

THE SPECTATOR.

RUTHERFORDTON, FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 11, 1830.

We are authorised to announce Dr. John McEntire as a candidate to represent the County of Rutherford, in the Senate, at the next Session of the Legislature.

We are authorised to announce the name of Robert McAfee, Esq. as a candidate for the suffrages of his fellow citizens, to represent this county in the House of Commons, at the ensuing Election for members of the General Assembly.

We are authorised to announce Col. Wm. Carson, as a candidate for the office of Sheriff for this County.

Our readers will pardon us for the absence of many articles of domestic intelligence, which we have omitted, to make room for Mrs. Barney's letter and the extract from Mr. Livingston's Speech, on the great Constitutional question, which cannot fail to interest our readers.

The Season. Every kind of vegetation in this neighborhood, at present wears a fine and growing appearance. The corn and cotton looks uncommonly well, and for many years the wheat and all kinds of small grain have never given more flattering hopes to the husbandman.

Suicide. On Friday the 4th inst. Mr. John Smalley of Brackettstown, Burke County, committed suicide by hanging himself with hickory bark across the limb of a tree in the woods.

The Corpse's Inquest was held over the body of the deceased on Saturday, who gave a verdict of "Suicide by hanging."

"Murder without." The Gardner, Maine, Chronicle, gives an account of certain disclosures of criminal acts and intentions, made by a young man, on his death bed, in Litchfield, by the name of Edmund Williams, aged 18 or 20 years.

The Gold Mines. We have noticed several publications depreciating the pursuits of mining for the precious metals, as tending to retard the prosperity and advancement of the country in the arts, public improvements, and the moral happiness of the people.

The receipts of the mine worked by Mr. Charles Hill on 2nd Broad River in this county, for the last three weeks have been as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Dwt. (85, 120, 240, 445), Hands employed (6, 8, 8, 22), Days (5, 5, 6, 16). Total worth \$356, averaging 33 dwt. per day.

EXTRACT From Observations on the Gold Region and Gold Mines of North Carolina, BY JOEL STRONG.

From the geological features of this portion of country, it may be considered of secondary, and perhaps of volcanic formation. The rocks are principally silicious slate, greenstone, quartz, feldspar, hornblend, petrosilex, basalt and wacke, in different varieties and modifications, but nearly all of them exhibit a tarnish and other evidences of decay.

ferruginous sand, universally admitted as the gangue of the precious metals and precious stones.

Appearances seem to justify the supposition, that an immense torrent of a ferocious lava, at a great degree of heat, was projected from the bowels of the earth towards the westward, or south-western part of this region, and meeting resistance from the structure of rock, composing the lower part of its formation, passed along under it in an eastern or rather northeasterly direction, raising it up to a considerable degree, and sending up streams through the fissures and rents made in the rock by its heavings, with sufficient force to reach the surface, and sometimes throwing up considerable portions of the rock itself, in the form of hills, and gushing out burning torrents at their base.

The contents of all these streams or veins appear to be of the same age, and, although at a distance from each other, they often exhibit some shades of difference, perhaps from chemical or accidental causes; they are nevertheless essentially of the same composition, and may be considered as a cellular or porous lava, the most prominent ingredients of which are quartz, iron and sulphur, but are intermixed with almost every known mineral.

Owing to the variety of minerals and especially to the quantity of sulphur contained in this lava, it is constantly undergoing a decomposition. The black sulphurite of iron becomes converted into the red oxide, and even the quartz itself bears evident marks of corrosion and decay.

intimately mixed together, and the gold is in finer particles and more universally disseminated among the whole mass, all of which seem to indicate that the commotions which produced them were less violent and of shorter continuance and the lava more rapid in cooling.

In the neighborhood of these veins, and sometimes at a considerable distance from where any have been discovered, I have frequently observed volcanic slugs, and sometimes considerable portions of this lava which from their isolated state seemed to have been thrown through the air. I have never examined any of these, which I did not find auriferous, but most commonly they were slightly so, and the gold in very fine particles.

The similarity of the lava composing the gold ore in all the mines in this region, both in point of age and composition affords a strong evidence, that they were all brought into existence at one time and by one great commotion of nature.

The vein mines seem to be derived from a large horizontal stratum, which lies underneath the rock composing the lower part of the vein formation, which has been derived. That this stratum is of great thickness and extent and likewise very rich in this precious metal, is apparent from the great extent of country in which these veins abound, the quantity of matter they contain and their increased richness the deeper they are followed.

That such an immense body of heated lava once existed, at no very great depth from the surface, is farther corroborated, by the appearances of the ledges and quarries of rock in many parts of this country. I have frequently found the veins and fissures of these to exhibit traces of heated vapours and exhalations having passed through them from underneath, and to be coated over, in the same manner and with the same substance, as the smaller masses of lava in the upper part of the vein mines.

STATE OF THE THERMOMETER, FROM JUNE 3 TO 10. Table with 4 columns: Sun Rise, 10 A.M., 1 P.M., 8 S. Set. Rows for Thursday through Wednesday.

MARRIAGES.

In this County, on Sunday evening last, by R. K. Wilson Esq. Mr. Tolivar Davis to Miss Katharine Logan, daughter of Moses Logan Esq. of all this county.

GEORGE C. SPECK,

RESPECTFULLY informs the citizens of Asheville and the public generally, that he has located himself at Mr. Patton's, for the purpose of carrying on the TAILORING BUSINESS in all its various branches.

NOTICE.

A Meeting of the Rutherford Lyceum and Society for General Improvement will be held at the Court House in Rutherfordton, on the fourth Monday in June next, for the Election of the Officers for the ensuing year, and such other business as may be offered.

State of North Carolina, Haywood County.

Superior Court of Equity—Spring Term, 1830.

Information filed by the Attorney General of this State, in obedience to a resolution of the Legislature, praying that two grants for 49,320 acres of land each, lying in the counties of Marion and Haywood, issued upon Entries, made in the county of Buncombe, by William Cathcart, and Stedman, and which grants are in the name of William Cathcart, and bearing date on the 20th of July, 1796, may be vacated, annulled and revoked, and declared absolutely void.

The Information charges that these grants were fraudulently, irregularly and illegally obtained upon untrue suggestions, and in direct contravention of the Acts of Assembly, touching the entering, surveying and granting of lands, which allegation is founded upon the following statement of facts:

1. That at the time the said lands were entered they were in the occupancy of the Cherokee Indians, and constituted a part of their territory. 2. That the said William Cathcart and Stedman, were not then and never have been citizens of this State.

The Information further charges and the fact is verified by affidavit, that the said William Cathcart was a citizen of Pennsylvania, and is believed to be dead, and that one John Brown, as agent of the defendants, who are citizens of Pennsylvania, has in their names commenced suits in Ejectment, against divers citizens of this State in the Circuit Court of the United States for this District, for the lands included in the said grants.

It is ordered by the Court that a copy of this Information be served upon the said John Brown, and that publication be made once a week, for six weeks, in the North Carolina Spectator and Western Advertiser, printed at Rutherfordton, and the National Gazette, of Philadelphia, that the said defendants appear at the next term of this Court, to be held at Waynesville, on the second Wednesday after the fourth Monday in September next, and plead, answer or demur to the said Information or the same will be taken pro confesso and heard ex parte.

Witness, Joshua Roberts, Clerk and Master of said Court, at Office, the second Wednesday after the fourth Monday of March 1830. 17 Gw Pr. adv. \$7 50. J. ROBERTS, C. M. E.

CABINET FURNITURE.

CABINET FURNITURE of every description, made in the best workmanlike style, and of various kinds of wood, can be had at the Work Shop of the subscriber, in Asheville, Buncombe County. The following are a few of the many articles in his line of business which he is in the habit of making:

- Sideboards, China Presses, Secretaries, and Book Cases, Bureaux of various kinds, Breakfast, dining, and tea Tables, Card and Dressing Tables, Bedsteads of every kind, Sofas, Ladies' Work Stands, Candle Stands, Wash Stands, Easy-Chairs, Cradles and Cribbs, Cupboards, Clock Cases & Coffins.

PUBLIC SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

UNDER authority from the President and Directors of the State Bank of North Carolina, I will on Monday, the 12th day of July next, expose to public sale, to the highest bidder, in the Public Square, in the Town of Rutherfordton, the following tracts of land, owned by the Bank, and lying in the county of Rutherford, viz:

- 453 acres, on Broad River, formerly the property of Robert H. Taylor. 80 acres, formerly owned by Robert Harder. 700 acres, in Green River Cove, formerly owned by Richard Allen Esq. 100 acres, formerly owned by James Levans. 170 acres, on the Road leading from Rutherfordton to Morganton, formerly owned by Frederick F. Alley.

WHO WANTS MONEY?

The Commissioners of the Hickory Nut Gap Road, have lately marked off an alteration to a place known by the name of Paris Gap, just below Jay Freeman's; and, now propose to let the work to any person desirous to contract for its execution. It is believed the contemplated road can be almost entirely constructed without encountering rock, as the outward surface appears quite loose—

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

The subscriber having been re-appointed by the Court as STANDARD KEEPER, for the County of Rutherford, is now ready to attend to the duties of his office.