

**Cotton Crop.**—From our exchanges we learn that the present cotton crop is likely to be an average one. The weather, for some weeks past, has been favorable to its maturity, and it has opened rapidly. If prices keep up, our Southern friends have the promise of a good reward for their agricultural labors the past summer. So note it be.

**The Provision Crop** is most bountiful in all parts of the country. In allusion to this fact, the "Southern Presbyterian," a most excellent religious paper just established in Milledgeville Georgia, makes the following very appropriate and beautiful remarks:

#### "A LAND OF CORN."

This was the promised possession of God's ancient people; and the fat of kidneys of wheat they were to enjoy. Abundance of bread corn, we are hence taught, should be reckoned among the greatest earthly blessings of any people. Few people have ever had greater cause of thankfulness, on account of such enjoyment, than have the people of the United States. But there are special reasons why we should at this time be particularly impressed with a sense of God's goodness in this respect. We have lately seen the gaunt visage of famine passing through large portions of Europe—and the population by thousands swept off before him. With us the staff of life was in every one's hand—a full protection against his power. This was God's distinguishing goodness. And how ought we to view those fearful deficiencies so lately witnessed, should we regard the superabundance with which we are again crowned? The wheat crop of Michigan alone is estimated at six years at from eight to ten millions of bushels—the quality also remarkably good. From most other parts of the country similar reports have come in. The granaries were never before so full. Without stint the supply of the kidneys of wheat may be enjoyed by the humblest cottager. Truly this is a favored land.

It is but just also to remark that this unusual abundance may well be regarded as the fulfillment of a divine promise. We have holy writ, "He that hath pity on the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will He pay him again." With interest summed up, our liberality has been repaid. While we are with thankfulness we enjoy our Father's gifts, let this teach us to trust his promises, and do good with his bounty.

**The War.**—The New Orleans Bulletin of the 5th, says: "We have conversed with a gentleman who came passenger in the Alabama, and who has long resided in Mexico, who says that there is not the least chance of peace, but that on the contrary, the future resistance will be more formidable than it has been, and that the mass of the Mexican nation is decidedly in favor of the continuance of the war. We believe that the recent events at the capital will only tend to confirm this determination, and that it will emphatically become a national war. From the same source we learn that a report existed of intention to withdraw our garrison from Tampico, and to abandon the place."

**Not all Irishmen.**—The New York Register, shows that the deserters from the American Army who were taken, and put to death, near the city of Mexico, were not all Irishmen. It gives the names and places of nativity of each, and classifies them as follows: Americans 31, Germans 16, Scotch 4, and one each from England, Nova Scotia, France and Poland. Thus, it seems, Americans must share largely the odium which was heaped on these offenders.

**GENERAL TAYLOR.**—A recent letter from this distinguished Officer to Dr. Johnson, of Charleston, he reiterates his declarations that he will not be run for the Presidency as a candidate for party, and says he approves of the course pursued by our Presidents, and cannot give any pledges, nor would he permit him to the Chief Magistrate to discharge his functions in accordance with the Constitution.

Following is the concluding paragraph of the letter which we think, will satisfy even the most skeptical of our London party, as to what the General's political position is.

"I am a great pleasure, in conclusion, fully to inform you, in your high and just estimate of the services, both of head and heart, of the distinguished citizen, General Taylor, Clay, Webster, Calhoun, Adams, and McClellan mentioned in your letter. I have never yet exercised the privilege of voting, but had I been called on to do so, I should have cast my vote for Mr. CLAY."

**MARYLAND ELECTION.**—The election for Governor, Members of Congress and of the Legislature, took place in this State on the 10th inst. Thomas, Locooco was elected Governor by about 600 majority. For the Legislature, the Whigs elected a majority in both branches. Of the members of Congress the Whigs elected four—Messrs. Johnson, Roman, Evans, and Crisfield, and the Lococoes three—Messrs. McLane and Ligon.

The result given the Whig Party the ascendancy in the House of Representatives.

**FROM MEXICO.**—Below we give the only item of news received by this morning's mail:

From Havana and Mexico.—By the steamer SOMERS, Capt. Wood, arrived yesterday, and received a copy of the *Diario de la Marina* of the 8th inst.

The English steamer *Medway*, from Vera Cruz, arriving on board \$140,000 in specie, arrived at Havana on the 7th inst.

The *Havana* paper is filled with extracts from the *Cruz Journals*, which, however, contain little in addition to what has already been published.

The only article of news worth translating, published by a correspondent from Vera Cruz, is dated of the 27th Sept., which states that Gen. Scott had addressed Circulars to the several States, inviting them to send their representatives to the Capital with full powers to conclude a treaty of peace. It is also stated that a commission composed of 1500 men, had been sent by General Scott to take Toluca, a place near the city.—*Charleston Cou.* of Oct. 16.

From the *Charleston Courier*, of October 13.  
[TRANSLATED FOR THE COURIER.]  
(Special Correspondence of La Patria.)

VERA CRUZ, Sept. 24, 1847.

Dear Sir,—On the 11th, 12th and 13th of Sept. Gen. Scott attacked the city of Mexico, with but little success, having been repulsed several times with serious loss. On the 14th he succeeded in obtaining possession of Chapultepec and the citadel, and commenced the bombardment of the city from Pasco, the citadel and San Cosme. In the evening SANTA ANNA evacuated the city, publishing a manifesto, in which he says that to avoid the destruction of Mexico, he retires to the city of Guadalupe, from which place he would concert his future operations. As soon as the Mexican troops had withdrawn from the city, the *Leporos* began a horrible sack. Two *Alcaides* begged of the American General that he would come and protect the property and occupy the city. The General sent a column, with two pieces of artillery, upon which the population rushed, capturing the pieces and routing the column, the remains of which sought a refuge in the convent of San Francisco. In consequence of this Gen. Scott bombarded the city until the evening of the 15th, when he entered as far as the Palace. The loss caused by the sack exceeded three millions of dollars.

From Guadalupe Santa Anna has sent his resignation of the Presidency, and the commander-in-chief of the Army, *Senor PENA Y PENA*, President of the Supreme Court of Justice, remains charged with the supreme power; and, with two other individuals, will form a triumvirate until the meeting of Congress, which, by a proclamation of Don VALENTINE GOMEZ FARIAS, President of the Senate, is to meet at Queretaro.

Gen. HERRERA has taken command of the army, and with 14,000 men will proceed to take up his position at Queretaro.

SANTA ANNA (wounded in the arm), has gone towards Puebla with 2,000 horses.

Gen. REA had entered Puebla with 6,000 men, and the American troops entrenched in the heights of Lorretto were bombarding the city.

PARADES was in Jalisco, making every effort to raise troops, and had met with some success. All the Guerrillas of the State of Vera Cruz had united at Cerro Gordo, to attack the large train that had stopped at the National Bridge.

Gen. BRAVO was killed, and a great number of Generals, wounded, or taken prisoners; among others, PEREZ, PARROTE and BLANCO, of the Engineers—the last officer is much distinguished, he was permitted to remain in Mexico to have his wounds attended, on condition of afterwards presenting himself at the American headquarters.

The "Milton Chronicle" says that the Hon. Bedford Brown, is returning to North Carolina. Mr. B. has been unfortunate with his family since his removal to Missouri, and it is affliction that brings him back among us.

### FIRST SETTLEMENTS In Iredeil County.

FOR THE CAROLINA WATCHMAN.

In 1751, there were four families of the name of Morrison, the ancestors of nearly all of the name in this region, which came from Lancaster County, Penn., and settled here. Their names were William, James, Andrew and Thomas; the latter, however, died in Pennsylvania, but his family came and settled on Fifth Creek: William and James built their cabins near together on Third Creek, not far from where Concord Church is—Andrew took land below, in Rowan, and near Third Creek Church; his family has nearly all emigrated from this part of the Country. As they had been acquainted with George Davidson in Pennsylvania, they first directed their steps to his house; where they were met by a land speculator by the name of Higginbottom, whom they had seen before at the Hawfields, on the way. He directed them from their original intention to settle on Pee Dee, and plotted them into this region: then farther west than any other white settlements.

On their way up from Davidson's here, it is said they passed the first mill erected in this part of the State, where is now Byers' mill; but then called Lambert's: it was afterwards owned by John Olyphant. The company stopped here to dine; the first course was a kind of soup, of which, without suspicion, they all ate heartily. At length, a dish of meat was brought upon the table, when the elder women whispered among themselves, that it was *Beast's meat*; and they refrained from eating. Their host noticed this, and enquired the cause; when they informed him, he told them they had eaten the *soup*, and might as well eat the meat. This man was famous for hunting this animal: he kept a large pack of fierce dogs for the purpose. On one occasion, when he came in from hunting, he learned that a party of Indians had been at his house, abiding his family, and taking what articles they pleased. He immediately put the dogs on their track, and pursued them: when he came up with them, every dog had an Indian up a tree. Amusing himself for a time, with pointing his gun at them, and threatening to shoot them, at length he called off his dogs, and released them. The Indians did not molest him again.

From 1751 onward, this region was fast filled up with emigrants. About 1752, James Hall, the father of the late Rev. James Hall, D. D., came and settled on Fifth Creek, near where Hugh R. Hall, Esq., now lives; near the same time, Thomas Allison, the grandfather of Col. T. A. Allison, came and built where the latter now lives, on Fourth Creek. Probably, the Simpson family came about the same time; they lived as now, on the same Creek.

James Murdoch, the grandfather of Col. John Murdoch, came in 1754, and located himself where Thomas M. now lives.

In 1758, the Stevensons, the ancestors of most of the name here, came and took up their abode on Third Creek, about three miles west of Statesville. The McClelland's came about that year, and found a home near where Rufus Adams lives. By this time, there was a large settlement here; in 1757, Fourth Creek Church was first erected, near the site of the present one. It would be not a little interesting, and it might be useful, to know about how many of the Scotch Irish emigrated to this country; and from being tenants in Ireland, became, in the widest sense, freeholders here: they have mingled with the mass of our population from one end of the land to the other. They have had no small share of influence in making our country what it is. We consider it ample praise, and no doubt deserved, to place them by the side of the Puritan stock. No estimate, to our knowledge, has ever been made of the number of families that came from Ireland of this race; or of the proportion that their descendants bear to the whole mass of our population. Bancroft in his History of the United States, Vol. I, page 458, says that in the first fifteen years, 4000 families of the Puritans came over, that had before the time he wrote, expanded into 4,000,000 of people. "One original family, finding the words of Scripture true, 'A little one shall become a thousand.'"

And no doubt that the emigrants from the Emerald Isle, have increased equally fast. If all their families were as large as many in this quarter, they would far outnumber the Puritans. Coming from the confined

limits of the British Islands, to the unbounded forests, the vast prairies, the majestic mountains, and the mighty rivers of this New World, they felt an impulse from all these surrounding circumstances: most of the original families were composed of a large number of children. They have branched out, and spread from here through all the west, and southwest; especially where good land is found, there you will find them. They selected the best land here, and much of it: some of those who first came, took up enough to give every child, in a large family, six hundred and forty acres. ANTIQUAS.

Note.—A friend has furnished us a specimen of the wild pea vine, from this vicinity: it is not common here, but is in the mountains; there are several varieties of it.

### FRESH ARRIVALS!

NEW AND ELEGANT

Stock of

FALL AND WINTER

GOODS!

THE SUBSCRIBER

IS NOW RECEIVING FROM NEW YORK

Philadelphia, at his store east of the Court-House,

One of the Largest and Handsomest Stock of

FALL & WINTER GOODS,

Ever opened in this market!

Among the stock may be found:

English wool black and twilled French Cloths,

Blue, brown, invisible green and Olive do.

Do. skin, plain black and fancy Cassimeres,

Black satin and fancy Vestings, Satinets,

Twilled and plain kersey's, white, scarlet, green and

yellow Flannels,

Wool plaids, blanket and cloth overcoats and sacks,

French cashmeres, plaid Foyling, plaid point de soie,

Black silk warp and plaid alpaca, mousseline de laines,

Bombazines, linen cambric, needle worked collars,

Jaconet and Swiss muslin, thread laces and edgings,

Inserting, fine shawls, umbrellas and parasols,

Fine bed and duflie blankets.

Fur and Wool Hats, Caps and Bonnets,

Miles' water proof and dress Boots,

Do. ladies stitched buskins, satin French gaiters,

Black kid patch half gaiters and slippers,

Men's thick and kip brogans, men's thick boots,

Bugging and rope, three ply and ingrain carpets and rugs,

Men's and ladies saddles and bridles,

SOLE AND UPPER LEATHER.

China Glass and Queensware,

French, English and American Prints,

Brown and bleached shirting, 6, 8, and 12 1/2 sheeting,

Towel, dapper and table linens, (assorted.)

Elliptic springs, patent leather, fig'd gun cloth, curtain do.

Emmelled leather and chaise hides, damask cloth,

Carriage laces, plated concave bands, buggy axles,

Brass and plated dashes, glass lamps, oil carpet,

Mable castings, white lead, (in oil.)

Winter bleached sperm oil, window lights and putty,

Rio, Java and Mocha Coffee,

Brown Sugar, loaf, crushed and pulverized do., fine Tea,

Hardware and Cutlery,

Carpenter's Planes, Anvils, Vices, Smith's Bellows,

Cockle Sieves and sieve Wire, Blasting Powder, &c., &c.

Together with a great variety of other desirable goods;

all of which were purchased with cash exclusively, and

will be sold at wholesale or retail for cash as low as they

can be bought in Western North Carolina. Purchasers

are respectfully solicited to call and examine my stock

before purchasing.

J. F. CHAMBERS.

Salisbury, N. C., Oct. 14, 1847—1024

GENERAL SCOTT'S

Carriage for sale

CHEAP FOR CASH!

With a variety of other Articles, viz:

CLOTHS, fine black and fawn

Col. Cassimeres, satinets, vestings,

lamb wool, merino, cotton

and silk shirts, flannels, blankets,

CALICOES, SHIRTINGS,

sheetings, &c., silk, for Russia, Palo Alto, south western

and Rough and Ready Hats, silk, plush, cloth, and fur,

carriage shoes of superior quality, children's shoes,

bonnets, &c.

HARDWARE, CUTLERY,

Queens and Glassware,

double and single barrel shot guns, rifle barrels, finished

and unfinished, pistols, plated swords, epaulettes, with

other military equipments, brass clocks, (Jerome's make and

warranted.) Homelock and oak tanned leather, Salem and

German Almanacks for 1848, Moffatt's pills and phonix

bitters, groceries of different qualities with numerous other

articles, which are for sale and must be sold. Our

friends and the public generally, are respectfully invited to

call and examine our stock before making their purchases

elsewhere. Feeling confident that we can and

will sell our goods upon reasonable and the usual accom-

modating terms to punctual dealers.

BOGER & MAXWELL.

Salisbury, Oct. 14, 1847—1724

Twenty Dollars Reward.

STOP THE THIEF.

STOLEN from the Subscriber's stable in Salisbury, on Saturday night the 16th inst., a sorrel mare about medium size, with a small blaze in the face, running nearly to the nose, five years old next Spring, one white leg, black mane and tail, and a pair of nearly altogether. She is fresh shod before, hind feet bare, and has a very bad sore on the withers. The thief also took away a double-reined hind-bridle, and a small saddle, and saddle-cloth. The cloth is made of an old quilt.

I believe the thief went in the direction of Statesville or Salem. The man I suspect is named Ben or Benet Desier. He had been about this place for a week or more previous to his disappearance. He was last seen about 10 o'clock, on Saturday night. He is about five feet 7 or 8 inches high, and wears large black whiskers, extending from ear to ear—has an impediment in speech, especially when drunk; and had on, when last seen, a black overcoat with side pockets, and velvet on the collar—boots and spurs.

I will give the above reward for the apprehension of the thief and the mare, or Ten Dollars for either separately.

FREDERICK MOWERY.

Salisbury, Oct. 18, 1847—25, 17

NOTICE.

ACCORDING to an Order obtained at the August Sessions of the County Court of Rowan, I will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, Three LIKELY NEGROES—a man about 30 years of age, and two girls, one 16 and the other 11 years old—at the Court-house, in Salisbury, on Monday of the month of October, being the first day of the month.

ROBT. L. SMITH, Adm'r

Oct. 21, 1847—2925

OF Rich'd C. Smith.

STOCK HOGS.

THE subscriber takes this method to inform the public, that he has a superior Stock Hog of the Kenilworth breed—large and well formed—well adapted for service to the public. Those who wish to see swine with him can do so, by the payment of five dollars for each sow. For further information apply to the subscriber; who also, keeps a few fine stock pigs for sale.

JOSEPH POOL.

October 20, 1847—4w25

Tailoring.

B. F. FRALEY is ever ready to make CLOTHING in the latest style, well done, and warranted to fit. He also keeps for sale READY MADE CLOTHING very cheap. He will also teach the art of CUTTING to any wishing to learn, as he is agent for some of the most fashionable Tailors of New York and Philadelphia. All kinds of clothes cut at short notice. Produce taken in payment at market prices.

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STILLS, STILLS.

A SUPPLY of Stills kept constantly on hand for sale very low for cash.

BROWN & ELLIOTT.

August 3, 1847.

### NOTICE.

VALUABLE PROPERTY  
FOR SALE.

HAVING taken out Letters of Administration on the Estate of John Carlton, dec'd, I will offer for sale on Tuesday and Wednesday the 24 and 25 of November next, at the Village Hotel, in Statesville, a large quantity of

FURNITURE,

(necessary for Tavern use) consisting in part of Beds and Furniture, Chairs, Tables, &c., two Clocks, (1 an 8 day,) Kitchen Furniture, about

8000 CHESNUT SHINGLES,

a few Hogs, and several other articles not mentioned.—

A credit of nine months will be given, the purchaser giving bond and approved security.

Also—on the 24 November, the Houses and Lots situated on the northwest corner of the Court-House, known as the

"VILLAGE HOTEL,"

(lately occupied by said dec'd) will be rented for the term of two years. The Negroes belonging to the heirs of W. Kerr, dec'd, will be hired until the 1st January, 1848. Terms of renting and hiring made known on the day.

And on

Thursday the 4th of November,

next, at the Plantation of said dec'd, will be sold about 2000 bushels of CORN, 80 or 100 bushels of WHEAT, a quantity of RYE, OATS, FOD-

DER, HAY, a large quantity of first quality of leaf TOBACCO, 4 head of Horses,

es, 2 Mules, 1 young Jack & Jennet,

18 or 20 head of Cattle, Sheep,

Hogs, 1 large Road Wagon, 1

4 horse do., 1 one horse do., 1

Buggy, 1 Gig, wagon Gears,

Farming Utensils, 1 set

Blacksmiths Tools, 1

Still and Vessels,

Household and Kitchen Furniture,

besides many other articles too tedious to mention. A credit of three months will be given, the purchaser giving bond and approved security.

The sale to continue from day to day until all is sold. The lands belonging to said estate lying on Third Creek will be rented for one year. Also at the same time and place, will be hired, the Negroes belonging to said estate for one year. Terms of renting and hiring made known on the day.

Persons having claims against said estate will present them duly authenticated within the time prescribed by law, or this notice will be plead in bar; persons indebted to said dec'd dec'd will please make immediate payment and save cost.

Sept. 23, 1847. C. A. CARLTON, Adm'r.

LIST OF LETTERS remaining in the Post Office, at Salisbury, Oct. 1, 1847.

B—Alexander Brown, Miss E. M. Bruner, Christian Bringle, Wm. M. Barber, Michael Brown, Henry Brown, Henry Brown, 2; Miss Mary L. Brown.

C—Levi Correll, John Carson, Mrs. Ann Chambers, 2; Sterling Chavis, Coeler, Frank Coffin, Burton Craigie, John S. Caldwell, Wm. Curry, Rev. John H. Coffman.

D—Henry Dent, Isaac B. Dunn.

E—F—Hillery Elliott, Alex. Forsyth, John Fesperman, M. Fox, John Foster.

G—James B. Gibson, Eliza, Green, Miss Mary P. Gardner, Miss Ann Gardner, Mrs. L. Glaspey, Howard Green, Miss Mary J. Gardner, John G. Gall.

H—Mrs. Susan Hampton, Henry Hill, Samuel Harrison, Miss Margaret L. Howard 2; J. A. Hockins, Miss Sarah L. Hall, 2; Joseph Hall, Benj. Harrison, Catharine Hornberger, John H. Hewey, A. H. Hutson.

J—Benj. or Philip Jones, R. H. Jinnings, Philip Johnson, Lewis Jacobs.

K—Alanson Kingsbury, Miss Mary Kinney, Rev. Alfred Kinney.

L—F. N. Luckey, Esq., Mrs. Mary G. Lyerly, John A. Lewis.

M—Manfred McXizie, Modlock, Alphonso W. McHenry, Paul Misenhauer, David Merritt, John S. Macnamara, Frederick Mahaley, John Mowery, John C. McConaughy, Cicero A. Moore, Miss Mary L. Mawyers, Mrs. James C. McConaughy.

N—O—P—Wm. Nunley, H. Ogden, Hon. R. M. Pearson, Jacob Phillips.

R—George Rendelman, Edward Raffy, Jesse M. Repp, Rich'd C. Richardson.

S—Henry Stirewalt, Mrs. Francis Simerson, James Smith, Robert Stoker, Henry Seelher, Mrs. Ann Shaver, Michael Swink, Thompson, Smith & Co.

T—Austrian Turner, Elisha Tucker.

W—P. W. Wadsworth, M. W. McWilson, John Wilson, C. F. Wadner, Mrs. Elizabeth Witherspoon, James White, Caleb Yount.

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State of North Carolina,

IREDELL COUNTY.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions—August Term, 1847.

Jacob Doult, Petitioner for the sale of the defendant's land lying on the waters of Hunting Creek, adjoining the lands of Bryan Finkle and others, containing 109 acres, more or less.

vs. Alex. Hall, a Lunatic.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that the said defendant, Alex. Hall, is not an inhabitant of this State: It is therefore ordered, by the Court, that publication be made in the *Carolina Watchman*, for the space of six weeks, notifying the said Heirs of the defendant, Alexander Hall, to be and appear before our next Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, to be held for the County of Iredeil, at the Court-House, in Statesville