

...had not caught but was believed impossible to save it. At Norris's... still higher up King street and on the... they had removed all the furniture... bedding is almost certain anticipation... being burnt out.

...number of houses had been... to no purpose. All the powder... was exhausted, and all the water... pumps, and the people, wearing... whole night's incessant and un-... themselves this morning... a feeble resistance to the... and devouring flames. A num-... persons had been killed by the blow-... houses and throwing furniture... The Steam Boat Neptune,...

...day caught on fire, but it was... extinguished.

...directed to this office, and to... office, from the News-... in Charleston, failed to come... as we presume no papers... there last night; and as the... closed last night before... other information... necessarily limited as to...

...indeed a mournful catastrophe!... laid in ashes—her peo-... of home and substance, and... destroyed in a single... Companies of... are of small capitals, and... doubt be ruined, and... to make good but a small... of the losses. Hundreds of fami-... ruined by this general... cannot make Charleston...

...Since the above was written we... a letter, from Charleston, dated a little before 4 o'clock this morn-... brought up by a passenger, which... the important facts stated above. It also states that the rigging of many of the vessels lying at the wharves had been burnt.

...the author of great mischief, and distress... to excite the compassion of foreign capitalists and bring them with their gold to our relief, it requires a rare degree of impudence still to assert the success of these efforts. We are levying contributions of gold and silver from Europe it is true, but it is as borrowers not as gainers. These are no tributes to our prosperity, but to our existing necessities, and yet it all shows the deep financial wisdom of a certain Hero who boasted that he had made twenty of the enemy van, but when thus mighty feat came to be explained, it turned out that the Hero had taken to his heels, and the enemy ran after him. General Jackson's financial success has certainly run the wrong way for glory, and what is worst of all, the nation has been nearly run off its legs to make it, and has at last sunk down in a state of exhaustion.

...We are informed that Mr. James Ashcraft, the great Merchant of Abson County, left the town of Wadesboro on the night of the 22d ult., (coat-tail standing at 45 degrees,) and has not been heard of since. Mr. A. had been helped to a comfortable berth on board the brig, and it was expected that he would remain a guest with friend Lockup, during the summer, but having sent on a considerable consignment to Mr. Hat-taway and Dr. Watkins, he has gone on to attend to the investment in person. Mr. Ashcraft is a dark sombre quiet looking man—quite tall and loose jointed, with dark hair and dark eyes. It is thought that he means to 'set up' again somewhere in southwest. We hope the newspapers in that region, will not fail to notice our recommendation of him.

...own morals, and the hole in her daughters black stockings, before she becomes so critical about the rents in other people's conduct.

...What sort of honesty is that which will permit people to borrow books without returning them? We have lost by obliging friends in this way, 1st Vol. James Eng-land, several Volumes of Byrons works, some of the Waverly Novels, besides several others, that have been gone too long to hope for a recovery of them.

...The county of Granville is again furnished with an excellent newspaper of the true Whig grit, published as formerly in the town of Oxford, and bearing the former title of the "Oxford Examiner," DAN R. GOODLOE, Editor and proprietor. We wish him much success. Exchange? Certainly.

...Our cotemporary of the Standard is informed, that we have no need for nostrums of any kind, and therefore, we did not take the dose which he prepared and sent abroad with such a high commendation of its virtues. Our objection was to the Physician more than to the medicine, for the mixture appeared so much like a preparation of chalk and water, that we were not much afraid of it: but we could not consent to let a disciple of Doctor Jackson try experiments upon our poor carcass. The old man himself has well nigh cured the nation to death with his wonderful sanatives, and therefore, we must distrust all who have taken out Patents under him.

...Another Aurora Borealis.—On Sunday night, 29th ultimo, we were presented with another of these most beautiful Phenomena, which, altho' the moon was shining was for a short time more beautiful than any we have seen. The whole Northern sky was lighted up with a most brilliant crimson glow, on which the pencils of soft white rays were more distinctly delineated than in either of the others. In other respects it differed little from the other which we described last June. Its duration however, was much shorter, only lasting a few minutes, while the other continued for more than half the night.

...A new paper by a new name.—It is the "Aurora Borealis" printed in Bradford County, Pennsylvania. The mountaineers of the Key-stone State are high minded in their cognominations, to say the least of it: thus they have the "Apollo Belvedere" and some where away out there they have the "Cataract of Freedom." We commend to their consideration, the adoption of the "EARTHQUAKE OF DEMOCRACY" and (if there is to be more than one christening) the "THUNDERBOLT OF TRUTH": With such formidable meanings they will be able to storm away like a washing machine!!

...MISS MARTINEAU, is a blue and an abolitionist, and therefore, she gives it pretty roundly to all the Southern Statesmen, from Mr. Clay down: She says that Mr. Calhoun is so fond of talking, that he never listens to others, hence he has failed to profit by the the experience of others, and hence, also, the tendency of his mind to deal in theoretical abstractions. Many of her comments on our public men, are just, and evince a good judgment. Barring her hobby of slavery, on which she is a little distraught, her second book on America, seems to be a pretty fair one. This is our opinion on a slight and irregular perusal.

...We have suffered a good deal from drought, and frost this spring.

...We have received several complaints for the Omnibus, against the Police of this village, among which is the increased and increasing number of swine infesting our streets, and among others, we are overhauled for our particular share of dereliction in this particular. For ourself, we "fess judgment," and promise a reform. We have been flea bitten into a sense of duty in this matter, and have already commenced the work of killing off the long-faced gentry, pertaining to our premises. We call upon our neighbors to do likewise, for the evil is really getting to be intolerable. We must ask of the commissioners to save the ancient borough of Salisbury from the threatened soubriquet of Hog-town. If no other mode can be adopted, let a commission issue to Jim Archy, to seek and slay, and we will warrant a disappearance of the evil.

...We are also requested to call the attention of our police officers, to the practice prevalent in some parts of the town, of suffering cattle to remain in the streets at night.

...We learn from good authority, that the old lady who abused the race-horses to us in such energetic terms the other day, went to sleep in church the very Sunday afterwards, and slept a good half hour, under one of the best sermons that has been delivered in this town, for a twelvemonth. We understand also, that her daughter was there, clad in black silk stockings with a hole in one of them, just above the shoe mouth, as big as a ten cent piece. We think she had better darn the hole in her

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...From the Lynchburg Virginian.

...VIRGINIA ELECTIONS.

...The general election, in this State, took place on Thursday last. We submit all the statements which we have received, together with such rumors as have reached us in an authentic shape.

...CAMPBELL.

...James McDowell, (Van) 291
John Letcher, do 271
One Whig gain.

...BEDFORD.—There is no doubt of the re-election of Dr. Thomas P. Mitchell and Tilgham A. Cobbs. (Whigs.)

...CHARLOTTE.—Wyatt Caldwell (Whig) is re-elected, by a majority of 92 over Mr Roberts (V. B.)

...FRANKLIN.—We have received partial returns from this county—from the Court house, at 4 after 9, and from Taylor's Store at the close:

...S. Hale (Whig) 276
Jan. Wade do 258
J. M. Holland (V. B.) 177
Thos. Keen do 155

...Should the Whig candidates be elected, it will be a gain of two.

...ALBERMARLE.—The Whigs have carried this county also—another gain! The following is the state of the polls:

...V. W. Southall (Whig) 613
T. W. Gilmer do 602
Alex. Rives (V. B.) 503
Th. J. Randolph do 477

...and the freedom of Elections preserved and perpetuated, must act in this manner, otherwise the hustings is likely to become only a scuffle for office; and a place of contest for mere trifling localities, to the great disgrace of the State and much to the detriment of more important matters.

...It would be well in general to leave out political party considerations in choosing members of the Legislature; but at the present time this is such an engraving subject, and one whose importance is so severely felt in the whole community, that it is a matter of very serious consideration. The party now in power at the head of the Federal Government, have spread ruin and devastation over the whole land, by wanton experiments, on the currency and credit system; it is full time to put a stop to their mad career of extravagance, & folly, as the Legislature of N. C. has heretofore used its influence to promote the present state of embarrassment, it should now if possible use a like influence to reform errors & abuses, which appear to be constantly increasing.

...Should it be desirable to be relieved from those embarrassments, it is worth some exertion and reflection to gain such a desirable end, as we see much activity and energy employed on the other side, to promote and continue the same political measures that have already resulted so disastrously to the moral as well as mercantile interests of the country.

...CITY OF RICHMOND.—Wyndham Robertson (Whig) re-elected. There was organized opposition; but a poll was held for James Lyons, [also Whig] who received 60 votes, and Robertson 227.

...AMELIA.—Henry Wood (Whig) is elected by 25 majority. Another Whig gain!

...PRINCE EDWARD.—N. E. Venable (Van) re-elected. Majority not ascertained.

...BUCKINGHAM.—At the court house and two precincts, Flood and Jones (Whigs) were upwards of 100 ahead, and it is believed they are elected. If so, it is still another Whig gain.

...NOTTOWAY.—Fitzgerald (Van) re-elected by 15 majority over Travis Epes (Whig)

...excitement here, and is the subject of general conversation and alarm. Its ruinous consequences, if it be sustained, can scarcely be imagined.

...FIRE IN CHARLESTON. A most disastrous fire has occurred in Charleston. We have only a few of the particulars which came to us in a slip from the Chronicle Office Augusta: which we see is further stated by a letter in the Charon Gazette, that the fire raged all night and continued till 10.—600 houses burnt including the Charleston Hotel and New Masonic. The Marine and Fire Insurance and the Union Offices are supposed to be broke, and the other, the Trust will lose upwards of \$200,000. The whole loss is conjectured to be from 3 to 5 millions.

...At Salisbury, on Tuesday, 1st May (inst) by the Rev. Mr. FRONTIS, Dr. ROBERT MATTHEWS BOUCHELLE, Miss JANE POLK, daughter of Gen. Thomas G. Polk, all of this Town.

...In this town, on 27th ult., Mrs. MARY GAY, aged 70 years.

...VALUABLE PROPERTY FOR SALE.

...THE Subscriber wishing to close all his business will sell at private sale his TAN-YARD,

...37 ACRES OF LAND, lying in said East Square, including about TEN ACRES, of good meadow. Twenty Acres of the above land has been laid off in Town Lots, as may be seen by reference to the Town Plat.

...THE VERY LATEST FASHIONS.



WATCHMAN.

SALISBURY: SATURDAY, MAY 5, 1838.

...We are authorized to announce JOHN H. HARDIE, as a candidate for the office of Sheriff for the ensuing term.

...We are authorized to announce GEORGE F. EMMERSON, as a candidate for a seat in the House of Commons of the next Legislature, for the county.

...We have been requested by the Post Master at this place, to call the attention of the Post Masters to the necessity of a more full attention to the envelopes of letters. Many a letter has simply some obscure name of a Post Office without any designation of County or State, and before it can be ascertained in what direction it has to go, the P. M. that does his duty has to open the envelope and tie it up again. This is a great inconvenience, and when many business letters are so carelessly sent, it is of course a great annoyance to the public, not only here but elsewhere: that more pains should be taken in this respect by Post Masters. It is very probable that very many of the delays and misdirections which have of late dimmed the public ear, are owing to negligence in this particular.

...REVIVAL IN NEW YORK. It is said that the political contest in New York has been followed by an excitement scarcely less intense, but much more agreeable. The reports of specie payment by the banks—of the accommodations, accompanied by the arrival of two millions from the other side of the Atlantic, and a powerful reaction to the drooping spirits of the business men in this great mart. This excitement was greatly heightened by the news that the Bank of England was to be forth with established in that city, and that the general banking law, among others, was to be a Biddle Monster & a French Banker's two: and that large importations of specie had been made from Europe with these views and to sustain the present banks in their resumption. Whether with all that Biddle, Rothschild and the Bank of England can do, the New York Banks can stand the strain, which a thirst for specie (generated by the abundance of the day) will beget, is extremely doubtful. If confidence can be so far restored to the public mind as to make them believe there are no dangers, they can get on well enough, but unless ever a lurking suspicion remains that they can not stand "experiments" runs will be made for specie; so we very much fear in the end, Mr. Biddle and the majority of the late Convention will prove themselves the truer prophets.

...But we know not whether to be more amused or disappointed at the presumption of the Globe, in attributing to General Jackson's humble efforts the late importations of specie. While the late Convention is fast receding from the public memory—while his Secretary of the Treasury agrees as he should do, to come the aid of the paper circulation of the country: While the Bankers are about to spring into existence at the very centre of our commerce—while every body else—every where else is congratulating General Jackson's experiments to