From the Fayetteville Observer. THE PUBLIC LANDS.

The National Intelligencer reviews this subject at great length and with much ability. Its comments upon the disastrous effects to be apprehended from the passage of the Homestead Bill are too long for our columns; but some of the facts presented in its article are not generally known and may be of interest to our readers.

It appears that the United States acquired all his title to the public lands east of the Mis sissippi and north of the East and West Florida line, from seven of the States of this Confederacy, encouraged to surrender them by the paseage by Congress of the following resolution

That the unappropriated lands which may be ceded or relinguished to the United States by any particular State, pursuant to the recom mendation of the 6th of September last, shall be disposed of for the common benefit of the Unised States, and be settled and formed into distinet republican States, which shall become members of the Federal Union, and have the same rights of sovereignty, freedom, and independence as the other States."

Incited thereto by this resolution, the States of New York, Virginia, Massachusetts, Connecticut, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Georgia, surrendered their lands to the United States upon the condition expressed in the deeds of cession, that they should be used for the common benefit of all the United States. " according to the respective and usual propor tion in the general charge and expenditure." Such were the conditions upon which the United States acquired the lands. They hold them in trust for certain purposes. Yet in the face of these facts, a Locofoco majority plunders the treasury of millions of acres, and a Locoloco member of Congress (Mr. Ficklin of Illinois,) avows a determination, not satisfied with what they have already taken, to take all that remains, so soon as they have the power! He says :

"There is a settled conviction in the new States that they have not been treated fairly in regard to the public lands, and it need not surprise any one that so soon as they acquire NU-MERICAL STRENGTH which will enable them to redress their wrongs, they will do so by declaring their jurisdiction over, and title to, the public lands within their limits, and maintain their declaration."

With regard to this claim for the new States, the Intelligencer published the following extract of a letter from Mr. Madison, giving his opinion as to "The power and propriety of Con gress giving away the Bederal lands to the in dividual States."

Extract of a Letter from James Madison. " MONTPELIER, June 28, 1831.

" My Dear Sir : I have received your letter of the 12th, and am very sensible of the good views with which you request an answer at length to the claim of the new States to the Fed. eral lands within their limits. But you could not have sufficiently adverted to the extent of now reached, itself an infirmity, with others always more or less incident to it; nor have been aware of the calls on me, as the only surviving source of information on certain subjects now under anxious investigation in quarters which I am bound to respect. I feel the less regret at being obliged to shrink from the task you mark out for me, as I am confident there are others equally if not better qualified for it, and as it cannot be long before the claim, if not abandoned, must be taken up in Congress, when it can and will be demolished, unless indeed the able champions be kept back by a made out by the claimants, it ought in conin the people of the United States rests on a foundation too just and solid to be shaken by any technical or metaphysical arguments whatever, The known and acknowledged intentions of the parties at the time, with a prescrip. the intrinsic principle of equity, would overrule even the most explicit terms; as has been done, without the aid of that principle, in the case of the slaves, who remain such in spite of the express declarations that all men are born equal-

We call the attention of he people of North Carolina to these facts. Will they submit to the injustice which robs them of lands and population, and the means of improving both ?-Will they continue in power party leaders who, with professions of "strict construction," "economy," and love for the "dear people," ever upon their lips, violate all pledges, disregard all professions? We trust not. We believe that the people of this State are nearly unanimous in their opposition to the Locofoco docfrine of freedom of the public lands, and we doubt not, that in August next, the will of the people of North Carolina will be plainly ex-

THE RICHMOND ENQUIRER.

No paper in the country was more clamorous for the passage of the Compromise Laws than the Richmond Enquirer, and yet we will bet a pose him further .- Memphis Eagle, 15th ult. horse to a hoe cake, that if the Baltimore Convention gives them the go by and contents itself with the India rubber platforms of '44 and '48, the Enquirer will throw up its Democratic castor and say it is all right. The Enquirer has taken care most scrupulously to avoid committing itself against any of the multitude who have been mentioned in connection with the numination, and thus is in a position to support, and ready to support either Cass with his latitudinous notions about internal improvement-or Buchanan with his old federal enormities, or Doug las with his intervention (a doctrine which the Enquirer roundly denounced) and land plunder notions-or Sam Houston-that disgrace to civ. ilization-or Marcy, with the patch in the seat of his breeches-or petticoat Allen, the Demperatic Porker of what Judge Tucker called the " Hog State "-or Dodge, the avowed advocate of the Wilmot Proviso. The Ecquirer will go either of these like a thousand of brick; and although each differs from the other, the Enquirer will make it as clear as mud that the nominee was got by State Rights out of the Resolutions of '98-9 .- Pet. Intelligencer.

from eating ice cream and smoking a cigar immediately afterwards,

FROM THE RALEIGH REGISTER. MR. KERR IN THE EAST.

We receive from the East the most cheer. ing and gratilying tidings of the reception which Kerr has met with at the hands of the people of that hospitable and patriotic section .-We had no doubt that he would make a favorable impression in that quarter, as, indeed, he must and will do, wherever he goes and is heard. Out of a number of letters that we have received, giving accounts of his progress, &c., we select the following:

Jackson, N. C. May 20th, 1852. On Monday last, I had the unexpected pleas. ure of hearing Mr. Kerr address a very large number of people in Gatesville. No man, since the days of the lamented Cherry, has made such a deep impression upon the public mind in this portion of North Carolina. He was received with enthusiastic cheers, and if he conlinues to make such favorable impressions, a glorious triumph awaits him. The time of his visit was exceedingly fortunate. The District Convention met there on that day, and he had an opportunity of seeing gentlemen from every portion of the district. You need have no fears of the Whigs in this portion of North Carolina. If John Kerr cannot command their votes, then there is little hope of them. Yours

Mr. GALES: Our candidate for Governor is tairly before the people. On Monday, the 17th inst., he addressed a very large audience in Gatesville. It was during the Court week, and May Court is a great Court with us. People were in attendance from various counties; so that Mr. Kerr could not have fallen upon a more suitable time to address the citizens of this section of country.

I will not pretend to give you an idea of his speech, but the effect it had upon the people was marvellous. At one time, the whole house would ring with outbursts of laughter, as, in his own peculiar style, he would relate a pleas. ing anecdote; at another, thunders of applause would tell the effect upon the people of some were greatly elated and the Democrats could but admire him. All were pleased, whigs and democrats, all pronounce him a pure patriot, the Union for the office of Vice President. and a finished gentleman. Good democrats say that Mr. Kerr deserves to be Governor and dicted all around me, he will carry the State by by the last Congress. ten thousand majority, and if he makes the impression that he did at Gatesville every where he speaks, democracy will be completely si-

for such a champion. Shall we suffer the Whig banner to trail in the dust whilst he is the bear. God forbid! Let us arouse every where

and victory will crown our effort. Hertford Co. Yours in hope.

A Gatesville correspondent of the "Norfolk Beacon," also writes to that paper as follows : "John Kerr, E.q., the Whig candidate for Governor, being present, was invited to address the District Convention. A large concourse of people assembled to hear him, and for two hours he enchained their attention by a soulsuch a job, nor have recollected the age I have stirring speech, which reminded one of the days of '40 and '44. He has few superiors as a popular orator. With him as a champion and leader, there is but little doubt that the State will be relieved of the temporary misrule of Locofocoism.'

> but half so well as John Kerr is doing, and will continue to discharge his, victory is as certain as that the sun shines above us!

A RICH SCENE.

There was quite a merry excitement at the Commercial Hotel on Tuesday evening, consehankering after a Western popularity. In my quent upon the exposure of a couple sojourning situation I can only say, and for yourself and at that house. A man by the name of Millar, not for the press, that I have always viewed the a teacher of penmanship, arrived in our city claim as so unfair and unjust, so contrary to the about two weeks since, with a woman in comcertain and notorious intentions of the parties pany, whom he represented as his wife, and to the case, and so directly in the teeth of the look rooms at the Commercial. In a few days condition, on which the lands were ceded to they succeeded so far as to raise a very respectathe Union, that, if a technical title could be ble class, he to teach the gentlemen and she the ladies, in the mysteries and beauties of the science and honor to be waived. But the title chirographic art. On Tuesday a gentleman from New Orleans, seeing the reputed Mrs. Millar, recognized her as a woman of doubtful character from that city, and so informed some try and its institutions, with such a true, noble of his friends. The story soon gesting into wi- and catholic spirit, as justly entitles him to the and thus the citizens of the adjacent counder circulation, came to the ears of Mr. Millar lasting gratitude of every friend of our glotive sanction of so many years, consecrated by and his companion, who soon formed a plan of rious Union. inflicting a cow hiding upon the informant, which was by the heroine, with a cow hide in one hand and a pistol in the other, as the New Orleans gentleman came out from the supper table and proceeded up stairs to his room. Her weapons were finally taken away from her, and

was confronted by the chastised man and exposed publicly before a large crowd of persons- the United States. hat he knew the woman to be a notorious lewd character, and that he had been imposing her upon the community as a decent woman. Milar was also told that he was suspected of hav. ing stolen Prof. Anderson's money, to all of which charges he was silent, not wishing to get up any more excitement. The happy couple went to the wharf boat, staid all night, and left at day-light next morning, in a skiff for Arkansas, from whence they afterwards proceeded to a wood-yard about four miles below here .-Should we hear from him soon, we will not ex.

Complimentary .- The Goldsborough Republican, (Locoloco) expresses its condemna tion of the Homestead bill, and hopes that it will yet be rejected by the Senate, but says that "its confidence in the honesty and integ. gity of Congress has diminished to almost nothing." Very complimentary, that, to a Congress in which the Locoloco majority is about seventy five !- Fay. Observer.

The Maine Liquor Law has passed both branches of the Massachusetts Legislature again, without the provision submitting it to the people; but as the mere erasure of that amend. ment is not likely to remove the Governor's previously expressed doubts as to the moral expediency of the measure, it would not be marvellous if, as the telegraph hints, another veto were in reserve.

P. S. It was afterwards signed by Gov. Boutwell, and will go into effect in 60 days.

Southey says, - 'I have heard a good story of our friend Charles Fox. When his house was on fire he found all efforts to save it useless, and being a good draughtsman, he went A boy died in New York, on Sunday, up to the next hill to make a drawing of the fire

THE CAROLINA WATCHMAN

Salisbury, N. C.

THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 3, 1852.

For Governor.

JOHN KERR. OF CASWELL COUNTY.

We are authorised to announce Dr. S. G. Boy. DEN. as a Whig candidate to represent Rowan county n the House of Commons of the next Legislature We are authorised to announce ABRAM LENTS.

as a Whig candidate to represent Rowan county in the House of Commons of the next Legislature. We are authorized to announce CALEB KLUTT as a candidate for re-election for the office of Sheriff of

Whig District Convention.

Rowan County.

TAYLORSVILLE, May 25th, 1852. The Delegates from the different Countie composing the Second Congressional District assembled in the Court House at Taylorsville at 12 M., and organized by electing the Hon, Anderson Mitchell, of Wilkes, as Chairman, and John K. Graham, of Rowan, and Robert F. Simonton, of Iredell, as Secretaries.

After the object for which the Convention had assembled had been explained by the Chairman, Walter P. Caldwell, Esq., of Ire. dell, proposed the following Resolutions:

Resolved, That MILLARD FILLMORE, for the able, firm and patriotic manner, in which b has administered the Government, deserves the confidence of the whole country-and we do not hesitate to declare that he is the first choice of the Whigs of this Congressional District for the office of President of the United States.

Resolved, That W. A. GRAHAM, by his ability, integrity, and patriotic devotion to the counsoul stirring bursts of eloquence. The Whigs try, has endeared himself to the people of this Whig, but a hearty support of the nomi-State-and believing him faithful and capable, we earnestly recommend him to the Whigs of

nominees of the Whig National Convention that they cannot vote against him, whilst others | provided they are unequivocally in favor of the have determined to vote for him. I hear pre- finality of the Compromise Measures, adopted

Resolved, That this Convention appoint three Delegates to attend the Baltimore Whigh Convention, and three alternates.

After the adoption of the Resolutions intro-Mr. Editor, I know you can fight manfully duced by W. P. Caldwell, the Chairman and nounced, that it would then be in order to nome the dictates of common sense and coninate Delegates to the Whig National Convention, to be held at Baltimore, on the 16th of June next, for the purpose of selecting the Whig Candidates for President and Vice President sident of the United States.

The Hon. Nathaniel Boyden, of Salisbury Nicholas L. Williams, Esq., of Yadkin, and Charles A. Parks, Esq., of Wilkes, being nome inated, it was unanimously resolved that they be appointed Delegates to represent the Second Yadkin than those of any other section to Congressional District of North Carolina, in the Whig National Convention at Baltimore to assemble on the 16th of June next.

The Convention then proceeded to nominate three alternates of the aforesaid Delegates, Dr. James Calloway, of Wilkes, Robert Mc. Dowell, Esq., of Iredell, and John M. Cloud, If the Whigs of North Carolina do their duty | Esq., of Surry, being nominated, it was unanity mously resolved that the said nominees be appointed alternates from the Second Congress sional District, to the National Whig Conven-

> The Hon. Nathaniel Boyden then introduced the following Resolutions :

Resolved, That this Convention, deem this proper occasion, to express their high appreciation of the distinguished ability and the invaluable public services of DANIEL WEBSTER. the brilliancy of whose genius has illustrated almost every page of our National history; and whose profound expositions of the Constitution of the United States, has fixed the interpretation that posterity will put upon it, to the latest generation; and who, planting himself upon its broad foundations in every crisis, which has occurred during his long public service, has battled with his giant intellect for the whole coun-

Resolved. That the able efforts in the Sen ate of our distinguished fellow citizen. GEORGE Rowan. Even Guilford county, with hard-E. BADGER, during the discussion of the adjustment measures of the last, together with his masterly and unanswerable speech in the present Congress, against the Kossuth intervenhe was rescued from severe chastisement of tion doctrine, have reflected honor upon his at Doweltown, and aid in the prosecution tongue and rod," by the crowd which gathered native State; demonstrated the wisdom of his selection to his present high position; and Mr. Millar was ordered to pay his bill and fixed his reputation, in the judgment of all canleave the house, together with his woman im- did and impartial observers, as among the mediately, but before he could get away, he ablest debaters and most sagacious and patri- nection with the Rail Road. We regret otic statesmen now composing the Senate of that our honorable old county is found in

Which were received with hearty applause by the Convention, and after a brief speech in their support, were unanimously adopted by the to hope that she will yet come up to the Convention.

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Convention, signed by the Chairman, the Hon. Anderson Mitchell, of Wilkes, and the Secretaries, J. K. Graham and R. F. Simonton, be good grit-she has money, talent and published in the Carolina Watchman, printed at Salisbury, with a request that the other Whig papers of the State copy them.

It was further Resolved, That a copy of the proceedings as published in the Carolina to take hold, is always vigorous in the Watchman, signed by the Chairman and Secretaries, be furnished to the said Delegates elected to the Whig National Convention, and to their alternates as the evidence of their election to that body.

ANDERSON MITCHELL, Ch'n. JOHN K. GRAHAM, Sec's. ROB.T F. SIMONTON.

THE PRESIDENCY.

The fears entertained by Mr. Fillmore's friends, that he may not receive the nom ination of the Baltimore Convention, seem to increase rather than diminish. This is no doubt owing to the complection of the delegates from New York and other free States, who are known to be opposed to Mr. Fillmore; and the strenuous opposition which his manly support of the Constitution in regard to the fugitive slave law elicits from all free soilers, abolitionists, &c., throughout the Central Railroad, to which it will be the North. However much this is to be, an important feeder, to open a cheap and

he should be rejected, will fall as a martyr | for the productions of that interesting the utter defeat to the Constitution and the Union. His country. purity of life and fidelity to the great trusts committed to his hands, will be his only offence. Taking this view of the case, we have heard not a few declare, that if the Convention shall nominate Scott, or failing to nominate Mr. FILLMORE, select any one else, (Mr. Webster alone excepted.) they will either not vote at all, or vote the democratic ticket.

We are not at all surprised to hear many good and true Whigs talking in this way. Strongly approving the administration of our patriotic President, MILLARD FILLMORE, which has been all that the country could ask, or expect; and true to their generous sympathies and as ardent as a Southern sun, the people of the South would delight to honor him with their suffrages at the next election, as affording the strongest mark of their high appreciation of his character and public services. Deprive them of this privilege and you incense them, and get for yourself their bitter execrations.

But all experience has shown that the people of the South are reasonable men, and that although a little given to ebullitions of passion, soon sober down, and pursue the right way. We believe they will do so in regard to the nominee of the Whig Convention. Should that Convention nominate a man at least free from objections, a consistent regard for the great principles of the party would dictate, not only an acquiesence on the part of every nee. Otherwise, it would be useless to hold a Convention. It would be worse Resolved, That we will cordially support the than mockery to consent to a Convention arrangement with a mental reservation not to abide by its decisions except our own particular views were made the rule of its action. This is such a plain proposition that all reasonable men, after they have had time to reflect, acknowledge its force, and at once act in conformity to scientious duty. They have always done so, and that they will continue to do so admits of little doubt.

> River Improvement Meeting .- The citi zens of this Town and County, as much or more interested in the opening of the be benefited by that work, are at fault by the profound neglect with which they have treated the late movements on the subject in other counties. The only respect which has been paid them here, was a notice through the columns of this paper, and an appeal, in our humble way, to the citizens to hold a meeting and appoint delegates to the meeting advertised to be held at Doweltown on the 2d instant .-This appeal, as we apprehended at the time, judging from the apparent indifference of every body around us, went in at one ear and out at the other, leaving no more impression than would a bargain and sale involving the enormous sum of 61 cts. Possibly there was a few who felt otherwise and attached to the proposed movements something like the importance they deserved; but being rather weak of faith, and troubled with other things, gave way to the current of popular indifference: ties were lest to deliberate on the subject without the countenance or support of ly a tithe of the interest involved, comparatively, called a meeting, and, as will be seen below, appointed delegates to attend of this great work-great, even when viewed as an isolated improvement, but immensely important when taken in conthis case; and if there were nothing in her past history affording encouragement mark of reasonable expectation in this matter, she would hardly have claim to the respect of her neighbors, or the love of her own enterprising sons. Rowan is spirit, and may be relied on-when the pinch comes. She has proved herself time and again; and although a little slow prosecution of whatever she undertakes. We commend to her citizens the follow-

ing proceedings had in Guilford county.

From the Greensborough Patriot. IMPROVEMENT OF THE YADKIN. At a public meeting held in the Court House in the town of Greensboro', on the 21st day of May, 1852; Jed. H. Lindsay, Esq., was called to the chair, and Wm. R. Walker was appointed Secretary. The objects of the meeting were briefly explained by John A. Gilmer, Esq., after which the following resolutions were offered and

unanimously adopted Resolved, That the people of Guilford have witnessed with pleasure the efforts that are now being made to render the Yadkin River navigable; and that they regard the enterprise as one that is well calculated to develop the resources of one of the most fertile and productive regions of North Carolina, and in connection with

Resolved. That they highly approve of the meeting proposed to be held at Doweltown on the first day of June next, for the purpose of taking the necessary steps to commence and to carry on to completion this great and important enterprise, and that they desire to be represented in said meeting.

Resolved further, That the chairman of this meeting appoint five delegates to the meeting to be held in Doweltown on the 1st day of June next; and that the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Greensborough Patriot and other papers favorable to the enterprise. The chair then appointed the following

delegates: Hon. John M. Morchead, John A. Gilmer, James R. McLean, and Wilson S. Hill, Esqrs., and Col. M. S. Sher-

On motion, the name of the chairman was added to the number.

On motion, the meeting adjourned. JED. H. LINDSAY, Chairman. WM. R. WALKER, Secretary.

IMPORTANT TO HOLDERS OF LAND WARRANTS.

Hon. J. E. Heath, Commissioner of Pensions, states that where a party dies before the issue of his land warrant, under the act of 24th September, 1850, the right to it dies with him, unless there be a widow, or children who are minors at the time of the passage of the act. If he left a widow, the application may be renewed in her name; or, if none, then in the names of such minor children. If there be neither widow nor minor children, no right Flour-Sal vests in any one. The act of 22d March | 061 a84, 17 1 1852, is silent as to the right of the widow or children to renew the application if the party dies before obtaining the warrant. If the claimant dies after the issue of the warrant, the title thereto rests in the heirs in the same manner as real estate, and can be assigned only by those who could convey a tract of land descended from the ancestor.

Joshua R. Giddings proposes publicly that a mausoleum be raised to the memory of a fugitive slave, named Smith, who was killed by an officer of the United States in self defence, when arrested by him in serving the process of the law .-Giddings seeks by these things to acquire

THE NEW GOLD DOLLAR.

The Philadelphia News notices a specimen piece of the new dollar gold piece, which has been struck at the mint, and forwarded to the Department at Washington for approval. It is about the size of a dime, with an open centre of nearly the size of the present coin. On the one side is a word "Dollar," under which is a wreath, and on the other side "United States of America, 1852."

DEATH OF COL. DEAVER.

It is our painful duty to announce the death of Col. Reuben Deaver, proprietor of the Sulphur Springs (in this County,) which occurred on Sunday morning, the 23d instant, after a gradual decline of several months, not however confining him to his bed until within a few days before his death .- Asheville Mess. of 26th ult.

THE DEATH PENALTY. The abolition of the death penalty in the State of Michigan has been followed by an alarming increase of the classes of crime involving violence and showing contempt of human life. A Detroit paper, commenting on the proceedings of a Grand Jury, says: "The nature of the investigations which that grand jury were called to make, satisfied its members that the city of Detroit is a dark and bloody ground, whose soil has drunk the blood of many a victim, and whose quiet river has choked the gurgling death-cry of many a wretch, of whose end nothing more is known but that he was and is not, and the secret of whose 'taking off' is between the murderer and his Maker .-The River flows in close proximity to is very often c purlieus of a most dangerous and disreputable character, and offers a ready receptacle for all traces of proof which are subject to human ken."

CONSUL AT CHARLESTON.

The President of the United States has acknowledged Vicente Antonio de Larranga, Consul of Spain, at Charleston, S.

THE WHIG NATIONAL CONVENTION. The Washington correspondent of the New York Journal of Commerce writes as follows:

The Scott men are well organized, and expect to be able to defeat any proposition in the National Whig Convention in support of the Compromise measures, and especially of the Fugitive Slave Law. They do not hesitate to de. clare that they will not adopt any resolutions in support of the Compromise, and they will nominate General Scott as an unpledged candidate. General Scott will not avow his opinions on of parched coffe that subject, either before his nomination, or with great prof before his election.

There is still some hope that this scheme buying from the will be prostrated by the Convention itself. It facilitates this mi will be, unless those who have been chosen delegates as Fillmore men should go for Scott, and against the Compromise resolutions. In case of the defeat of those resolutions, a large drained Rutherford body of the delegates, including two-thirds of of all their corn, those from the South, will withdraw. Another wood, Yancey. Convention will be held, and will nominate Mr. is worth here from Webster or Mr. Fillmore, or some other out. where below the deprecated it is no less true; Mr. Fillwore, if speedy outlet to the markets of the world and out Compromise man. The result will be wards. - Asheville

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