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THE NORTHERN AGITATORS.

The N. Y. Courier contrasts Van Buren's letter with Clay's letter, to the recent Anti Slavery Free Soil Convention...

This (we are told) was the sole principle of the party in the late Presidential canvass which made him its candidate...

Mr. Van Buren evidently favors another scheme. He is for pushing it still more boldly and openly into the anti Slavery agitation.

A letter from California, received at Nantucket, says: A man's life here is worth about fifty cents on the dollar.

LETTER FROM GOV. SWAIN.

CHAPEL HILL, July 13th, 1849.

To Governor Morehead, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Salisbury Convention. My DEAR SIR: I left here in the stage on the evening of the 10th ult., on a Southwestern tour...

Georgia has discovered along her road many marketable commodities heavier than feathers, and more indestructible than apples.

I have chosen in this brief note, rather to suggest than discuss subjects seemingly trivial, and yet not unworthy the consideration of a patriotic statesman.

I am, with great respect, Your obt' servt. D. L. SWAIN.

*Out of this is the property of our friend B***, some years since a plain, modest and unobtrusive member of the House of Commons from the county of Rutland.

though he may never enter a stage coach, or own an acre of land, does not pay a tax upon his sugar and his salt, his molasses and his iron...

Maj. Hinton, in his recent plain, practical illustrations of the advantages derived from the Raleigh and Gaston road concludes his remarks in relation to the County of Granville with the following summary statement:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Tobacco (32,372 00), Wheat (9,738 25), Salt (3,502 50), Lime (525 00), Iron (3,502 50), Sugar, Coffee and Molasses (3,502 50).

Nett gain to the people of Granville alone of \$53,342 75. So, in proportion, are Franklin, Warren and other counties benefited...

This sum of \$53,342 75, it must be recollected, is an addition of that amount not to the gross, but to the nett profit of the citizens of Granville. Permitt the road to go down and the nett annual income will be diminished to the same extent.

"None are so far from market as those who have nothing to sell." Build your road if you can—the county produces nothing for market but "apples and feathers."

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A mistake in the arrangement of the captions to the columns of figures in the Tables appended to Governor Swain's letter in a former paper, renders their republication in a corrected form indispensable.

We will not regret the error, if the second exhibition of the remarkable facts, presented by this brief array of figures, shall attract any fair proportion of the consideration they deserve.

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NORRIS—The average increase of general Revenue in all the Counties in the State from 1827 to 1847 was 16 per cent, and the increase of Tax on Real Estate in like manner, 30 per cent.

The average increase of general Revenue in the great central Counties (No. 2) was in general Revenue less than 7, on Real Estate 14 per cent.

The average increase of general Revenue in the central Counties (No. 1) stands in the average increase of aggregate Revenue at 24.7, and in the average increase of tax on Real Estate at 32.2 to 74.

The Memphis Branch Rail Road, seventeen miles long from Kingston on the Western and Atlantic Rail Road, to Rome at the head of the Coosa River, has been finished within the last year.

These four Roads, together 330 miles in length, were built entirely by individual and city corporate subscriptions. Not a dollar was ever advanced to either of the Companies by the State.

The Western and Atlantic Road, 140 miles in length from Atlanta to Chattanooga, on the Tennessee River in the State of Tennessee, was opened to Dalton, 100 miles, about two years ago, and will be opened to Chattanooga on or about the 1st day of November next.

The Western and Atlantic Road has been built by the State out of the Public Treasury. All the citizens of the State, therefore, have contributed in equal proportion to the erection of this great Road.

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health and spirits. The farmer is 30 years beyond the scriptural allotment, viz: "four score years;" the latter, 23. Unite their progeny, and they could nearly people a new county, having "along string" of sons, daughters, and relatives.

A SAD STORY—EFFECT OF THE WILL.

The Pittsburgh Gazette of the 19th inst. relates the following melancholy incident: A few days since there came to the Fourth street Hospital...

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There is no combination of letters in the English language, which excites more pleasing and interesting associations in the mind of man than the word wife. There is magic in this little word. It presents to the mind's eye, a cheerful companion, a disinterested ad-

viser, a nurse in sickness, a comforter in misfortune, and a faithful and ever affectionate friend. It conjures up the image of a lovely and confiding woman, who cheerfully undertakes to contribute to your happiness...

A few years ago, there was a fellow with a very long beard in London, who professed to be a wandering Jew. He declared he had been with Noah in the Ark. Some person asked him which country he liked of all that he had visited in his long peregrinations...

GOOD PROSPECTS FOR OUR RAIL ROAD.

Some eight or nine weeks since, Dr. A. J. DeRosier, Jr., of this town, left for England for the purpose of purchasing iron to relay the track of the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road.

PLAYING THE DEVIL.

We were a good deal amused at an anecdote we heard the other day, of a certain preacher, whose calling confined him within the limits of old Kentucky; he had preached in his parish many years, and of course run short of the eloquence so much needed to keep his hearers awake and astonished.

A GENTLEMAN.

To tell the reader exactly what class of persons was meant to be designated by the word gentlemen, is a difficult task. The last time we heard it was on visiting a stable to look at a horse, when, inquiring for the coachman, his stable-keeper replied, "He has just stepped to the public house along with another gentleman."

The following is the negroes definition of a gentleman: massa make black man workee—make de horse workee—make de ox workee—make every ting workee, only de hog; de hog no workee; he eat, he drink, he walk about, no go to sleep when he please, he liff like a GENTLEMAN.

When a fool laughs at a neighbor's fault, he should have his back turned towards a looking glass.