THE WEEKLY ERA.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 25, 1873.

MARKETS.

RALEIGH, Sept. 23, 1873.—Cotton 16¼; market steady. Sales 5 bales.

NEW YORK, Sept. 23, 1873.—Cotton quiet and nominal. Sales 110 bales. Uplands 18¾; Orleans 19¼.

Judge E. G. Reade, and lady are stopping at Salem, N. C., for the present.

How our politicians
"Sigh and groan
For public good, and mean their own."

The rivalry between St. Louis and Chicago must give way to the completion for trade between Greensboro and Charlotte.

The new silver "trade dollar," a description of which has been published, just issued from the Mint, will be received at par on subscription.

The attention of mothers is called to the danger of nurses racing with their baby carriages. An infant was recently killed in this foolish sport.

COL. A. W. SHAFFER.—This gentleman has returned to the city after a few weeks sojourn in the state of New York. Col. S. is one of our enterprising citizens. He is looking well, and is ready for business. Office on Hillsboro street east of Exchange Hotel.

TAXES.—One citizen of Raleigh pays about *nineteen hundred dollars* city taxes. That man deserves to have a lamp lighted in front of his house. No doubt the commissioners will give him one if he lives long enough to see the city out of debt.

SALISBURY FAIR.—During the past week, we had the pleasure of seeing Mr. B. F. Rogers, the Secretary of this Fair, who reports it to be in a most promising condition. Mr. Rogers is an active, enterprising man, and we trust his efforts will meet with large success.

A ROOMY PLACE.—There is room between the plow-handles of this State for forty thousand new young men, but no room for any more behind counters, in offices, &c. The next season, we will advertise for forty thousand more. Come on. The girls in the country are waiting for you, and corn shucking will commence before long.

WE are indebted to our friend Professor Fairchild for a lot of nice Scuppernong grapes, grown on his farm a short distance east of Raleigh. Prof. Fairchild is engaged in the business of truck farming, and we understand that he is succeeding finely. No better country in the world for every thing good to eat, than old North Carolina, and anybody can make a living by half trying.

GREAT EASTERN MANAGERIE, MUSEUM AND CIRCUS.—It is needless to call attention of the public to the immensity of this largest of modern entertainments, as its unparalelled popularity recommends it effectually to those who patronize such institutions. Suffice it to say that its animal collection is replete with choice specimens; that its extensive aviary is the largest in the world, embracing over three hundred specimens of living birds; and its circus is not approached.—*Fort Wayne, Ind., Sentinel, May* 12.

THE MECHANICS' AND WORKINGMEN'S JOURNAL, Raleigh, N. C., edited by T. M. Argo, Esq., has been laid on our table. This is an able and well printed paper, filled with choice selections and interesting editorials. Mr. Argo is a fine writer, and we wish his paper all the success which such an enterprise deserves. A copy of this *Journal* should be in the hands of every working-man in this State.

Last month a large Mississippi cat-fish (Pimolodes Mississippiensis) was caught at Fort Pickering south of Memphis, Tenn. And when examined it contained a silver spoon marked—Steamer John Simons—a lady's gold locket—with initials A. E. engraved on it.

The Steamer *John Simons* was wrecked in the winter of 1860, and these trinkets must have been in the stomach of the cat-fish for thirteen years at the very least. Both locket and spoon were uncorroded and as bright as when bran new.

STREET CARS.—Although Raleigh has not as yet assumed such huge proportions, as in our opinion to justify a line of street cars for passengers, yet, we think a railroad running through the length of Fayetteville and Wilmington streets and connecting with the Raleigh & Gaston road at Separks' foundry could be made to pay as a *freight* road. Merchants doing business on the streets above named, would find it much cheaper and expeditious to have their goods hauled from the depot in this manner than by the present mode, especially during the wet season. A general clubbing in of the merchants could easily be effected, and we presume our city Fathers would grant the right of way.

VIOLATION OF INTERNAL REVENUE LAW.—Supervisor Perry has received information of the seizure of seventeen boxes containing 613 pounds of plug tobacco, in the 1st collection District of South Carolina.

The wagon containing the tobacco was overhauled by the Collector and Deputy Collector while making a tour of inspection through Williamsburg and Horry counties. The peddler in charge drew a pistol and presented it at the officers, who being unarmed, were unable to make a seizure at that time. Arms were afterwards obtained and the wagon followed forty miles. The peddler escaped but the tobacco was found where it had been concealed and the seizure made.

The Collector reports that frequent violations occur in his District, and thinks it necessary to have more force to protect the interests of the Government.

A NORTH CAROLINA CONGRESSMAN ABOARD.—I was coiled up on the cars, half asleep, the other night when the train reached Cary station. It was midnight, and pouring down rain. Some country women had to get off, and they were in a terrible fix; didn't know what to do, or where to stop. The conductor told them there was a hotel they could go to, but they said they had only four dollars among them. A man raised up from a near seat, and asked: "Captain, where are those ladies from?" "From Chatham county, sir." "Well", said he, "no woman from my district shall stay out doors such a night as this for want of money," and he handed them a ten dollar William, then fell back asleep behind his hat. It was the Hon. William A. Smith. The ladies got his name from the conductor and carried it with them to show their husbands. The Hon. Billy didn't know your correspondent was in a hundred miles; but wasn't he? E.
—*Cor. Richmond Enquirer.*

THE CIRCUS.—The Circus is coming! How this announcement brings up the memories of our boyhood. How vividly to our imagination re-appears the scenes and thoughts of our first visit. The painted band wagon, the glittering costumes, the splendid horses, the little ponies for which our youthful heart was lost in admiration. And the "old clown." How we looked in admiration at his striped legs, and listened to his wise sayings, and thought that if our future life could be just like that man's we would discard all attempts to imitate the example of Washington or any other great and good man. We had heard that Washington could not tell a lie, but then we thought, poor innocent, that even if he could he never could tell as funny ones as our "old clown." And then the "Elephant." How we followed that huge fellow through the streets and wondered which end the 'snout' was hung to, and whether the tusks grew there or were *driven* in. But we forbear, those days have long since past. There is one thing we can do however, we can take our little prattlers to see the sights, and even though we cannot relish the scenes as of old, yet our hearts will be gladdened to witness the pleasure and share in the delights of our dear little pets. Let us all go—*Dave Lewis*, will be there.

FISH DOMESTICATED.—Several of our enterprising members of the North Carolina Agricultural Society intend exhibiting at the next State Fair, several "Pools" of fish of their own raising.

This is a culture which should be encouraged, by means of suitable premiums *more* than it has yet been in the past. If the State Society will grant premiums for the finest pair, male and female, of our native fish of different varieties; and also good foreign kinds; it will call our farmers attention to this important branch of Farm-culture. Our fish-farmers can then have the opportunity of comparing the various edible sorts—learn which are best adapted to private lake cultivation, which are most saleable in our markets and those which are easiest to breed.

Premiums should also be given for the best constructed *Fishlakes*; and to the Fish-farmer, who has succeeded in rearing the most, and largest fish. This would be the means of greatly encouraging and stimulating our fish-breeders to take much more interest in this important and paying business of the farmer, especially near the markets, than has been heretofore bestowed upon so valuable a source of both pleasure and profit. We hope to have the satisfaction of examining many aquaria filled with the beautiful finny tribes, that would make even old Sir Isaac Walton's palm itch to get a pull at them, at our next annual State Fair in October.

RE-UNION OF MEXICAN SOLDIERS.—A re-union of the surviving officers and soldiers of the Mexican war, residing in North Carolina, is announced to take place in Raleigh on Monday, the 15th day of October, during the Fair week. We are not advised as to the exact cause of the assembling, but learn that it is proposed among other things to discuss the propriety of unity of action in relation to the pension matter.

The veterans of our Revolution have nearly or all passed away. The soldiers of 1812 have dwindled down to a few hundred, and in a few years more, none will be left. The Government annually contributes to the support of these in the way of pensions. The Mexican war differed in some respects from those in which our government had before been involved. It was not a war of defence, but rather to uphold our dignity as a nation. It was to vindicate the right of the Republic of Texas to ally itself to our country, and to do this it became necessary to invade the soil of Mexico. Its results are well known. The State of California and other large tracts of Territory were acquired by treaty of peace, and the wealth thus thrown open to our people, at least would justify the Government in doling out a pitiful pension to the noble men who so gallantly upheld the starry flag in a foreign clime. We are unable to obtain a full list of the regiment from North Carolina, but the following are the officers as well as we can now recollect, viz: Col. Robert Trent Payne, Lieut. Colonel J. A. Fagg, Majoy Munford Stokes, Gaston H. Wilder, Paymaster, Wm. H. High, Deputy Paymaster, Col. W. J. Clarke, (now Judge Clarke) we think, went as a Captain, and John Hoke as Lieutenant. Col. Clarke was promoted to Major on account of gallant conduct at the Natural Bridge. Our late Major and present clerk in the post office, Col. W. H. Harrison, was promoted to Lieutenant while in Mexico. We wish these gallant men a happy re-union, and trust the government will not be ungrateful, but will render unto those faithful servants full praise, and at least not allow them in their old age to suffer. Let them have a pension, they deserve it!

THE GOOD TEMPLARS.—At the State Grand Lodge, held in Greensboro, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

W. C. Troy, G. W. C. T.
N. B. Broughton, G. W. C.
Mrs. N. Caldwell, G. W. V. T.
Sam'l J. Fall, G. W. S.
Miss M. E. Strayhorn, G. W. A. S.
J. H. Welborne, G. W. T.
Rev. C. C. Dodson, G. W. Chap.
R. A. Grier, G. W. M.
Miss L. M. Lindsay, G. W. D. M.
Miss Blanche Fentress, G. I. S.
J. R. Page, G. O. G.
Rev. Thos. H. Pritchard is the Past Grand Worthy Chief Templar.

The following were elected delegates to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, to assemble in Boston, next May: Wm. S. Ball and N. B. Broughton; alternates, Miss Annie Lindsay and Mrs. Nannie Caldwell.

On Thursday, the following resolutions, presented by W. S. Ball, were adopted:

Be it Resolved,

1. That the organization of colored Good Templars, in the State of North Carolina, is entitled to and receives the hearty sympathy of this Grand Lodge; and that while our organic law excludes colored Good Templars from affiliation, we recognize them as co-workers in the cause of temperance and humanity.

2. That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, it will be more for the well-being of the colored people, to cultivate habits of self-reliance and independent action; and to this end, we recommend to the various colored Lodges of Good Templars, for the purposes of greater efficiency.

3. That the Grand Worthy Secretary be directed to furnish rituals, cards, odes and other necessary articles, at the authorized price-list, to the Grand Worthy Chief Templar of the colored Grand Lodge, so soon as he is satisfied that a thorough and permanent organization of the same has been effected.

4. That the officers and members of this Grand Lodge and of the subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, be requested, at all times and under all circumstances, to encourage and assist the colored people in the formation of temperance societies, and do all in their power to build up the temperance cause among them.

5. That, recognizing the power of the press, as an exponent and guide of public opinion, we recommend to the publishers of the *Spirit of the Age*, the official organ of this Grand Lodge, that one page of that Journal be devoted to the interests of the colored Good Templars of the State.

The *Spirit of the Age* was adopted as the official organ of the Order in North Carolina, and the Grand Lodge subscribed for the same, as follows: For Lodges containing less than one hundred members, one copy each; for those containing more than one hundred and less than two hundred members, two copies each; for those containing more than two hundred members, three copies each.

Resolutions of thanks to the Railroad companies that had commuted fare were passed; also thanks to Dr. Pritchard and the retiring officers, for their zeal and efficiency; also to the citizens of Greensboro for their hospitality, and to the Greensboro Lodge for the use of their hall.

The Order in North Carolina is in a prosperous condition and is evidently destined to accomplish great good.

THE DRY GOODS HOUSES OF RALEIGH.—The State Fair is approaching. Everybody that can get to Raleigh is expected. When they get here they must either carry the old lady and children a "coat" or else there is danger of a fuss in the family, or should the fair dames and lasses accompany the old man, they are bound to go a shopping. Beginning in order, we notice the house of W. H. & R. S. Tucker & Co. To many of our readers a short history of this house may prove of interest. It is one of the largest houses in the State. Its founder was Ruffin Tucker, Esq., father of the present Col. W. H. & R. S. Tucker. After his death, about twenty years ago, the boys took hold of the business and enlarged the store now occupied by the Southern Express Company. Here until the commencement of the war, they done a very large and flourishing business. During the war they were engaged in the commission and auction business.

After the cessation of hostilities these gentlemen purchased the vacant lot and erected their present splendid building. Since then their progress has been continually onward. Everything in the dry goods line can be found here, from a hair pin to the most splendid silk dresses, calicoes, linens, cloths, hats, caps, boots, shoes, pant stuffs, &c. If you call for anything they have not got, they will get it for you.

Col. Tucker has just returned from Europe, and he never misses a chance to obtain a novelty. There is only one drawback to the Colonel—he never had time to get married. He says that when quite a boy, his father carried him to the store one day and hung his hat on a peg and told him to stay there. The Colonel says he "has been pegging away ever since," and so he has. This firm has always adhered to the golden rule, "mind your own business and let other people's alone." Rufus S. Tucker and Thad. McGee are the junior partners. Ruf knows his business, and attends to it too; and we believe Thad. is so fond of dry goods that he dreams about his business at night. Taken all together, this firm is composed of live men; and each clerk in the house takes as much interest in the business as if everything belonged to him. The Tuckers know how to raise business men.

The next in order among our live dry goods men is Alexander Creech, or as his friends call him "Aleck." Creech rose from the ranks enlisting as a private he has promoted himself to the proud position of one of the merchant princes of Raleigh. He is a judicious buyer. He knows how to suit the trade. Creech studies to please. If you ever meet him going to or coming from his meals, quietly smoking his cigar and looking thoughtful, you may know Creech is thinking about replenishing his stock. He never lets old rags remain on his shelves. He sells for small profits and he makes quick sales. In speaking of his goods he says like the map man, "people will have them." Creech deserves success—a man like him is bound to have it. His corps of clerks are all gentlemen of business qualifications and polite manners. Give him a trial.

Jonas Rosenbaum is another go-ahead fellow. He can be found at all times at Kline's old stand, corner of Hargett and Fayetteville streets. Now, Jonas tells you exactly what you are going to buy before you make the purchase. If he tells you an article is good, you may rely on it. He is a capital merchant, an honest man, and a good fellow. He is doing a thriving business, and constantly increasing. He, like Creech, is the architect of his own fortune, having risen from the ranks to one of our solid business men.

M. Rosenbaum & Bro. occupy the store next to Alfred Williams' book store, on Fayetteville street. These gentlemen have on hand a large stock of goods, which they are offering on the most reasonable terms. They are good merchants, polite gentlemen, and deserve success. We want them to have it, and we are confident they will. They are doing a good business, and their prospects for a large and flattering custom are fine.

And now comes L. Rosenthal, who don't know "Rosey." He is a prince of good fellows. He can be found at all times at his store on the east side of Fayetteville street a few doors from Fisher's building. We say he can be found at *all times* because he is never known to leave his store except on business. If "Rosey" can't suit you, then you are hard to please. He has everything you can call for, and if you bother him much and he finds you are needy, he would rather sell you goods at cost than to miss—just try him and see if we don't tell the truth.

And now for Newsom—we mean Boss Newsom. He has opened for himself, on his own hook, and we predict for him a glorious career. He knows all about goods. "Boss" graduated at Tuckers. He can shut his eyes and tell what good are. He is an industrious, worthy young man, and such men always succeed.

Messrs. Higgs are located in the same block as Newsom, on the west side of Fayetteville street, above Creech's. They have a fine stock, and are offering bargains. They energetic men, and good merchants. Give them a trial.

Zacharias & Co. are located in the building formerly occupied by C. W. D. Hutchings, on east side of Fayetteville street, a few doors below Tucker's building. They have a good stock, and will sell at low rates.

Our space will not allow us to notice others to-day. We propose to pay our respects to Grocers in our next. The Clothing Merchants and Tailors shall also have a space.

REMOVAL OF POST OFFICE.—The building now in use as the post office has been removed to the vacant space just next to the court house, and opposite the *News* office. This removal was necessary to make room for the erection of the new building. Mr. Orran Smith did the moving. He is a moving man, any way.

Bishop Pierce, of the M. E. Church South, who is well known to our people, is still actively engaged in Tennessee and the great Valley, and in the Cherokee nation, promulgating the gospel of Christ.

PROPOSALS FOR STATIONERY.—We invite attention to the advertisement of W. H. Howerton, Secretary of State, for sealed proposals for furnishing Stationery. The time in which proposals are received is limited to November 1, 1873.

DEFINITION OF A FOOL.—A fool is a fool who fools with another fool. None but a fool-ish fool would fool with a fool, and a fool that is fooled is a fool for being fooled. Fools fool none but fools. The foolishest fool who ever fooled a fool is the fool who fools a fool who was already tooled. There now.

State News.

Mr. J. P. Babington makes his *debut* as "local" of the Shelby *Banner*.

Yadkin Superior Court in session this week, his honor Judge Cannon presiding.—*Winston Republican.*

Traces of Coal have been found in Anson county, on the line of the Carolina Central Railway.

CROPS IN DAVIE.—We learn from a gentleman who lives in Davie county that the crops are very fine there this year.

A Mr. Fowler, from Hendersonville, was killed at Spartanburg, S. C., by the breaking of a rope attached to the bucket of a well in which he was at work.

The Rocky River Association will be held with Silver Springs Church, seven miles south of Albemarle commencing on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in October.

A hatchet fell from a scaffold above on the head of Mr. Sam Shaffer, last week working on the M. E. Church, at Monroe, and severely cut him, states the *Enquirer*.

W. T. Blackwell, of Durham, has paid a revenue tax to the government since January 1st, of $140,000. His tax for the year 1873 will over reach $200,000.

FRIENDS OF TEMPERANCE.—During the last week Councils of the Friends of Temperance were organized at Owensville, Sampson county; Blockersville, Cumberland county, and Burns', Moore county, all by Mr. McKenzie, the able and very effecient State Lecturer.—*Wil. Journal.*

It is perhaps, not widely known that Wilkes County abounds in mineral waters which have been tested and found exceedingly beneficial to invalids.

There are both Sulphur and Chalybeate Springs within a short distance of the County seat.

We are glad to learn that the tobacco crops of Forsyth, Stokes and Surry have greatly improved during the past few weeks. Should the weather continue favorable many farmers will make an average crop. *Winston Republican.*

In addition to the failure of the fruit crop in this conuty, there is no honey in market. In former years this commodity was very plentiful and was sent to other places in large quanties.—*Piedmont Press.*

The devastations of the catterpillars among the cotton in some sections of the county have rarely been so extensive and unsparing as this season. In some field the stalks are almost stripped naked by the devouring worms.—*Clinton Reporter.*

There has been in progress at Kernersville a great revival, conducted by Rev. Mr. Rush, assisted by the much esteemed pastor of the Methodist church of this place, Rev. Mr. Cole. There have been upwards of 35 converts and about 25 accessions into the church.—*Winston Republican.*

Capt. Jas. R. Thigpen is to deliver the address at the Henderson Fair, which opens on Tuesday, the 7th. The address will be made on Wednesday, the second day. Capt. Thigpen is a practical farmer, and one of the best agricultural writers in this country.—*Southerner.*

A solitary team passed through town in the rain last Friday night, with slow and solemn tread, and had for a load one man sitting on the seat as straight as a string and another man tied into a chair in the rear end of the wagon as tight as a brick. Water had no horrors for either.—*Clinton Reporter.*

We learn that the Clerk of the U. S. District Court at Asheville, has issued an order to the officers of the Superior Court for McDowell county, requiring them to turn over the bodies of W. H. Deaver and Lieut. Mast to that court together with a transcript of the record of the proceedings in the case.—*Western Carolina Record.*

The Raleigh *Era* of last week published an item of news from every county in the State, something probably never before done in any North Carolina paper. The *Era* is one of the best papers published in the State and deserving the hearty support of all good citizens. Subscription price only $2 per annum.—*Winston Republican.*

VEGETABLE WOOL.—We have before us now a specimen of vegetable wool, grown on the plantation of Mr. James Grant, on Middle Sound. It bears a very strong resemblance to lamb's wool, and is destined, we think, to prove an article of considerable production. The fibre is very fine and will probably manufacture a beautiful fabric.—*Wil. Journal.*

NOTICE.—The order of the County Commissioners for a vote of the citizens of the county in regard to issuing $60,000 in bonds of the county, payable in thirty years at six per cent interest, in order to complete at once, the Washington and Jamesville Railroad, which is said to be now within eleven miles of this place.—*Washington N. C. Express.*

WILKES COUNTY ITEMS.—Constables have a funny way of executing papers in Wilkes.

If the defendant is dead they return that, "after due search made and the defendant not to be fonnd, &c., the papers are duly executed by leaving a copy at his usual place of abode," (the grave.)

The Justice, after deciding that the papers have been lawfully served proceeds to judgment.

PRODUCE EXCHANGE.—The following are the officers elected for the ensuing year:

President.—David R. Murchison.
Vice President.—C. H. Robinson.

The following were elected a Board of Managers: Col. W. L. De Rossett, John W. Hinson, E. J. Lilly, F. W. Kerchner and A. H. VanBokkelen.—*Wil. Post.*

PERSONAL.—Last Saturday, we were pleased to receive a visit from Major W. A. Hearne, the saturnine editor of the Raleigh *Era*. He was visiting our town in search of recreation; but so far we could discover, both his mental and physical condition seemed unimpaired. His selection of Greensboro for the purposes of his visit, betokened a level head.—*New North State.*

RESIGNED.—We learn that H. A. Lemly, Esq., has resigned his office as Assistant Collector, and Andrew Murrow has been appointed to fill the vacancy, temporarily. The resignation of Mr. Lemly was caused by other business which he was recently called upon to attend to, which will occupy the greater portion of his time. Mr. Lemly was a faithful and efficient officer.—*Salem Press.*

HELP FOR SHREVEPORT.—The members of the Produce Exchange unite in inviting the citizens of Wilmington to meet with them at the Exchange Rooms, this morning, at 11 o'clock, to devise ways and means for the relief of the suffering people of Shreveport. It is hoped that there will be a large and hearty response to the call.

A Water street merchant has already opened a subscription list and has himself headed it with $500.—*Wil. Journal.*

PLOT DISCOVERED.—We are informed that a plot was formed among the jail birds to make a rush upon the turnkey and all gain their liberty at once. One of the men, the leader of the plotters, is said to have a knife concealed, and a desperate attempt was to have been made for liberty. This timely discovery will probably save us the excitement of a tragedy, and as officer Nash went through his boarders and secured the knife, we presume it will be quiet for a while.—*Wil. Post.*

A LARGE PLANT.—One of the most stately annuals ever grown in this town may now be seen in the garden of the senior editor. It is of the palma christi family, though not the ordinary castor oil plant. It is about 13 feet high, standing very erect on a dark red stalk which measures nearly 9 inches in circumference. It has not yet formed seed pods, but is growing right up, as if it would rival the surrounding trees in hight. Its large leaves measure about 3 feet across.—*Cor. Watchman.*

ROCKINGHAM COURT.—Court did not convene in Reckingham on Monday, owing to the failure of the Judge to appear. Solicitor Bulla was as busy as a setting hen, preparing his docket which consists of petty cases, which, however, consume the time of the court to the disgust of those who have important business to attend to. There ought to be some means privided to try these petty cases before magistrates or in some way to save the time that is wasted by them at every court.—*Greensboro Patriot.*

A BATHING PARTY FRIGHTENED.—While a party of ladies and gentlemen were in bathing on the banks at Greenville Sound, below this city, on Tuesday, a large shark about six feet in length suddenly appeared near them, being, when discovered, between them and the shore, only a few yards lower down, and about ten feet from them. They were not aware of the presence of the monster until they had reached the shore, when they were dreadfully frightened at the reflection of what a narrow escape they had made.—*Wil. Star.*

ASSISTANT REVENUE COLLECTOR.—Mr. Geo. P. Peck, Revenue Collector for this District, has appointed Mr. A. McCabe, of Tarboro, Assistant Collector for Edgecombe and several adjoining counties. If a stern necessity, over which we have no control, forces us to have our internal public business transacted by strangers and Northern men, it is a matter of some little gratification to us to have it done in the hands of a man, who, although in some respects regarded as a carpet bagger, has proven himself vastly superior to the great majority of that detestable class. Mr. McCabe has filled many different offices since he came South and we venture to say with as few complaints as any Northern man could.—*Tarboro Southerner.*

The young ladies and gentlemen of our town, members of the Lodge of Good Templars, are preparing to give an entertainment during Fair week, for the purpose of raising funds to aid in fitting up a suitable Lodge Room for the Order in this place. We wish them hearty success.—*Henderson Tribune.*

A DEER HUNT.—Quite a party of gentlemen are expected to leave Greensboro and Ashboro, to join in a grand deer hunt, in Montgomery county on the 23d inst. It is hoped that all who wish to participate in the sport, will not fail to make their their personal appearance in Troy, at furthest by Monday night, the 22nd instant. On Wednesday, 24th, a railroad convention will be held Troy for the purpose of devising the ways and means, for the speedy construction of the Central North Carolina Railroad. We hope all of our citizens that can conviently do so, will take some pains to attend this important convention, why should they not join in the proposed chase,—*New North State.*

IS IT TRUE?—There is a report in this city that a recent Ring suit, in the Western part of this State, was compromised to prevent the exposure of several prominent politicians of both parties. The report says that certain gentlemen high up in the ranks of the "Conservative" party were about to be swamped—were about to be connected with swindling transactions and exposed, the case was squelched. We don't know any thing about the truth of the rumor, but would be glad to hear. If we can get the facts we will do the gentlemen the honor to give them an airing. We care not who it hurts.—*Carolina Watchman.*

NEW VOLUME.—With this issue of the *Watchman* begins a new volume.

The *Watchman* is one of the oldest papers in the State, having been started in 1832. It has been in the hands of its present proprietor for thirty years, and was an old paper when he purchased it.

It has been well sustained by the people in the past; and with a purpose on our part to persist in what we believe to be right, always endeavoring to promote the best interest of our readers and the community, conscientiously and without fear, we hope to prove worthy of continued patronage and confidence.—*Watchman.*

SUPERIOR COURTS.—The Courts in the several counties comprising the tenth judicial district, will be held at the following times:

Catawba, on the first Monday in March and September; Alexander, on the third Monday in March and September; Caldwell, on the second Monday after the third Monday in March and September; Alleghany, on the fourth Monday after the third Monday in March and September; Ashe, on the sixth Monday after the third Monday in March and September; Wilkes, on the eighth Monday after the third Monday in March and September; Iredell, on the tenth Monday after the third Monday in March and September.—*Piedmont Press.*

A cashiered United States Army Captain, Geo. W. Graham, was recently killed in Colorado, while figuring in the role of a highwayman, attempting to rob a United States Pay Master. The Newbern *Times* presumes the victim to be the same Captain Geo. W. Graham who commanded an independent company of cavalry which was attached to the 1st North Carolina (federal) Volunteers, which were recruited in and near Plymouth in this State, during the war.—*Goldsboro Messenger.*

[The present writer knew this man, Graham, by sight and reputation, in the far West. He was a most desperate villian, and deserved his fate richly.]

Greensboro is among the most beautiful towns in the South, and rapidly improving. Its people are genial and intelligent, and manifest the spirit of advancement in a degree which is truly creditable. The best evidence of their enterprise may be seen by reference to the numerous adventisements in our columns. This place is making strong efforts to build up a tobacco market that will rival Danville, and has fair prospects in that respect. There is a good warehouse in the town. It supports two excellent newspapers, several churches which would be a credit to any city, and a firstrate female college. We spent several pleasant hours in the sanctum of friend Duffy of the *Patriot*, whom we found to be a most curteous gentleman and fully entitled to the success which has attended his career as an editor. We bespeak for Greensboro every good thing possible.—*Madison Enterprise.*

TERRIBLE SUFFERINGS.—The German barque Malvina Schutt arrived at this port last evening, bringing six survivors—the mate and five seamen—of the German barque Vorwarts, bound from New York to Lubec. During the late severe storm, the Vorwarts filled and capsized, but floated on her cargo. Captain Schubbe, carpenter Klein, seamen Hentze and Grassmuch were drowned. The others clung for life to the wreck, which gradually sunk lower in the water, hour by hour, as the cargo broke out, without food or drink for three long days and nights, when they were rescued by the Malvina Schutt. The sufferings of these unfortunate men are described as terrible, and when picked up were well nigh exhausted.

Capt. Schubbe, who was lost, was well known at this port as a genial, lively little officer, and had many friends among us. Mr. E. Peschau, German Vice Consul, telegraphed the above facts to Germany.—*Wil. Post, 17th inst.*

OUR TRIP TO RALEIGH.—On Thursday 31st of July we paid a trip to the capital of our State.—When we arrived, we went to work introducing our paper, and we are proud to say, we met with great couragement. The daily papers "took hold of us" and helped us on. We received a large number of subscribers and a good many advertisements. You will see by looking over our little paper, that what we say is true. We are proud to see the citizens of Raleigh such liberal people. Read their advertisements. We do not see why our country merchants do not go to Raleigh to trade instead of going off to Baltimore, Philadelphia or New York. Let's build us up a place of our own; you can buy your goods in Raleigh just as cheap as you can in New York, freight added. While in Raleigh we stopped part of the time at the far famed Yarborough House and was treated with marked kindness, by Dr. Blacknall, the proprietor. Our people visiting Raleigh can find no better place to stop at; there you can always find something to refresh the 'inner man.' Do not believe us, but call and see for yourselves.—*Orange Co. Flat River Torchlight.*

A barber at Lampass, Texas, thought it was queer that he had never seen a white door knob in that State, and he put one on his front door. No sooner was the job finished than the citizens began to fire at the choice target, and the barber retioed to the cellar until the knob was shot off. His door opens now with a string running through a bullet hole.

Work on the new Opera House in Charlotte has commenced.

Republican Platform.

Adopted Unanimously by the Republican State Convention at Lynchburg, July 30th, 1873.

The Republicans of Virginia, in State convention assembled, do now formally announce their principles to the voters of the commonwealth. They reaffirm and reiterate their platform of 1872. They endorse and approve the administration of President Grant in the past, and pledge it their support for the future.

TAXATION.

We are in favor of the ad valorem system of taxation, as adopted by the State convention, as the only just and equitable system, and pledge ourselves to its support and enforcement.

The tide-water population of the State have paid without complaint the taxes necessary for the support of the State debt contracted for public improvement, from which they derive no local advantage, and are entitled to demand a repeal of any law levying a tax upon any interest or property not general in this commonwealth.

Resolved, That the Republican party of Virginia, through its representatives in the state and national government, recommend the total abolition of the tax on tobacco as soon as it can be done without detriment to the national finances.

INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT.

The greatest good for the greatest number, being one of the principles of Republicans, we are in favor of such a system of public improvement as shall best secure that result. The necessities of not only Virginia, but of the whole country demand increased facilities for cheap transportation. We are therefore in favor of the early completion of the James River and Kanawha canal, and call upon the Congress of the United States to take this matter into consideration at the next session, and make an appropriation for the same. Believing it to be a national necessity, it should be a national highway. We pledge the Republicans of Virginia to use every endeavor to secure its early completion. We also favor such a liberal system of railroad improvement as shall tend to develop all sections of our state, and we call upon the voters of this commonwealth to unite with us in securing these desired results.

THE PUBLIC DEBT.

The Republican party of Virginia in common with the national Republican party, is opposed to all forms of repudiation, and favor such a financial policy as shall tend to the payment of the public debt of the State without being oppressive upon her citizens. We regard the expenses of our State government as disproportioned to the available resources of the people, and demand that they shall be made more fully to confirm thereto. We disapprove all extra compensation, and favor economy in government, State and national; that we deem the act known as the "funding bill" as impolitic, unjust and oppressive, and enacted solely in the interest of bondholders, regardless of the condition of the State's resources; and we are in favor of and demand the submission of the question of the financial obligation of West Virginia to Virginia to the supreme court of the United States for decision.

MATERIAL DEVELOPMENT.

We are in favor of the development of the material resources of our state, which under the rule of the Conservative party and its predecessors, have lain dormant. The mines of coal, iron and other minerals, the vast water-power, and the many other material resources of the state, which exist in rich profusion on every hand, need but enterprise and capital to develop them, and thus make Virginia one of the greatest manufacturing states in the Union. To this end, we are in favor of such liberal legislation as shall tend to encourage the investment of capital in mining and manufacturing operations, and of general laws of incorporation, together with such a liberal spirit on the part of our people as shall invite men of enterprise to come and dwell among us.

REFORM IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

We are in favor of reform in the administration of justice in this State, and an enforcement of the State constitution in this respect, which will secure impartial justice to all, irrespective of race, color, condition or political sentiment.

We favor the election of the president, vice-president, and all other officers of the government, as far as possible, by the direct vote of the people.

ARBITRATION.

We approve and endorse the noble and humane policy inaugurated by General Grant's administration, whereby all international disputes shall be made the subject of arbitration, thereby preventing the dread havoc of war.

FEDERAL COURTS OPEN TO ALL.

The Federal courts should be accessible in all the States, to all citizens on appeal for redress of wrongs or protection of rights, in cases, where, upon a proper showing, equity demands it.

REFORM IN STATE LAWS.

We demand reform in State laws in order to secure fair elections, by the abolition of partisan supervisors, to enable every voter to exercise the right of suffrage according to the dictates of his own conscience.

RALEIGH MARKETS.

WHOLESALE PRICES.

By Messrs. Pool & Moring,
Grocers and Commission Merchants,
No. 2 Wilmington Street.

Cotton—per lb.,	17¼
Corn—per bushel,	90
Oats—per bushel,	65
Flour—N. Carolina family,	8 50@9 00
Baltimore Family,	11 50@12 50
Bacon—per lb., Bulk,	11
Salt—per sack,	2 90
Cotton Yarn—	1 75
Corn Meal—per bushel,	90

RETAIL PRICES.

By Messrs. Marcom & Alford,
Grocers and Commission Merchants,
Hargett Street.

Bacon—Baltimore smoked,	12½@ 13½
—unsmoked,	11½@ 13½
—strips,	00 @ 14
—shoulders,	11 @ 12
—N. & anv. Hams,	15 @ 20
Butter—per lb.	25 @ 30
Beeswax—per lb.,	22½@ 25
Beef—on hoof,	5 @ 6
per quarter,	5 @ 7
Coffee—per lb.,	30 @ 35
Cotton Yarn—per bale,	1 75
Corn—per bushel,	85 @1 00
Chickens—per piece,	30 @ 40
Eggs—per dozen,	@ 25
Flour—per bbl.,	8 50 @9 00
Fodder—per 100 lbs.,	1 25 @1 50
Hay—per 100 lbs.,	1 25 @
Hides—green, per lb.,	6 @ 7
—dry, per lb.,	12½@ 13
Leather—per lb.,	30 @ 40
Lard—per lb.,	12½@ 15
Molasses—per gallon,	30 @ 50
—Golden Syrup,	80 @1 00
Meal—per bushel,	90 @1 10
Oats—per bushel,	65 @ 75
—Sheaf, pr hundred,	1 25 @1 50
Pork—	9 @ 10
Potatoes—irish, per bush.,	@ 85
—sweet, per bush.,	@1 20
Sugar—crushed,	20 @ 00
—extra.,	@ 15
—P. R.,	15 @ 00
—common,	12½@ 00
Salt—per sack,	3 00
Tallow—per lb.,	8 @ 10
Vinegar—per gallon,	40 @ 50

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

STATIONERY.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE,
Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 15, 1873.

In pursuance of law, sealed proposals will be received at this office until the first day of November, 1873, for furnishing the following amounts and kinds of Stationery, to-wit:

150 reams Book Paper, sized and calendered, 24x38, 45 lb.
61 reams Legal Cap Paper.
22 " Fool's Cap Paper.
68 " Letter Paper, Congress.
37 " Com. Note Paper, Congress.
4 " Billet Note Paper.
5 " Account "
15 " Enrolling "
48 " Flat Letter "
45 " Flat Cap "
10 " Medium "
13 " Demy "
36 " Tax List Paper, sized, 22x34, 60 lbs.
20 reams Letter Paper, ½ sheets, Lithographed Head, 5 changes.
4½ reams Letter Paper, whole sheets, Lithographed Head, 5 changes.
1 ream Com. Note Paper, ½ sheets, Lithographed Head.
2 reams Packet Note Paper, ½ sheets, Lithographed Head.
1 ream Packet Note Paper, whole sheets, Lithographed Head.
3 reams Blotting Paper, large sheets.
18½ reams Wrapping Paper, brown, heavy.
2½ reams Wrapping Paper, Manilla.
2½ reams Envelope Paper, Buff.
4 reams Bank Note Paper.
9,000 Envelopes, No. 10, XXX, white.
2,000 " " 9, " "
500 " " 8, " "
2,000 " " 7, " "
28,000 " " 6, " "
1,500 " " 6, " Buff.
3,500 " " 5, " White.
1,000 " " 4, " "
2,000 " " 4, " " open ends.
2,500 " " 12 XXX, white, Lithographed, 2 changes.
13,000 Envelopes, No. 10, XXX, white, Lithographed, 5 changes.
8,000 Envelopes, No. 9, XXX, white, Lithographed, 3 changes.
1,000 Envelopes, No. 8, XXX, white, Lithographed.
8,500 Envelopes, No. 7, XXX, white, Lithographed, 3 changes.
14,000 Envelopes, No. 6, XXX, white, Lithographed, 4 changes.
3,000 Envelopes, No. 5, XXX, white, Lithographed