Democratic State Convention ; and we now add the following from the last number of the latter paper :

"We notice that our friends of the Whig party have decided to hold their State Convention at Raleigh on the third Tuesday in February, being the 21st day of the month. When the Democratic Convention will be held, must, we suppose, finally be settled by the Executive Committee appointed by the last State Convention, as there must be some way of arriving at such con lusion. In the meantime, we would still venture to suggest, that a full month later would, we think, be most acceptable to the party in this section of the State. As we remarked on a former occasion, the customary time of moving in this, and we believe, in most of the neighboring counties, has been at March County Court. For various reasons, this is the most fully attended Court of the year, and on many accounts, it is desirable that our meeting in this county should be full, and its action upon matters brought before it, as well with reference to county as State organization, be so taken as to command the assent of all portions of the party. For our own part, we are willing, of course, to assent to any arrangement which may suit the largest number of counties; but still feel certain, that some time in the last week in March would suit our people down here best. It ought not to be later." We have been advised that it is the wish of a number of the Western Democracy that the Convention should be held about the first of March. This, they say, will be the most convenient time for them; and much consideration is due to their preference, on account of the difficulty of travel with them and their distance from the stat of government. We agree with the Journal that the time will have to be settled by the Democratic State Committee; and we take occasion most respectfully to call the attention of the Chairman, the Hon. Abram Rencher, to the subject. But the time when is a minor point ; the leading considerations are a full Convention, unanimity of sentiment and purpose, and such a platform and candidate as cannot fail to meet the popular approval. The Whig Convention will meet in February. It is proper that the Whig leaders, as they hope

to show cause, or rather will pretend to show cause, why the administration of State affairs ought to be

#### SENATE AND HOUSE COMMITTEES. The following are the Standing Committees of the Senate for the present session :

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RALEIGH, WEDNESDAY, DI

Committee on Finance.-Messrs. Hunter, Bright, Pearce, Gwinn, Badger and Norris. Commerce.-Messrs. Hamlin, Stuart, Seward, Dodge

of Wis., Benjamin and Clay, Military Affairs.-Messrs, Shields, Dawson, Fitzpatrick, Jones of Tenn., Weller and Johnson, Naval Affairs .- Messrs. Gwinn, Mallory, Fish, Thomson of N. J., Bell and Brodhead. Public Lands .- Messrs. Dodge of Iowa, Stuart,

Johnson, Foot, Walker and Clayton. Indian Affairs .- Messrs. Sebastian, Walker, Adams, Cooper, Rusk and Toombs.

Claims .- Messrs. Brodhead, Clay, Pratt, Chase, Wade and Williams.

Judiciary .- Messrs. Butler, Toucy, Geyer, Bayard, Petit and Toombs. Post Office and Post Roads .- Messrs. Rusk, Brod-

head, Morton, Hamlin, Smith and Adams. Roads and Canals.—Messrs. Bright, Wright, Daw-

son, Slidell, Chase and Jones of Tenn. Pensions .- Messrs. Jones of Iowa, Clay, Foot, Williams and Sumner.

District of Columbia.-Messrs. Norris, Mason, Dawson, Wright and Pratt.

Patent and Patent Office.-Messrs. James, Evans, Seward, Chase, Stuart, and Thompson of Ky. Territories .- Messrs. Douglas, Johnson, Bell, Jones of Iowa and Everett.

The following are the Standing Committees of the House, appointed by the Speaker :

Committee of Ways and Means .-- Geo. S. Houston, Ala.; Geo. W. Jones, Tenn.; Harry Hibbard, N. H.: A. H. Stephens, Geo.; Jno. S. Phelps, Mo.; Wm. Appleton, Mass.; John C. Breckinridge, Ky.; Solomon G. Haven, N. Y.; John Robbins, Pa.

Judiciary .- E. P. Stanton, Tenn.; John S. Caskie, Va.; Jas. Meacham, Vt.; O. S. Seymour, Conn.; Sam. W. Parker, Ind.; H. B. Wright, Pa.; John Kerr, N. C.; F. B. Cutting, N. Y., Henry May, Md.

Naral Hairs .- Thos. S. Bocock, Va.; Moses Me-Donald, M.; Geo. W. Chase, Mo.; Wm. S. Ashe, N. C.; T. B. Florence, Pa.; T. K. Zolficoffer, Tenn.; Charles Skelton, N. J.; A. H. Colquitt, Geo.; A. R. Sellers, Md.

Foreign Affairs.-Thos. H. Bayly, Va.; S. W. Harris, Ala.; J. R. Chandler, Pa.; C. M. Ingersoll, Conn.; Gilbert Dean, N. Y.; Thos. L. Clingman, N. C.; Wilson Shannon, Ohio.; Wm. Preston, Ky.; John Perkins, Jr., La.

Public Lands .- David T. Disney, Ohio.; W. R. W. Cobb, Ala.; Henry Bennett, N. Y.; Bernhart Henn, Iowa; Milton H. Latham, Cal.; I. E. Hiester, Pa.; H.

dred and twanty is miles in coucles, at a cost of one million two hundred and six thousand nine hun-dred and fifty eight dollars; being about five cents six mills per mile. And twenty million eight hun-dred and ninety thousand four hundred and forty-six miles in modes not specified, at a cost of one mil-lion fifty five thousand three hundred and thirteen dollars, being about five cents per mile. The expenditures of the department, during the late fiscal year, were seven million nine hundred and eighty-two thousand seven hundred and fifty-eight dollars. The grass revenues from all sources was eighty-two thousand seven hundred and filly-eight dollars. The gross revenues from all sources was five million nine hundred and forty thousand seven hundred and twenty four dollars. It appears from the forogoing statement, that the gross revenue of the vcar ending June 30th, 1853, falls short of ex-penditures in the sum of two million forty-two thou-sand and thirty-one dollars. Fifteen hundred and seventy-one thousand dollars of this deficiency were supplied by balance on the Auditor's books, on July 1st, 1852, and appropriations to supply deficiencies of upwards of one million dollars, leaving five hun-dred and forty-six thousand dollars to be provided dred and forty-six thousand dollars to be provided by Congress for the service of the year ending Juna 30th, 1853.

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## EULOGIES ON COL. KING.

Eloquent eulogiums were delivered last week in Congress, on the character of Vice President King, by Senators Cass, Douglas, Clayton, and by Representatives Benton, Latham, Ashe and others. We shall publish the remarks of Mr. Ashe in our next; below we give the remarks of Col. Benton :

Mr. BENTON said :

Mr. SPEAKER: The relation in which I have stood to the eminent deceased, whose loss we all deplore, must plead my excuse for a departure from the ancient practice which limited the number of tribute offerers, on an occasion like the present, to the mover and seconder of the resolution which express the sense of the House at the death of a fellow-member. Natives of the same State, and nearly of the same age, we emigrated when young to what was then the Far West; and by the favor of our adopted States were both returned, and nearly at the same time, to occupy seats on the floor of the American Senate. Commencing-he in 1819, I in 1820-we remained for thirty years (with the exception of the brief interval in which he represented his country at a foreign court) members of the same body, intimately associated in all the current business of that body,

and in all the amenities of social and private life. But my knowledge of him goes beyond thirty years-goes back to forty, and not then to the beginning of his congressional service, when I first saw him on this floor. And I mention this first time of seeing him, and in what place, to do honor to the public man who could so long retain the confider ce of his constituents; and to their honor for the steadiness of their support; and to the credit of our institutions, to which such stability between constituent and representative promises a duration net to be measured by the brief lives of those republics whose people were given up to fickleness and versatility. These circumstances plead my excuse for departing from a custom which limited the number of those who should have the privilege of expressing, in the presence of the national representation, their own and the general feeling at the demise of a brother member.

From our Washington Correspondent.

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From our Washington Correspondent: Wissumoros, December 13, 1853. Ball fairly opened-Essentials of a good Correspon-dent-President's Message and the Documents-Tempest in a Tea Pot, as to the Clerk and Libra-rian of the House-Other matters and things in general-House's adjourn from Thursday over to Monday. In my instrumminication, the first of your corres-pondence with mg from this Babylon of "fashion, fuss and fun," I ventured some predictions which have been verified. On referring to, or on recollect-ing that communication written two days before Congress met and before the caucus had decided, it was stated for the Standard the name of the person who would be the Speaker of the House, and who was to be elected Clerk. This is only referred to as some evidence that you and your thomsand readers in North Carolina may know that your correspond-ent does not state this at random or upon mere conent does not state this at random or upon mere con-jecture. Nor should you or your excellent readers on the other hand, think for a moment that your correspondent has any connection with the sprit rap-

"The sunset of life gives me mystical lore, And coming events cast their shadows before."

Your correspondent only possesses some few of the essentials which must enter deeply into the composition of any who aspires and undertakes the res-ponsible position of informing and instructing the readers of an important and influential journal. He has tried to divest himself of all prejugice or partialities, to set down nothing in anger or malice, to acquaint himself by years of labor with the past oc-currences of political life, and a careful observation of the precedents of political characters, their affiliations, both past and present, and the obvious tendency of their course. To write a communication gathered up by "a mere snapper up of unconsidered triffes" from the gossip of the streets, or street yarns of the avenue, is an easy task, but without any credit to the press which publishes, or advantage to those who may take the trouble to read such communications. But to detail only facts from reliable sources, to "paint the folly as it flies," to do justice to talents, fidelity and industry, and condemn error and tergiversation, should be the object and end of the labours of a faithful correspondent.

Well, the ball is fairly opened. The Message has been read by the millions of our republic by the time you receive this, and they will have formed their own opinions of its merits. Such has been its high and elevated tone that with few exceptions it meets with universal acceptance. Even the National Intelligencer, the great leader of the opposition, has acknowledged its high merits. You have also read the Report of your countryman, Mr. Dobbin. It has created a great sensation here and elsewhere, and all acknowledge that no report ever issued from the Navy Department has ever excelled it either in style or matter. He probes with a master's hand the diseases that infect the whole body of the present Naval system, and prescribes, with an experience far riper than his years would warrant, the remedies to restore healthful and efficient action. You will, of course, publish this valuable document. It speaks for itself, and is its own commendation. It has placed Mr. Dobbin on high grounds, and attracts the carnest attention of all-the warmest congratulations of his friends. The election of Col. Forney as Clerk of the House by so decided a vote, has been wormwood and gall to the New York Herald ; indeed, from the flourish of trumpets and parade of arms by the clique of hards and malcontents, it was supposed that some show of opposition would be made to him. But it has all vanished into idle air, on the approach of truth. That Forney has faults none will deny ; but that he is an able and sagacious politician, devoted and enclusiastic, all admit. By the by, your readers in North Carolina will be surprised when they learn that he is a near kinsman of Hon. Peter Forney, who represented your State in Congress in 1812-'15, and Col. Daniel M. Forney, who was in Congress from 1815 to 1818. They sprung from the same stock in Pennsylvania. On yesterday a resolution was introduced into the House to take from the Clerk the appointment of Librarian. This was intended as a cut dir. c. at Forney, since he recently removed for inattention to his duties the late incumbent, a Mr. Parker of Va. Doubtless it would be a relief to the Clerk if the House would take the appointment, as it would release him from any responsibility for the fidelity of the incumbent. The death of the late Vice President, William R. King, was announced in tones of thrilling eloquence and mournful sympathy in both houses on vesterday. A native of North Carolina, Col. King always felt that she was dear to his heart, and towards her worthy sons he always acted as an affectionate brother. After a long life in public service, untarnished by a single error, but adorned by many virtues, he has sunk to the grave with the regard of all and the enmity of none. Of his loss it may be well said with Horace

Failure f the Fillibust r Erge lition. WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. Des atches have been re-ceived here by Senator Gwin, of California, wring the failure of the fi ibustoring expedition age

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Lower California. The J. L. Stevens, at Panama, 11 days 12 hou's fron San Francisco, reports that she spoke, Nov. 20, the English bark Caroline, with Walker's expedition on board. The expedition had landed at Lapaz, and pro-claimed th independer coof Lower California. They

took the Governor and ex Governor prisoners and re-embarked. The expedition was composed of less than fifty men. The Captain thought them at sea in more ways than one.

Steamer Star of the West Put into Norfoll-32,-000,000 ef Gold Come.

NORFOLK, Dec. 12. The steamer Star of the West, from San Juan, with 400 passengers, put in here today short of coal. She brings \$1,500,000 in gold on freight, and \$500,000 in the hands of her passengers. Her dates from San Francisco are to the 16th ultimo. She experienced terrible gales all the way.

# The Eric Rioters.

BUFFALO, Dec. 12. Matters are quiet again at Erie. A meeting of the directors of the road was held on Saturday, and made a proposition to the City of Erie, which was rejected. All parties are awaiting the result of the injunction against the mayor and councu of Erie, restraining them from doing damage to the road, which is to be argued to-day at Pittsburg.

[SECOND DISPATCH.] ERIE, Dec. 12. A message just received from Governor Bigler says that his sympathies are with the people of Erie. Whatever he can do consistent with duty and law, shall be done. If his presence be any service at Erie he will cheerfully come: All is quict this evening.

### Political Lights and Shades.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. All the free-soil democrats and all the whigs in the Senate, except Messrs. Jones and Bell of Tennessee, voted in the Senate to-day for Mr. Beverly Tucker, the successful candidate for printer. There is something a little ominous in this vote. Some think it foreshadows which way the wind may blow hereafter.

Later from South America.

New YORE, Dec 12th. By an arrival here we have later advices from South America. The Chilian Congress had adjourned.

Frequent attempts had been made in the North of Pera to overthrow the government. Troops had been dispatched to quell the insurrection.

Democratic party for Governor.

The numerous friends of Judge Ellis, in all portions of the State, will, we know, regret as we do this determination on his part. He has and justly, a strong hold upon the affections of the Democracy. and at the same time the entire respect and confidence of the opposite party. Elevated at an early age to the bench, he has sustained himself from the commencement of his duties with marked ability, dispensing justice with a firm but not unmerciful band, and winning upon all by the mingled dignity and suavity of his manners. Not unmindful of the value of popular regard and popular approval, still he has not gone out of his almost sacred and honorable sphere as a Judge, to seek it ; nor has he, though an ardent and inflexible Democrat, permitted himself to take undue part in political affairs on any occasion since he has been on the bench. It was but natural, therefore, under these and other circumstances which might be mentioned, that the minds of many of the party should have been fixed upon him in con-

nexion with the distinguished post referred to. We entertain no doubt, from our knowledge of the man, that his reasons for this course are of a nature to entitle him to increased respect among his friends. The Democratic party, however, can boast of many worthy, able, and true men, both in the East and in the West; and we entertain the settled convictionthe result of past experience as well as of the present auspicious condition of things-that a candidate will be nominated by the approaching Convention who will bear the Democratic flag in triumph through the contest.

SALISBURY, Dec. 10, 1858. Sin: Late numbers of the Standard and other papers have brought to my attention communications connecting my mune with the next canvass for Governor of the State ; and without any evidence that this feeling is general in its character, I must be permitted to express my disposition upon the subject, lest further silence should be construed into an acquiescence, on my part, in these suggestions.

I certainly feel obliged to those gentlemen who have thus honorably associated my name with the first office of the State; but, for reasons uninteresting to the public , yet of controlling influence with me, I must request that public attention will henceforth be exclusively confined to other gentlemen whose names have already or may hereafter be mentioned in the same connexion. Both the position of candidate and the office itself, have duties appertaining, to the execution of which I am not in a situation to devote my abors.

In conclusion, permit me as a citizen, to express my appreciation of your efficient advocacy, as a public journalist, of questions of general interest; and especially, such pru-, yet energetic measures, as tend to develope the vast natural resources of our much cherished State. Very respectfully, yours &c. JOHN W. ELLIS.

W. W. HOLDEN, Esq.

Still " no light, But rather darkness visible."

The Whigs of Pasquotank held a meeting a few days since, passed Resolutions, appointed delegates to the Whig State Convention, but, somehow or other, omitted to say what they are for. They say, in the first place, that they "approve the proposition to call a Convention to nominate a suitable candidate for Governor," and then add they will support the nominee, " whoever he may be." We are further informed that a couple of gentlemen "entranced the proceedings of the meeting with speeches, breathing the old Whig spirit and determination." So, if the proceedings were not definite-if they contained no allusion to principles, they were at least "entranc-

changed, should assemble first. When they shall have made out their " bill of complaints," and shall have stated-if such a thing be at all within the range of human probability-what they are for, it will be time enough for the Democratic party, the tried and trusted of the people, to assemble and respond-to re-affirm their devotion to those great principles of government which have elevated the Republic to so-commanding a position in the scale of nations, and which, here at home, have contributed so essentially to the advancement of our industrial,

financial and educational interests. We trust our Democratic friends in the various Counties will hold meetings at an early day and appoint Delegates to the Convention.

# CONGRESS.

In the Senate, on Monday last, the Standing Com mittees were announced, and a number of notices of bills given. Beverly Tucker, of the Sentinel, was elected printer to the Senate by the following vote: Tucker 26, Armstrong 17, Gales & Seaton 1. Nearly all the Whigs, all the Freesoilers, and a few Democrats combined to defeat Gen. Armstrong.

In the liouse, on the same day, the Standing Committees were announced. The Resolution heretofore offered by Mr. Bayly, to elect a Librarian by the House, was rejected, yeas 98, nays 100. Mr. Wentworth, of Illinois, submitted the following Resolution:

Reoleed, That Congress has the power to provide for the construction of a railroad over the Territorics of the United States for the safer and more expeditious transportation of the public moneys, the mails, the troops, and the munitions of war, from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast, and ought immediately to exercise that power.

On a call of the previous question the Resolution was laid upon the table, 126 to 72. Messrs. Ashe, Clingman, Craige, Kerr, Puryear, Rogers, Ruffin, and Shaw of this State voted to lay on the table. The West generally voted for and the Northern and Atlantic States against the Resolution.

No business of importance was transacted in the Senate on Tuesday.

In the House, on the same day, the Resolution of Mr. Washburne, of Illinois, affirming the power of the general government to construct railroads through the territories, was laid on the table, yeas 117, nays 74.

The proceedings of the Senate on Wednesday were unimportant.

In the House, on the same day, several Resolutions favorable to the Pacific Railroad were offered and laid on the table.

The proceedings of the Senate on Thursday were unimportant.

In the House, on the same day, a Resolution in favor of reducing the Tariff to a revenue standard, was offered.

Congress will hardly transact any business of im portance until after the Christmas holidays.

GERMANTON INSTITUTE. The following preamble and resolutions relative to Germanton Institute, were adopted by the Grand Lodge at its late communication in this City : WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons, to promote the interests of Education throughout the State, and more especially in the Fraternity : Therefore,

L. Stevens, Mich.; Sam. Caruthers, Mo.; E. A. Warren, Ark.

Territories .- W. A. Richardson, Ill.; John Mc. Queen, S. C.; John L. Taylor, Ohio.; D. J. Bayley, Geo.; Wm. Smith, Va.; E. W. Farley, Me.; Wm. H. English, Ind.; Phillip Phillips, Ala., A. W. Lamb, Mo. Commerce .- T. J. D. Fuller, Me.; John S. Millson, Va.; John Wentworth, Ill.; Tappan Wentworth, Mass.; Wm. Aiken, S. C.; Aaron Harlan, Ohio; Geo. W. Morrison, N. H.; Wm. Dunbar, La.; R. E. Fenton, N. Y.

Elections .- R. H. Stanton, Ky .; J. Gamble, Pa.; P. Ewing, Ky.; J. L. Seward, Ga.; O. B. Matteson, N. Y.; N. T. Stratton, N. J.; E. Dickinson, Mass.; Geo. Bliss, Ohio; Samuel Clark, Mich.

Claims .- Alfred P. Edgerton, Ohio; John Letcher, Va.; Joshua R. Giddings, Ohio; Carlton B. Curtis, Penn.; Daniel Mace, Ind.; John. G. Miller, Mo.; Thomas Ruffin, N. C.; Charles Ready, Tenn.; Win. W. Boyce, S. C.

Pest Office and Post Roads .- Edson E. Olds, Ohio; Parlus Powell, Va.; C. W. Upham, Mass.; Daniel T. Jones, N. Y.; W. P. Harris, Miss.; B. E. Grey, Ky.; Asa Packer, Pa.; Jesse O. Norton, Ill.; J. A. McDougal, Cal.

District of Columbia .- Wm. T. Hamilton, Md.; Wm. O. Goode, Va.; Richad Yates, Ill.; John G. Davis, Ind.; Daniel A. Noble, Mich.; John Dick, Tenn.; W. S. Barry, Miss.; William Cullom, Tenn.; J. J. Taylor, N. Y.

Agriculture .- John L. Dawson, Tenn.; F. McMul o, Va.; Willis Allen, Ill.; R. C. Puryear, N. C.; W. D. Lindsley, Ohio; Samuel Clark, Mich.; Wm. Murray, N. Y.; John T. Cook, Iowa; Samuel Lilly, N. J. Indian Affairs .- James L. Orr, S. C.; Ben. C. Eastman, Wis; Galusha A. Grow, Pa.: E. Ball, Ohio; A. C. Maxwell, Florida; Daniel B. Wright, Miss.; Alfred B. Greenwood, Ark.; Benjamin Pringle, N. Y.; Milton S. Latham, Cal.

Public-Buildings and Grounds .- Burton Craige. N. C.; Nathan Beicher, Conn.; John L. Taylor, Ohio; Lawrence M. Keitt, S. C.; E. M. Chamberlain, Ind. Mr. Rogers, of this State, is on the Committee on Revolutionary Claims; Mr. Benton is Chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs, and also of the Library. There are other Committees of minor importance.

### MR. CAMPBELL'S REPORT.

The Report of Mr. Campbell, the Postmaster-General, is a document of much interest, and we regret we cannot make room for it at length. It evinces patience and labor on the part of that officer, and a peculiar fitness for the duties to which he has been called. Indeed, it may be said with truth that the affairs of this Department-when we consider the vast increase of business occasioned by the foreign service, the rapid expansion of our territory and augmentation of population-were never so well administered as they are now under Mr. Postmaster Campbell. We must content ourselves with the following abstract :

ABSTRACT OF THE POST MASTER GENERAL'S REPORT. The whole number of Post Offices in the United States at the close of the last official year, June 30th, 1853 was twenty-two thousand three hundred and fwenty; of this number, two hundred and fifty-five are of the highest class, the Post Masters of which are appointed by the President. At the present date, 1st December, 1853, the total number of Post offices is twenty-two thousand six hundred and eighty-eight. During the past year commencing 1st of July, 1852, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight Post Offices were established, four hundred and seventynine were discontinued, and there were appointed to | houn, Capt. Barden, from Savannah, and brought to office during the said year, besides the eighteen hun- this port. dred and ninety-eight Post Masters to the newly es-

The members who have preceded me have stated and well stated, the illustrious career of the deceased -tracing his course through a long gradation, always rising, of public honors-from the general assembly of his native State to the second office of his country-the vice presidency of this great republic.

To meet it only belongs to join my voice to theirs, and to the voices of all who knew him, in celebrating the integrity and purity of his life, the decorum of his manners, his assidious and punctual attention to every duty, and the ability and intelligence which he brought to the discussion of the national affairs during his long service of thirty years.

Faithful to his adopted State, he exhibited, when duty to her permitted, the beautiful trait of filial affection to the honored State of his birth-a State which has so many claims upon her children (besides that of having first given them the vital air) for their constant and grateful remembrance, wheresoever they may go. As friend, as associata, as native of the same State

with the late Vice President King, I appear on this occasion, and feel it to be, in me-his senior in agea providential privilege to assist in doing honor to his memory in the presence of the national representation

LOSS OF THE REVENUE CUTTER HAMILTON. WC copy the following melancholy account from the last Charleston Courier:

"LOSS OF THE U. S. REVENUE CUTTER HAMILTON. It is our melancholy duty this morning to record the loss of the U. S. Revenue Cutter Hamilton, Capt. T. E. Rudulph, and, it is feared, all hands.

She left the Dry Dock at this port on Wednesday for a cruise, and having, as we learn, reached the Bar, in endeavoring to go to sea got ashore on the breakers in the vicinity, but was finally got off in the evening, although in consequence of the difficulty of getting underway near the shoals, it was deemed prudent to anchor until morning. At daylight, however, it commenced to blow a gale from the northeast, which rendered it impossible to get the vessel under-way in the position she then lay, and Capt. Rudulph, directing his attention to her security, brought all her chains and anchors into requisition but the gale continuing to increase, one chain after another parted and she was driven ashore on Folly Island Breakers, on Thursday night, and the masts shortly afterwards going by the board, and the vessel leaking very badly, it was deemed best to abandon her, that being the only chance for saving the lives of all on board. Accordingly Capt. Ruduiph, Thomas Stone, of Boston, Quartermaster, four men and two boys, took one life-boat, which getting speedily among the breakers, was capsized, and every soul in her drowned, with the exception of one of the seamen named James Hagan, who had taken the precaution, which the others had neglected, of lashing himself to the boat, and was picked up at sea near North Edisto yesterday, by the Steamer Cal-

The other life boat, of which no information has tablished offices aforesaid, thirty eight hundred and as yet been ascertained, although from the severity of the weather, but very slight hopes are entertain ed of her safety, contained Camillus Saunders, son of Gen. Romulus M. Saunders, of N. C., 1st Lieut., E. C. Hine, 3d Lieut., there being no second Lieut. attached, and the remainder of the crew, which prohably consisted of the Carpenter and four men. As far as we can learn, among those on board, in addition to the officers already mentioned, were John Mahony, Boatswain, George Carter, Carpenter, of New England, James Sullivan, Master-at-Arms, and John Johnson, George Brown, Timothy Hulley, and Joseph Bouser, colored. Captain Thomas E. Rudulph, the Commander of the Hamilton, was a native of St. Mary's, Georgia, and, we believe, one of the oldest, if not the oldest, officer in the Revenue Service. He has been known Hocs. On application to Mr. Jas. Stradley, keep-er of the Toll Gate at this place, we learn that up to Tuesday morning last, 47,173 hogs had passed through this place, since he commenced receiving in this city, where his family now reside, for many years, and by his affability of manner, and high-toned bearing on every occasion, endeared himself to a large circle of acquaintances, who deeply regret the sudden and melancholy fate that has befallen him. In his profession, also, he was universally esteemed, and in his death the service has sustained the loss of toll. Previous to that time, he says there had passed nineteen lots, generally small. According to this statement, the number will not fall far short of last and in his death the service has sustained the loss of a galllant, conscientious, and highly efficient officer. Messrs. Saunders and Hine were likewise young officers of great promise, and it is to be hoped that the fears as to their safety and those under their com-d. mand, may prove groundless.
We deeply sympathise, in common with our whole community, on whom the melancholy intelligence has cast a deep gloom, with the relatives and intelligence of those who have met such a sudden and metapoot-ed and."

#### "Qu's desideris sit pudor aut modus, Tam chari Capitis ?

Mr. Ashe, of your State, made a most autroprinte and feeling speech, and was followed by Mr. Benton, who for the first time has opened his mouth in the new arena which has been "opened to him." The delegation from North Carolina are all in place, and as the bills of laden say all "in good order and well condition." Senator Badger and his family are at Williard's Hotel-Clingman at the National-Ashe in private lo lgings-the rest at Brown's Hotel. Your imme ists representative, Hon. Sion H. Rogers, seems quite at home, and wins on all by

his pleasant bon hominie manners. He returns this week for his family. Your countryman, Gov. Graham is here, looking

quite well, attending the Supreme Court. He bears the fortunes of war with much complacency, and doubtless hopes like Jacob Faithful, "better luck next time.

Martin Kosta is here also, whose name has been made familiar' to all by the sword of Ingram and the pen of Marcy. I. met him on yesterday. He does not appear to be worth the sensation he has created; and us the honest Paddy whose wit ruled even the last moments of expiring humanity, when he saw his Physician preparing a large mustard plaster for his attenuated form said "ah doctor, you are after having a grate dale too much mustard for the little meat you have to use with it."

It is thought that this will be a very gav winter, and there are a host of new members, "young, ar-dent and aspiring" for other than political honors. There are too, many of the fairer portion of creation gathered here, and more expected. Every sunny day, (and we have many now,) the avenues look like some bright parterre of gay colors; and the galle ries of Congress seemed studded with bright stars, shedding their lovely influences upon the members below. And there is a good harvest here for the fair reapers. In the Cabinct officers there are three widowers-(Treasury, Navy, and Attorney General,) that are "fair, fat and forty" ready to divide their honors with some sweet one who will relieve their sorrows and double their joys; and many young bachelors in Congress.

We were induced some weeks since to think

as SALE. The valuable plantation situate on

LITTLE DAVY.

Asheville News.

Later from Merico. New ORLEANS, Dec. 13th. Dates from the City of Mexico of the 2rd inst. state that C. Evallos and Judge Castalvedo have been removed for refusing to accept the order of Knighthoods from Santa Anna.

Santa Anna Declared Emperor of Mexico. New ORLEANS, Dec. 10. The Picayune has private

advices which are fully reliable, saying that Santa Anna is to assume the title of Imperial Majesty on the 12th of December. No epidemic is in New Orleans, and no stampede

of citizens, as falsely telegraphed North. The city is very healthy.

A CHALLENGE. At a ball given by the French Ambassador at Madrid, the Duke of Alba, brotherin-law of the French Empress, made a disparaging remark concerning the dress of Mrs. Soule, wile of the American Minister, which being overheard by young Soule, he made a slight assault on the Duke. Mr. Soule, however, interfered and removed his son, but the affair created much excitement. Young Soule afterwards challenged the Duke, who refused accept-

We learn from the Biblical Recorder, that our young townsman, Jordan Womble, jr., is to be associated with Rev. T. W. Totey, in the Yanceyville Female High School. This is a most excellent selection. Mr. W. is a gentleman of mind, fond of literary pursuits, and of unexceptionable character. We wish him, with his very excellent Principal, abundant success and a liberal patronage.

Spirit of the Age.

We learn from the Austin State Gazette that Gov. P. H. Bell has resigned the office of Governor of the State of Texas, and the duties of that station have been thereby devolved upon the present Lieutenant Governor, J. W. Henderson, by whom they will be discharged until the 21st of December next.

DRY EATING. The epicure who finished his dianer with the "desert" of Sahara, found it rather dry eating.

Never abuse musquitoes-they are blood relations. If a small boy is a lad will two small boys make a adder?

MARRIED,

On the 6th instant, in the City of Washington, D. C., by the Rev. Dr. Butler, William J. Ward, Esq., of Baltimore, and Isabella F., daughter of Thomas Green, Esq., of Washington, and grandaughter of Thomas Ritchie, Sr. In Wake County, on Sabbath morning, the 11th instant, by Prof. W. T. Brooks, Mr. W. Marcellus Thompson to Mies Mary Adelaide, only daughter of Hillory Thompson, Esq.

#### DIED.

In the town of Halifax, on Friday morning, the 9th inst., Mr. William II. Pope, aged 57 years.

Mr. Pope has been long and favorably knewn as the keeper of a popular Hotel in this place, for twenty years or more. He was a worthy and respected citizen, and his death will be very much regretted by his numerous friends and rela-tives. Halifax Republican.

LOUISBURG MALE ACADEMY .-- WM. A. WATKINS, Principal. JOS. J. AVERITT, Associate-The next Session will commence on the first Mon lay in Jan. uary, 1854, and continue five months. TERMS:

Orthography, Reading, Wruing Geography, Arith-metic and English Grammar, Higher English Branches, Mathematics, Ancient Lan-

guages, No deduction unless in cases of protracted sickness Board per month can be had at \$9.

Mr. Watkins is a Teacher of several years' experience. and famishes the highest testimonials of qualification from the Faculty of Emory & Henry College, of which he is a graduate, as well as from a number of gentlemen of high standing in the neighborhood where he has been teaching.

ed." Very consolatory indeed ! The way, then, to "entrance "things political is to say nothing. What would we not give to know what these gifted gentlemen said !

NORTH CAROLINA STATE STOCKS. We see Mr. Lyon, Commissioner of Banks for the State of Alabama, reports to th : General Assembly of that State, the purchase by him of \$900,000 of State stocks and the premium paid for them-that is, \$500,000 North Carolina 6 per cents at \$103, and \$400,000 Virginia 6 per cents at \$1023. These stocks are held by Alabama to await the maturity of a debt of hers, which fails due ten years hence; so that they will not come in competition with any future sale of stocks made by either North Carolina or Virginia during that period.

FRANKLINTON MALE AND FEMALE INSTITUTE. We are indebted to a friend for a copy of the "Circular" of this Institute, the advertisement of which will be found in our columns to-day. The citizens of Franklinton and surrounding country are fortunate in having secured Mr. Richardson as the head of their School. He has been remarkably successful in his vocation, and cannot fail, with proper aid on the part. of the community in which he has located, to establish a high character for the Institute.

Resolved, That we congratulate Germenton Lodge, No. 116, on the eminent success that has crowned its efforts in establishing a Seminary of high char-

Resolved, That, although the "Masonic Institute" is not under the supervision of the Grand Lodge, yet as a Masonic Literary Institution worthy of our confidence and esteem, we do heartily, recommend the same to the patronage of the Fraternity throughout the State.

THE HON. REVERDY JOHNSON has been employed by the Governor of Florida to assist the Attorney General of that State in arguing the boundary question between Florida and Georgia, which is to come up before the Supreme Court of the United States at the present term. The counsel for Georgia are Judge Berrien, of Georgias and Hon. Geo. E. Badger, of North Carolina.

Mr. John Mitchell and Mr. T. F. Meagher, the eloquent and great-hearted Irishmen who recently escaped from Australia, will issue the first number of a weekly paper in New York in a few days.

We are indebted to Hon. J. C. Dobbin and Hon. Burton Craige, and the Hon. S. H. Rogers for public documents.

fifty upon resignation, two hundred and twenty-five upon death, one hundred and eighty-two upon change of site, ninety-one where the Post Master had moved awey, and twenty-three hundred and twenty-one on removal of prior incumbents, being eight thousand five hundred Post Masters appointed during the year ending 30th June, 1853. At the close of the fiscal year, ending on the 30th day of June last, there were in operation within the United States, six thousand six hundred and ninety-two mail routes ; their aggregate length was two hundred and seventeen thousand seven hundred and forty-three miles, and five thousand five hundred and eighty-three contractors were employed thereon.

The annual transportation of the mails on those routes was sixty-one million eight hundred and ninety-two thousand five hundred and forty-two miles; the annual cost thereof was four million four hundred and ninety-five thousand nine hundred and sixty eight dollars, being about seven cents two mills per mile. Of these sixty-one million eight hundred and ninety-two thousand miles of annual transportation, twelve million nine hundred and eighty-six thousand seven hundred and five tailes are required to be performed on railroads, at a cost of one million six hundred and one thousand three hundred and twenty-nine dollars ; being about twelve cents three mills ty-nine dollars; being about twelve cents three mins per mile. Twenty-one million three hundred and, eighty-five thousand and, sixty-five miles in steam-boats, at a cost of six hundred and thirty-two thon-sand three hundred and sixty-eight dollars; being about nine cents four mills per mile. Twenty-one million three hundred and thirty thousand three hun-

The Trustcestherciore, have every reason to regard theiuselves as fortunate in securing his services as Principal of this Institution. Mr. Averitt bears with him a Diploma on the Latin Lanmage, and several distinctions on other branches, from the University of Virginia. It is proposed to give instruction m the French and Spanish Languages to those who may desire it. JOEL KING,

Pres't of the Board of Trustees. 1001-5w. December 1, 1853.

**EXAMPLE OF REEDS MALE ACADEMY**, EXGRANVILLE COUNTY, N. C.-The 1st Session of this School will commence on the 2d Monday in January next, under the charge of Mr. Samuel-Clement, a young gentleman of some experience as a teacher. The Academy is situated 15 miles west of Oxford, on the Oxford and Hillsbor u throad, in a healthy location. Good Board can be had in the neighborhood for \$5 per

month, no extra charges for lights, &c. TERMS PAR SESSION OF FIVE KONTER. Elementary English Branches, \$5,00 Arithmetic and the higher English branches, 7,50 Languages,

ALEX. FLEMING, Sect'y. Board Trustere. Knap of Reeds, Dec. 5, 1853. Spirit of the Age copy twice, and send bill to this

CHARLES KUESTER, GUN, LOCK-SMITH, and BELL-MANGER-Would respectfully inform the City zens of Raleigh and surround ng country that he has locat Liesse Sare. The valuable plantation situate on Albemaric Sound, North Carolina, belonging to the the Joshua Skinner, of Chowan County, was ex-magion Skinner, Esq., at the sum of \$33,100. The below Skinner, Esq., at the sum of \$33,100. The bis line, in a style that shipperson, and the charges and Sec. Raleigh, Feb. 21, 1853. ed permanentiv in Raleigh, and has opened a Shop on Wil-mington Street, (in Dr. Coske's brick-building,) where he will be found at all times, ready to execute any "Jop" in his line, in a style that shall not be surpassed by any other rson, and the charges shall always be moderate. Call