



HERALD OF STATE AFFAIRS.

RALPHIGH OCTOBER 29, 1851.

Thanksgiving Day. Governor REX has issued his Proclamation, published in the Standard, appointing the 27th of November next as a day of thanksgiving...

Rail Road Dividend in N. C. We are gratified to learn that the Wilmington and Raleigh Railroad Company have declared a dividend of three per cent. - we presume for the last twelve months, though it is not so stated.

Bank Dividend. The Bank of Cape Fear has declared a semi-annual dividend of four per cent.

Mr. Clay's Letter. The long and interesting letter of Mr. Clay to the Union Committee of the City of New York, which will be found on the first page of today's Star, necessarily excludes much of our usual variety.

The lesson which Mr. Clay reads to both parties at the North touching their opposition to the fugitive slave law, and the sneaking artifices by which both parties, in their Conventions, have evaded a frank declaration of loyalty to the Union...

We honor the distinguished author of this letter for the patriotic and ardent devotion to the Union and the peace and harmony of the States, which breathes through every line of it.

Ice and Frost. The first ice of the season was formed in this place on Wednesday night, the 22nd inst. Wind being high, and the air dry, no frost was seen.

Mr. Avery's Address. We have received a copy of the Address delivered before the Literary Association of the University of North Carolina, June 4, 1851, by W. W. AVERY, Esq.

Ohio Elections. Wood's majority for Governor will be about 20,000, the result of a coalition of the Democrats and Abolitionists.

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Encouragement of Home Industry. This is the true source of wealth, prosperity and independence in every country.

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Coal Beds of Iowa. Dr. Owen, appointed by the United States Government to make a geological survey of the State of Iowa, reports the existence of coal beds in that State, whose extent is really astonishing.

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That the Tariff of 1842 needs change and amendment, must be seen and felt by every intelligent and unprejudiced man, who is in the habit of looking attentively into the state of public affairs.

What if the tariff of 1842, as predicted by the Whigs, is operating injuriously upon all the great interests of the country? what if it has encouraged excessive importations of trashy foreign made goods?

It is unfortunate for the country that the Tariff was ever drawn into the vortex of party. There it has been whirling ever since 1816, and with almost every change of dynasty, has been thrown up with a new phase, sometimes 'fair as the moon, but often as a malignant star shedding baleful influence on all around.

Completion of the Russian Railway. The inauguration of the railway which connects St. Petersburg and Moscow took place on the 1st September.

New Patents. Among the last lists of Patents, Oct. 21, issued from the United States Patent Office, we see the name of our townsman Mr. Lucius F. Whitaker.

National Congress. A letter from Governor Brown of Florida, has been published, in which he lays down the true basis of a National Convention and co-operation with the Northern Whigs.

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Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine. The October number of this valuable work, has just come to hand. It is published by Long, and Scott & Co., New York, at \$2 a year.

Graham's Magazine. This sterling Magazine for November is on our table. The engravings are splendid and the contents, as usual, excellent. This number is particularly attractive to the ladies.

Whig Review. We have received the October number of the American Whig Review, published in New York, by D. W. Hilly, at \$5 a year in advance. Its pages are crowded with valuable and interesting articles.

THE PLOUGH, THE LOOM AND THE ANVIL for October, has been received. We have not had leisure to look over its pages; but it presents a most attractive table of contents.

COMMUNICATIONS. Numerous Californians may be seen in the streets this morning, and quite a crowd in Adams & Co's Express Office.

These are the results of the arrival of the Illinois, whose news you have already received. This new steamship, you will notice, has made this time the quickest trip, between here and Chicago, on record.

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