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RALEIGH, N. C., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 1843.

NO. 17.

NOTICE.

Will be offered for sale, on the premises, on Wednesday, the 10th day of May next, the following tracts or parcels of land and town lots, lying in Hertford county, for the purpose of satisfying the taxes due thereon and poll taxes due for the year 1841, (there being no personal property of Isaac Pipkin's on which I can distrain for the poll taxes) and costs of advertising the same, the same having been listed by Isaac Pipkin, viz:

- House and lot lying in the town of Murfreesboro, and 15 acres of land adjoining the town of Murfreesboro, being the house and lot whereon said I. Pipkin and family lived, valued to \$2,500. \$7 50
 - House and lot lying in Murfreesboro, adjoining the Mason lot, valued to \$300. 90
 - Store house and lot, lying in Murfreesboro, adjoining the Mason lot, valued to \$250. 75
 - 16 half acre lots lying in Murfreesboro, adjoining the lots of Jno. G. Wilson, Sam'l J. Wheeler and others, valued to \$80. 25
 - Gen lot lying in Murfreesboro, adjoining the lots of Jos. G. Rea, Benj. B. Camp's heirs and others, valued to \$100. 30
 - 386 acres land, lying near Murfreesboro, adjoining the lands of H. M. Bank's heirs, T. Capehart and others, valued to \$3,516. 10 65
 - 183 acres land, adjoining the lands of Benj. Wall, John W. Southall and others, valued to \$732. 2 20
 - 266 acres land, lying in Mary's Neck, adjoining the lands of John Magett's heirs, Jno. G. Wilson and others, lying on Meherrin river, valued to \$1,464. 4 40
 - 95 acres land, lying in Mary's Neck, adjoining the lands of James Magett and others, lying on Meherrin river, valued to \$380. 1 15
- Also will be offered for sale, on Thursday the 11th day of May next, on the premises, in the town of Winton, the following town lots as above mentioned, viz:
- Town lots (number not known) lying in the town of Winton, adjoining the lots of John A. Anderson, William T. Bynum, Lawrence Eley and others, valued to \$234. 70
- Am't of poll taxes due for the year 1841, 58 00
- RICHARD G. COWPER, Sheriff.
- JOHN P. BRIDGES, D. Sheriff.
- Hertford county, March 2nd, 1843.
- Price ad. \$10 15—St.

THE FARMERS' ADVOCATE.

VOLUME 4th.

Having brought the third volume of the Farmers' Advocate to a close, we now present the public with a Prospectus for a fourth volume.— Having succeeded in forming an association by which the services of W. P. Richards, will be secured to assist in the Editorial department of the office, we feel confident that we shall be able to furnish a paper worthy the attention of farmers, and the community in general.

In conducting the Advocate, an undeviating course will be steadily pursued with a view to advance the interest of the Farmer, by recommending such measures as may seem to promise his improvement, and exposing to merited censure whatever is inimical to his prosperity.

In Politics and Religion, every thing calculated to excite partisanship or sectarian prejudice will be carefully avoided.

Sciences in its various branches, will meet with that attention it so richly deserves.

Education in general, will receive a due share of attention.

The constitution of the U. S., and that of N. C., with propably others, will be copied.

An impartial and true record of important Elections; together with a variety of other interesting events will be given.

Virtue, Morality, and their twin sister Temperance, will ever find in us, a faithful and untiring Advocate and Friend.

CONDITIONS:

The Advocate will be published every other week, at Lexington, Davidson County, N. C., at one dollar a year, in advance or one dollar and fifty cents, after six months from the date of subscription. For clubs of ten or more subscribers, seventy five cents per copy, in advance, or one dollar twelve and a half cents after six months.

No paper discontinued until arrearages are paid, except at the option of the publisher.

The above conditions will be strictly adhered to in all cases.

All letters, communications, &c., to the Editor, post paid, promptly attended to.

Address J. Sherwood, Lexington, or W. P. Richards, Brownstown, Davidson Co. N. C.

The Brotherhood of the quill will confer a favor by inserting or otherwise noticing the above; with those who do, we will endeavor to reciprocate the favor.

JOHN SHERWOOD,
WALTER P. RICHARDS.

PRINCE'S LINNEAN BOTANICAL GARDEN & NURSERY.

Flushing, near New York.

Wm. R. Prince & Co., successors to the late Wm. Prince, deceased, offer for sale the largest and choicest assortment of Trees, Plants and Seeds to be found in America. The new Catalogue of this immense collection, which comprises the most valuable productions of Europe, Asia and America, will be sent gratis to every post-paid applicant, and all orders will be executed with that precision and despatch which have distinguished the establishment, and be shipped to any port designated.

The Catalogue comprises: No. 1. Fruit and Ornamental Trees and Plants; No. 2. Bulbous Flower Roots and splendid Dahlias; No. 3. Green House Trees and plants; No. 4. A Wholesale Catalogue for Nurseries, comprising Trees of smaller size; No. 5. A Catalogue of Garden and Agricultural Seeds, with reduced wholesale prices.

The proprietors of Nurseries will, on application, be furnished with a Catalogue of Trees and Shrubs of the smaller sizes at low wholesale prices. As the prices have been reduced to a cash basis, to suit the times, all orders must be accompanied by a remittance, or by a satisfactory arrangement for the payment, and in regard to all Trees and plants, when a draft is remitted with the order, a discount will be made of 10 per cent. if for \$50 or under, and 15 per cent. if for \$100. On Bulbous Roots and Dahlias, and on Roses, when 12 or more kinds are ordered, the discount will be 25 to 33 per cent. as stated in the Catalogue.

A draft on New-York at 4 months, or on any other city at 90 days will be deemed equivalent to cash.

The following Books are for sale: Prince's Treatise on Horticulture, 75 cents; Treatise on Fruits, \$2; Treatise on the Vine, \$1 50.

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PIANO FORTES.

E. P. NASH,

Petersburg, Va.

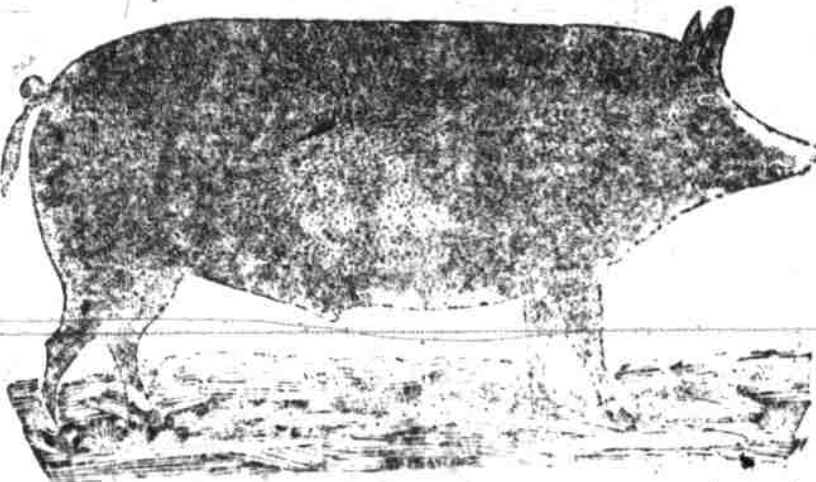
Offers his Piano Fortes for sale upon trial, if good to be kept, if not to be returned. No thing can be more fair, and no matter what the price, I have a large and beautiful assortment on hand.

When it is desired, I will take upon myself the responsibility of selecting; and all that is necessary in purchasing one of my Pianos, is to limit the price. I have a large and beautiful assortment on hand.

E. P. NASH,
Petersburg, Va.

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Every man has in his own life follies enough—in his own mind, trouble enough—in the performance of his duties, deficiencies enough—in his own fortune, evils enough—without being curious about the affairs of others.



Our enterprising fellow-citizen, Seth Jones, Esq. of this county, merits the thanks of the public for his laudable efforts to improve the stock and system of agriculture in this State. It will be seen by his advertisement in it he now has for sale a number of Devonshire Cows and Calves, and Berkshire Pigs. He sells the Pigs at Five Dollars each, instead of three as was printed in his advertisement last week, by mistake of our compositor.

FULL PARTICULARS OF THE WONDERFUL SIGHTS SEEN BY THE PILOT OF THE WM. PENN. IN THE SKY ON TUESDAY NIGHT MARCH 21.

On Saturday afternoon Mr. Wm. Frances, pilot of the Wm. Penn. at about, a packet that runs between Cincinnati and Rising Sun, Ia., called personally at our office to give us the full particulars of the wonderful sight seen by him on the night above mentioned, fully impressed with the solemnity of the subject, and the awful responsibility of telling any thing of this nature but what is strictly true. Mr. Frances informed us that he is a member of the church, and assured us, in the most solemn manner, that what he was about to relate was truth, and nothing but the truth, and he is ready to convince any gentleman or lady that will call upon him.

He states that as the Penn was on her trip to this city, when between Rising Sun, and Anson, about 11 or 12 o'clock, P. M. he was steering the boat along, it being a star bright night, excepting a few clouds in the west low down, sky clear, when of a sudden a light burst forth, the whole face of the earth appearing to be lit up, which so blinded him that it was with difficulty he could see any thing, even the most near object. His first impression was that it lightened very sharply, but its continuing convinced him it must be something else, which he could not account for. The Captain of the Penn, James Pratzman, was sitting in the cabin at the time with 3 or 4 candles; he saw the light notwithstanding, ran out of the guard anxious to know the cause—asked Mr. Frances if he saw the light; Mr. F. said he did. What is it said Captain P. Dear only knows answered Mr. F. for I don't. From that the Captain disappeared from looking over the hurricane deck and went below. Mr. Frances now being very anxious to discover whence this strange light came, looked diligently out at the side of the pilot-house, in rather a south west course, but nearly over head, when he saw the outlines of a *Serpent* in the sky, in a crooked position, except the tail which was straight, the head towards the East. It turned to a livid bright red, deep and awful, and remained stationary in the stars. Mr. Frances watched it for two or three minutes, when the tail part disappeared nearly to the middle, and the remainder in a gradual manner formed into a distinct Roman

as perfect as was ever seen, in which position it remained as before. Mr. F. stated that he was surprised greatly at this, but not scared or frightened in the least; and immediately tapped the bell for the Captain to witness the scene. The Captain did not come immediately, but after a moment or two appeared, but ere this, the figure in the heavens had changed to a plain distinct letter

The Captain said to Mr. F. What's wanting? 'Come here quick' said Mr. F. 'and look up yonder, did you ever see the like?' The Captain answered, 'I see it!' and looked till it disappeared.

Mr. F. states that when the O turned to D it formed a kind of oblong shape, and became straight on one side as a D should be. When it disappeared it turned into the same oblong shape as before, and gradually the sky returned to its original appearance.

Mr. Frances states that he did not leave the wheel of the boat, but steered it to this city. He declares that let others think or say as they will, what he has related is strictly true. He is no Millerite, neither is he crazy nor frightened, and if gentlemen or ladies will call upon him he will convince them that what he has told is true. Captain Pratzman remarked at the time, that it was something quite inexplicable, and was sorry he did not come to the deck sooner so as to have had a full view of this grand, wonderful and unaccountable phenomenon.

"We publish above a narrative of an extraordinary phenomenon said to have been witnessed last week, which is put forth in

such a shape as would seem to leave but too little room to doubt its truth. It indeed such a mysterious and awful vision did really manifest itself to the gaze of a humar being, it may well set the minds of the most wise and most sceptical, to pondering upon the subject, and the dread and solemn events of which such ominous signs in the heavens may well be considered the harbinger. That Mr. Frances did witness a very remarkable appearance in the sky, we are prepared to believe; but it seems too great a stretch of credulity to believe that the letters composing the name of the great Ruler of the Universe was successively formed and presented to his astonished vision. Prentice, in copying the article, says, it is absurd to suppose such a sight was seen by a single individual, when there are hundreds of persons in the community abroad at all hours of the night, none of whom observed it. It would be, supposing the whole phenomenon to have overspread the whole heavens or been remotely situated; but we are disposed to believe that it occurred near the earth, and was not therefore visible at any great distance. During last week we heard that several persons had witnessed unusual appearance in the heavens on the night in question. It was said that one individual had seen angels flying through the air; while at Lexington in this State, others had witnessed two splendid rainbows at the same time arching the sky from east to west.—From all these rumors, we are led to the conclusion that on the night of the 21st, a remarkable meteor or luminous substance floated through the heavens, illuminating the earth at times with its bright corruscations and assuming various wonderful and fantastic shapes. To the few who were fortunate enough to witness it, it appeared under different aspects, and the imagination of the observer has given it form and semblance most consonant with the train of ideas which its startling sublimity inspired. [Madison (Va.) News.]

A SMOKING ANECDOTE.

At Frankfort lately a curious circumstance occurred, illustrative of the characters of the truly English and the dull German. In a coffee-room, an Englishman was standing too close with his back to the stove, and a German kept close to him, puffing the unsavory fumes of his cigar into his face. The Englishman remonstrated, but the quiet German kept puffing away as if he had not heard the Englishman's voice. At last the Englishman showed a fighting disposition, and maintained that no man had a right to puff smoke out of his mouth into another's face, and that smoking ought to be confined to smoking places. The heavy German, with all the slowness and gravity of his nation, coldly replied, in the worst of English—'Ya, ya. Sir June Bull, what right have you to complain to make of the stinks of my smoke, when you're one coat have bin burnt, and make d—d stink for ten minute, and I nothing say to you.' The Englishman, to his great discomfiture, found that his coat, or rather cloak, was shrivelled and burnt up to the waist by the German stove.

A LUCKY THOUGHT.

During the early part of the French invasion of Algiers, a small party of the French troops fell into an Arab ambuscade, and those who were not immediately slain or taken prisoners, were obliged to put more trust in their heels than in their muskets. It happened that the regimental band was with the party, and the musicians made a retreat with the rest, in a *pres'issimo* movement of the most rapid execution. The ophecleid player was, however, embarrassed by his instrument, and he was hesitating about carrying it father, when happening to cast a Partian glance behind, to his consternation he beheld an Arab horseman close upon him. Father fight was useless; there was nothing for him but to fight or surrender. Years of desert slavery made a gloomy prospect; and yet, what could his side sword avail against the spear of his pursuer? Desperation is the parent of many a strange resource. The lately abused ophecleid was lifted to his shoulder, musket fashion, and the muzzle brought to cover his foe. The Arab was struck with panic. Doubtless this was some devilry of those accursed Gloums—some machine of death, with a mouth large enough to sweep half his tribe into eternity! Not a second did he hesitate, but, wheeling round, he galloped off

at a pace that soon took him out of what he conceived might be the range of the grandfather of all muskets. Our musician made good his retreat, with a higher opinion of the powers of his instrument than he had ever before possessed, and the story was the amusement of the French army for many a day afterward.

NEARLY GONE.

During the late freshet in our river, R. H. Finn, Esq. of Lost Prairie, discovered a man up a gum sapling, where he had been for four days. Mr. F. was in his skill at the time; the water being nearly eight feet in depth. The poor fellow was quite exhausted, and would undoubtedly have fell into the water, but for a judicious contrivance, he had effected upon ascending the sapling. Lashed around him were several black jack vines. These were again wound round the tree, and in this condition he sat as though in a basket and so firmly secured, that his exhausted energies were insufficient to extricate him from his perilous situation, even should he have desired it. We learn that the name of the unfortunate sufferer is Anderson. During the four nights he was on the sapling, the weather was extremely cold and he was wet through. In this situation it is a wonder that he survived. His discovery was quite accidental. His cries had been heard very indistinctly, and when search was made, they soon ceased. Mr. Finn imagined that they had proceeded from some runaway negro, who had fell into the flood. He was in fact returning home in his skiff, and accidentally took a course which brought him in view of the tree upon which Anderson was fastened. In narrating it the words "Save me," uttered in a feeble voice, were distinctly heard, and looking up, the unfortunate man was seen reclining on the tree. He was speedily taken down, and removed to a house, where proper restoratives were administered, and his life soon placed out of danger. [Natchitoches Herald.]

Two of the Memphis journals, the 'Engle' and the 'Enquirer' are battling furiously about the Comet. One will have it a "Comet," and the other hangs on to the "Zodiacal Light." The Editor of the Baton Rouge Gazette, announces his solemn conviction, that the appearance now in the heavens, is "a long streak of light."

CURIOUS FACT.

The efficacy of silk in repelling a musket or pistol shot, has frequently been made a subject of doubt and discussion. We have lately met with what we conceive to be a strong demonstration of repelling force in a late publication, by a medical officer of the army, Dr. Adam Neale, which derives additional interest from the celebrity of the person principally concerned.—A very promising young officer of Engineers, with whom I lived in habits of the greatest intimacy and friendship, while employed in repairing the breaches of Ciudad Rodrigo, consulted me respecting an obstinate headache and giddiness, which I found was principally occasioned by his wearing a stiff black leather stock. I earnestly recommended him to lay it aside, which he tenaciously declined; when as a farther inducement I told him that in the event of substituting a black silk handkerchief, it might one day preserve his life, as silk would certainly turn a ball which might penetrate leather. At length he complied, and, as I predicted, his headache left him. We soon after separated, he going to the light division, and my station being with Lord Hill. The campaign commenced, and in a few weeks I learned with the greatest grief, that my gallant friend had fallen at the head of the first storming party at St. Sebastian. I was then stationed at Resnoze, many leagues distant. As I believed him dead, my surprise and joy were great on receiving a letter from him some weeks afterwards, acquainting me that when on the very glacier, he had been wounded with a ball by a man on the walls. He fell covered with blood, which streamed in profusion from his mouth and nostrils; one of his own corps dragged him immediately into the trench. He was carried to his quarters, and the wound on examination, was pronounced mortal; the ball not being found, was supposed to have lodged in the neck. He lived, however, for three days, and no bad symptoms coming on, the surgeons began to doubt the accuracy of their opinions. The sapper who saw him fall was examined, to ascertain whether he had seen the bullet; which was instantly produced from his waistcoat pocket, saying, that untying Mr. Reid's silk handkerchief, he found part of it carried into the wound, and using a little force in withdrawing it, the ball came out with it; not a single thread of the silk handkerchief having given way, as appeared on examination. Mr. Reid recovered, and is now a Lieutenant Colonel in the army, and Governor of the Bermudas. [Glasgow Courier]

At a Convention of the Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Rhode Island, held on Thursday last, the Rev. John P. K. Henshaw, D. D. of Baltimore, was elected Bishop of said Diocese. It is said that he is to receive a unanimous invitation from Grace Church, Providence, to become their rector.

From the North State Whig: PROCEEDINGS OF THE WHIG CONVENTION.

In compliance with public notice, the Whig Convention met at 3 o'clock, P. M. in the Court House, in Washington, on Thursday the 6th inst., for the purpose of nominating a candidate to represent the 8th Congressional District in the next Congress.

On motion of Col. Joshua Taylor, Alfred Mayo, Esq. of Pitt County, was called to the Chair, and on motion of H. P. Harris, Edmund W. Joffe, of Plymouth, and F. J. Prentiss, of Newbern, were appointed Secretaries.

The Counties, composing the district having been called by the Secretaries, the following gentlemen presented themselves as candidates:

- From Washington County.**
F. W. Jones, Joseph Hartley
John Nicholls, W. W. Maxwell.
- Pitt County.**
F. B. Satterthwaite, W. J. Laughinghouse,
F. Roman McDowell, John L. Easton,
Chas. Green, W. L. Bonner,
W. D. Moye, James Melick,
L. White, Wm. Clark,
S. B. Brown, Dr. J. Redding,
John A. Selby, T. B. Sheppard,
A. Reed Moye, Wm. C. Moore,
W. S. Tate, B. G. Albright,
Dr. W. J. Blow, David Clark,
P. J. Atkinson, A. G. Jordan,
J. S. Brown, Churchill Perkins,
J. H. M. Gray, J. F. Harris,
G. G. Ladd, John Smith,
H. A. Jordan.
- Craven County.**
W. H. B. Taylor, De J. Streeter,
Wm. D. N. Cox, Geo. W. Jones,
Samuel L. Cobb, W. H. Dixon.
- Craven County.**
R. Hart G. Moore, James Preibsch,
J. B. Nelson, Adm. on Elton,
M. C. Berry, J. H. Blackwell,
F. J. Prentiss.
- Beaufort County.**
Dr. W. B. Hedges, Frederick G.ist,
John Chery, D. B. Perry,
John L. Clark, J. L. Ponsard,
J. F. Clark, J. B. Smith,
James W. Selby, W. W. Hayman,
Edwin G. Ross,
Ed. Johnston, Marie Robin,
Joseph C. S., D. H. McGee,
W. L. Harvey, W. M. Marsh,
Nathaniel Harding, Joseph Trippe,
R. L. Myers.

The Convention having been announced by the Chairman as ready to proceed to business, on motion of Mr. Blackwell, of Craven, it was Resolved, That a committee, to consist of two members from each delegation, be appointed by the Chair to prepare resolutions expressive of the views and wishes of the Convention, on the subject on which it has been called to deliberate and determine. Messrs. J. Nicholls and J. Beasley, from Washington Co. Edw. Gorham, and F. Grant, from Beaufort, H. F. Harris, and Dr. Blow, from Pitt, B. Streeter, and W. Dixon from Craven, and R. G. Moore, and J. Blackwell from Craven, were accordingly appointed a committee for the purpose designated. The committee having retired, Mr. F. B. Satterthwaite was called on, and addressed the meeting in a patriotic and spirited speech.

The Committee, on returning reported through Mr. Moore, the following Resolutions, which having been read, separately, were unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That, as citizens of North Carolina we have a right to select our own representatives and as good citizens, it becomes our duty [more especially in time of political treachery and corruption like the present] to be especially careful in our selection, that the end we aim at our country, welfare, and honour—may be accomplished.

Resolved, That we have entire confidence in the purity of purpose, ability, high honour and genuine patriotism of the Hon. EDWARD STANLEY; and that the Whigs of the district owe him respect and gratitude, for his zealous and faithful advocacy of his great principles for which they contend.

Resolved, therefore, That we nominate Edward Stanley as the candidate of the Whig party of the Eighth Congressional District of the State, respectfully solicit acquiescence, and pledge ourselves to use every honorable exertion to secure his election.

On motion of Mr. Harris, of Pitt.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention, the high and commanding talents, the exalted patriotism and the just and dignified sentiments of the Hon. HENRY CLAY; of Kentucky, entitle him to the esteem and gratitude of the Whig party only—but of every American citizen, as this Convention considers him better calculated to guide the ship of state wisely and successfully, than any other whose name has been mentioned in connection with the next presidency.

This resolution passed unanimously, amid lively evidences of the appropriation of every member.

On motion of Mr. Myers of Beaufort.

Resolved, That a committee to consist of one delegate from each county represented in this Convention, be appointed by the Chair to prepare an address to the friends of the 8th Congressional District; whereupon the Chair appointed Messrs. M. C. Berry from Craven, Benj. Streets from Greene, J. Beasley from Washington, Joshua Taylor from Beaufort, and H. F. Harris from Pitt.

On motion Resolved, That a Committee, of five be appointed by the Chair to inform Mr. Stanley of his nomination, and the solicit his acquiescence whereupon Messrs. H. G. Moore, E. W. Jones, C. Perkins, O. W. Jones and Dr. W. B. Hedges were appointed.

Mr. W. W. Hayman having been called on entertained the Convention with an animated and excellent speech.

In this stage of the proceedings, resolutions were received, signed by a few of the Whigs of Edgecombe, which for zeal, enthusiasm and patriotic sentiment, could not be surpassed; and on motion of Col. Taylor, they were read to the Convention