

Again are we disappointed in being able to lay the Message of President Taylor before our readers, owing to the failure of an organization of the cause up to the 15th inst. Our postscript head may give some information.

South Carolina.—The Hans Langston Cheves, F. H. Elmore, J. H. Hammond, and R. W. Barnwell, have been elected by the Legislature as delegates to represent the State at large in the Athens Convention.

The Penitentiary scheme has been entirely defeated. The Bank question has been laid over, and its liquidation will become a question for the people at the next State election.

The Stockholders of the Catawba Toll Bridge Company meet at Newberry, to-day, to organize the Company.

We cordially agree with several of our brother editors in the necessity of an editorial convention, in order to establish forms, and scales of prices, to be observed throughout the State. We have endeavored to conform to the established usages of the craft, in all our operations, but "self-preservation," &c. has compelled us "to do a great right," (to ourselves) "do a little wrong" (to the respectable craft) occasionally. Let us have the convention, Mr. Cameron, and we hope your neighbor will call it.

We are not in the writing vein this week, having depended on the message as a sufficient excuse; besides these egg-nog times gives us the blues—not from the use, however. Our paper is filled with more interesting matter, however, than we could indite, under the circumstances.

Singular Phenomenon.—On Friday evening, about sunset, a singular phenomenon was observed in the heavens. When first seen it resembled a ball of fire, and while it was being watched suddenly exploded, and an appearance was seen to issue similar to smoke. This was observed until lost sight of in the darkness of night.—*Marion (S. C.) Star, Dec. 12.*

Correspondence of Charleston Mercury
WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.

There is a rumor abroad here, (important, it true) that there has been a flare up in the Cabinet, and that some of the members will resign. One I have heard mentioned particularly—Mr. Crawford, of Georgia. Some say that if he resigns it will be owing to the votes of Messrs. Stephens and Toombs, both of whom refuse to support Mr. Winthrop, who is the candidate of the Administration. Others say that he has, for some time past, disagreed with the rest of the Cabinet in regard to the slavery question, and that the vote of Stephens and Toombs is but a reflection of his opinion.

The present session assuredly will be a stormy one. From the remarks of many of the members I gather that the Administration has been tearing up for itself a wash, and that the strongest denunciations that human genius can invent will be poured on upon it, whether deservedly or not I shall not say. Let every one judge for himself.

The "initial point" of boundary between the United States and Mexico Republic was fixed and acknowledged on Wednesday, the 10th October. There were present some forty persons, including two American ladies and officers, from the garrison at San Diego. It falls about seventeen miles to the southward of the town of San Diego. The joint commission, composed of the two commissioners and two surveyors, had signed an inscription, which was written and hermetically sealed in a glass bottle. This was buried below a post placed in the centre of a circle thirty feet in diameter, marked out for a monument to erected hereafter.—*Balt. Sun.*

Little Graves.—Sacred places for holy thoughts and holy meditations are the little graves in the Churchyard. They are the depositories of mothers' sweetest joys—hull unconscious buds of innocence—humanity nipped, by the first frost of time, ere yet a single cankerworm of pollution had nestled among its embryonic petals. Callous indeed must be the heart of him who can stand by a little graveside and not have the holiest emotions of his soul awakened to the thoughts of that purity and joy which belong alone to God and Heaven; for the mute preacher at his feet tells him of the begun and the ended, without a stain; and surely if this be vouchsafed to mortality, how much purer and holier must be the spiritual land, and the sun of infinite goodness, and the soul, brief

young sojourner among us! How swells the heart of the parent with mournful joy, while standing by the "good earth" bed of lost little ones! Mournful because the sweet treasure is taken away; joyful because that precious treasure glitters in the diadem of the Redeemer.



By last evening's Mails.

COLUMBIA, Dec. 17.

Our Cotton market opened this morning with a good and active demand, and on the low and middling qualities a slight advance was obtained on rates current at the close of the last week. 243 bales were sold at prices ranging from 8 3/4 to 10 cents.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17, 6 p. m.

The House has again adjourned without effecting an election of Speaker.

The result of the last vote was for Boyd, (Dem.) 67; Winthrop (Whig) 67; Hugh White (Whig) 16; Pover (Dem.) 13; Morehead (Whig) 6; Strong, (Dem.) 5.

Mr. Stanly withdrew his name as a candidate.

The new and beautiful State Capitol at Montgomery, Ala. was totally destroyed by fire on Friday last. The Senate had just adjourned, but the House was in session at the time. The clerks of the two Houses saved all their papers, and the archives of the State, in the offices of the Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer and Comptroller, were also all saved. Most all the furniture, and the larger portion of the different libraries were likewise preserved from the flames, so that the great loss is the building.

The Jury of Inquest, in the case of Dr. Parkman, rendered a verdict that the deceased came to his death "by a blow or blows, wound or wounds, with some instrument or weapon unknown to the jurors, and that said blows were inflicted and said means were used by the hands of Prof. J. W. Webster!"

MARRIED.

In Cleveland co., on the 20th inst. by Rev. A. Hamby, RICHARD B. SMITH, Esq., and Miss J. A. GRAHAM, all of said county.

In Gaston county, on the 29th ult. by W. W. McGinnas, Esq. Mr. John McGinnas, to Miss Caroline Conner, all of Gaston.

In Gaston county, on the 18th inst. by W. W. McGinnas, Esq. Mr. Rulus J. Hagar, to Miss Elmina Cates, all of Gaston.

COLUMBIA PRICES CURRENT,
CORRECTED WEEKLY.

Cotton, 100 lb.	\$8 75 a 10 25
Corn, per bushel,	45 a 50
Peas, "	56 a 60
Rye, "	75 a 1 00
Oats, "	33 a 34
Coffee, Rio, per lb.	11 a 12 1/2
Java,	12 1/2 a 14
Bacon, Hams,	8 a 14
Sides,	7 a 9
Shoulders,	6 1/2 a 8
Lard, lb.	8 1/2 a 10
Butter, lb.	19 a 15
Salt, per sack,	1 37 a 1 50
Flour, barrel, 296 lbs.	5 50 a 6 00
Sugar, brown,	64 a 10
Molasses, New Orleans,	35 a 40
Havana,	30 a 37
Bagging,	17 a 23
Steel, Blister,	10 a 12
German,	15 a 18
Cast,	18 a 22
Beeswax, per lb.	15 a 20
Oil, Sperm, gallon,	80 a 1 56

Common Schools.

At the late October Sessions of the County Court of Lincoln, the following persons were appointed Superintendents of Common Schools for Lincoln and Gaston counties, viz: C. L. Hunter, present Chairman, Major Whitesides, John Z Falls, Henry Causler, Col. Jenn H Wheeler, Winchester Pegrum, and Jacob Ramsour, (well known). In obedience to the amended School Act, the above named individuals are required to meet in Lincoln on the 1st Thursday of January next, for the purpose of appointing a Chairman, School Committees in the several Districts, and transacting such other business, pertaining to the subject of Common Schools, as may present itself. A punctual attendance is requested.

C. L. HUNTER, Chairman.
Dec. 22 39-21
Republican will copy.

Wrapping Paper for sale

TAKE NOTICE.

The Store of the Subscriber, living 4 1/2 miles south of Lincolnton (paper mill) was broken into on Sunday night last, and a large Calf Skin pocket, abstracted from his desk, together with a large bundle of Receipts. The following is a list of such Notes and Receipts, as can now be recollectied:

- One Note on J O Reid, dated June 13th, 1846, for \$90, with a credit on May 4th, 1848, for \$40.
- One Receipt on J O Reid, for a note on J O Anderson—note dated Feb'y 2d, 1849, for \$6,50.
- One receipt on J O Reid, for a receipt on John Carson, dated March 6, 1846.
- One Note on Dedman & Edney, May 15, 1849, for \$34, with a credit of \$20.
- One Note on do. dated Nov 25th, 1848, for \$63.
- One do. for \$42, dated July 4th, 1849.
- One do. for \$24 dated Sept 27, "
- One do \$19,884, dated Oct 1, "
- One Note on T J Eccles, for \$50, given July 8, 1844
- One Note on J M Newson, for \$66, given July 3d, 1849.
- One Note on Quintin Bashee, moved to Raleigh, for \$60, due the 20th Dec. 1849.
- One Note on Jacob G Hovis, for \$47, due February 7th, 1846.
- One Note on James Cody for \$8, given Sept 18th, 1848.
- One Note on Joseph Shuford, dated June 1847, for \$130, with two credits, of 40 and \$45.
- Three small Notes on William Baxter for \$35, dates not recollectied
- One Note on Joel Carpenter, for \$8; 05—given April 7, 1847.
- One Note on Robert Warren for \$11,57—given Oct 10th, '49.
- One Note on Paul Carpenter, for \$32.68 given April 26th, '47. Credit Feb'y 29th, '48, of \$13 81.
- One Note on Peter Carpenter for \$5—given April 7, '47
- One Note on Samuel Kizer for \$15—given March 26th, '49.
- One Note on Elias Carpenter for \$3—dated in '45.
- One Note on I. D Childs, given payable to Garrison Havenor, for \$47.
- One Note on Christy Carver, and Frank Connor for security, given Oct 26th, 1849, for \$35
- One Note on Samuel Carpenter for \$37,50 Given payable 12 months after date, with interest from date, June 1849.
- One Note on Franklin Connor, and Seth or Christy Connor for security, for \$37,50; payable 14 months after date with interest from date, June 1849.
- One Note on James Hardin for \$43—Given in April or May 1849 to be paid in rags.
- One due bill on Jas S Brown, of Statesville for \$19,47—given April 19, 1848—to be paid in rags.
- One Note on Solomon Rhyme for \$17—Given May 10th, 1845.
- One Receipt on Sawyer Nelson of Jonesborough Tenn; given for a note on Lawson Gifford for collection for \$255. Given the 22d April 1842
- One Note on Anzi Ford for \$29,70—Given July 12th, 1847.

All persons are hereby cautioned against trading for said Notes. A liberal reward will be paid for the recovery of them and the papers, or any information that may lead to the detection of the thief. There was no money, which may have been the object. No farther steps will be taken, or questions asked, if the papers are at once returned, or placed where I can get them.

GEO. MOSTELER.
Lincolnton, Dec. 22d, 1849.

T. C. JOHNSTON & Co.
PORTRAIT PAINTERS,

Take this method of informing the citizens of Lincolnton, and its vicinity, that they have taken rooms at Mr. Johnston's Hotel, where they are prepared to execute with neatness and despatch, the business of their profession. Specimens of painting may be seen at their rooms. The portraits of Ladies, if preferred, will be painted at their residences. 39-41 Dec 22

Catawba Toll Bridge Compy.

THE amount of Stock required by law, for a Toll Bridge over the Catawba, at the Horse Ford, having been subscribed, the Stockholders are requested to meet at Newton, Catawba county, on Saturday, the 22d of December, for the purpose of organizing the said company, and transacting such other business as may come before them.

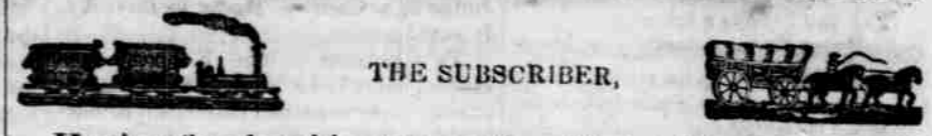
THE COMMISSIONERS.
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DR. PETER S. RUSH,
SURGEON DENTIST,
LINCOLNTON, N. C.

May be found at the residence of his father, main street, east of the court square, and tenders his professional services to the public. He will wait on those who may require Dental operations.
Nov 24 33-1f

DR. ALEXANDER RAMSOUR,
Having located himself one mile and a half west of Lincolnton, on the Rutherford road, on the place formerly occupied by Lawson Henderson, one of our best professional services to the citizens of this and the adjoining counties
Nov 8, 1848. 37-1f

LATEST ARRIVALS!



THE SUBSCRIBER,

Having fitted up his store, at the old stand in **Lincolnton**, North-West of the Court House, making it convenient and pleasant for customers, and well furnished with an entire NEW and desirable stock of **GOODS**, recently purchased at the North on the most reasonable terms; consisting in part of

A choice Stock of Dry Goods,

HARDWARE AND CUTLERY, GLASS AND CHINA WARE,
Hats, Caps, Bonnets and Shoes, in a great variety; Umbrellas, Parasols, Gentlemen's and Ladies' Saddles; Bridles, Martingales and Halters, Travelling Trunks, Carpet and Saddle Bags, Rifle Guns and Barrels, **Coffee, Teas, Sugar, Molasses, &c.**

All of which he offers at the lowest cash prices. Come and see, and be your own judges; and he flatters himself you will not go home without ample satisfaction for your trouble.

Lincolnton, Dec. 1, 1849. B. S. JOHNSON.

In connection with the above is a **HOTEL**, also newly fitted up for the reception of Visitors; and the Proprietor will take pleasure in waiting on all who may be pleased to call, and no efforts will be spared to make their stay agreeable.

December 1 B. S. JOHNSON. 36-6m

Now is your Time, Folks!

SLADE, KISTLER & CO.

Respectfully inform their friends and the public, generally, that they have received and are now opening, a large stock of good new

Dry Goods and Silks,

Groceries, Hardware, Glass and China-Ware,

Boots, Shoe-, Hats, fine and cheap; Carpenter Tools, Sheet and Rod Iron, Castings, Paints, Oils, Drugs, Dye Stuffs, Baltimore tanned Sole Leather, Saddles, Bridles, Martingales, Saddle Bags; and a lot of seasonable

Ready-Made Clothing,

Which they offer for sale very low, at the old Remhardt stand, south-east corner of the court square. No trouble to show goods; Come and see them!

Country Produce taken in exchange for goods.
Lincolnton, October 7 29-1f

NO MISTAKE, THIS TIME!



FRESH STOCK

Of Dry Goods, Groceries, &c.

R. E. JOHNSTON, S. W. corner court square,
LINCOLNTON, N. C.

Has received, and now offers to the public on reasonable terms, a large and choice assortment of **DRY GOODS** and **GROCERIES**, besides every other article brought to this place. His goods are selected for him by his brother in the North, with special reference to this market; thus he will be enabled to supply the best goods at the lowest prices. He has also received his supply of

HATS, CAPS, BOOTS, SHOES, &c.

Ready Made Clothing,

OF EVERY DESCRIPTION,

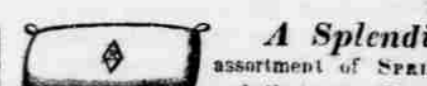
Silks, Satins, Muslins, Ginghams, Prints, Shawls, Bonnets, Ribbons, Artificials, Perfumery, &c., Broadcloths, Vestings, Neck-kerchiefs, and every article of gentlemen's wear.

Rock-Island Cassimeres, an excellent home-made article, Rifles, Rifle Barrels, double and single barrel Shot Guns, Revolving Pistols, Common do. Powder, Shot, and Lead. Cutlery of every description, **HORSE SHOES**, and **NAILS**, Wood and Willow Ware, Saddles and Harness, German Bolting Cloths, and Screen Wire. Upper and Sole Leather, Mackinack and Rose Blankets, **GUM ELASTIC** Overcoats, Leggings, Tobacco Wrappers, Boots, Shoes, Sus-penders, Canteens, Gloves, Travelling Bags, &c. Groceries, Hard and Hollow Ware, Castings, Yarn, &c.

In fact, every thing that can be expected in a merchant establishment. The goods of other Merchants having been picked over, now is the time to choose from our fresh supply.

Almost all kinds of Produce taken in exchange for Goods. All I ask is to give me a call, and I will astonish you. 31-1f Nov. 17

SHOE LASTS, Pegs, and House Cart painter's Tools. For sale by C. C. HENDERSON.



BUCK TIN, Zinc, Bar Copper, Sheet Brass and Silver, Crucibles, Quick Silver and Blasting Powder. For sale by C. C. HENDERSON.

A Splendid assortment of **SPRING** and **SUMMER GOODS**, cheaper than ever for cash, or on a credit to punctual dealers, in now offered, at my store in Lincolnton. Call and examine. C. C. HENDERSON.

Round, Square, Hoop and Sheet Iron. For sale by C. C. HENDERSON.

Carpeting and Hearth Rugs, for sale by C. C. HENDERSON.

MOORE & COBB,

MERCHANT TAILORS, MAIN-STREET, LINCOLNTON, N. C.

(One door west of Motz's Hotel.)

Have just received their **FALL** and **WINTER** supply of

READY-MADE CLOTHING,

Which has been selected by one of the firm with great care. Being Tailors themselves, they can remedy any defects that may occur. Call and see their **Dress and Frock Coats, Sacks, Vests, Pants, Cloaks and Over-Coats**, of every description and quality. Call and see if we cannot **SUIT** you both in the article and price, for we will sell low. Oct 7