

BALTIMORE, APRIL 1, 1854.

C. Weller, Esq.—Dear Sir: I have partially executed a purpose which I have long since entertained, that is, of descending the Yadkin River by water. I came down from Wilkesborough to Rockford on horseback, not being able to get fixed at the former place for navigating. At Rockford I procured a very good canoe, and the young gentlemen accompanying me having another, we (Misses Strudwick, Bennett, Ward and Waddell) made the trip out easily in about two days and a half of travelling time. My chief object was to satisfy myself as to the practicability of improving the River; and I will say in the outset, that my hopes and spirits rise whenever I think of what I saw. From Rockford to Bean shoals, the water is not so deep as below that point, but the obstructions are less formidable. Below Bean shoals to the Rail Road it is a most beautiful River, and I think could certainly be brought into use for the passage of steam boats at a moderate cost. The chief obstructions are such as have been placed there, to wit, mill-dams and fish traps. Glen's, Eccles' and Harston's, would be serious hindrances without these improvements, but no doubt could be removed. At Shook's Mill a dam near three feet high, extends entirely across the river, which was nevertheless passed by Mr. Strudwick, with our large canoe, without touching any water; the other canoe was eased down through a small breach which we effected at the end of the dam, and passing it through by holding on to an overhanging tree. I should not regard this shoal as important if it were not for the dam. The water throughout was about at the common winter height, and of course affords no criterion as to what might be depended on in a low season; but as it was, we did not strike a rock or drag on a shoal or bar at any point except at Bean shoals, and for the whole distance to Bean shoals, which is about eighty miles by water, I am certain that two feet water could be commanded with a little expenditure upon some five or six places. I have little doubt but that the enterprise of the age will have boats going over this part of the water shortly after the Rail Road reaches the River—and from the fertility of the lands, the mineral resources, and the manufacturing spirit which has been already evinced, a trade will at once begin which every year will increase. This much of the river corresponds in its course with that towards the Lead Mines, Salt Works and Plaster Beds of the Valley of Virginia. The Rail Road from Lynchburg to Knoxville, will bring such of these articles as we want, to about Wytheville, and the country from that place to this point, is most favorable for any kind of a road. Salt is already brought from these Works over a worse road to the towns of Ashe, Wilkes, Surry and Yadkin, to a large amount. Whether this may not eventually prove to be the cheapest mode of supplying our viagins with these invaluable commodities remains to be tested by future experiments. That much produce will descend to the Road without these articles, I feel assured. The water for the last forty miles is deep and still. Our watermen had generally to paddle in passing over this portion of our trip. I mentioned that above Bean shoals the river was equally good, and by Capt. Hackett, who passed down with a boat-load of corn some two years ago, I am assured that it is equally practicable from Wilkesborough to our place of departure. Three feet rise in the water would not doubt enable any boat that comes to Fayetteville to pass the whole way from Wilkesborough to our River Depot. But business cannot afford to wait for frosts and evels, and the question to be dealt with is, what shall be done to ensure a permanent navigation suitable to the wants of the country? There is no man on this side of the Atlantic can tell us this better, yourself, and I would willingly take the same trip with you if we could get the benefit of your invaluable opinion by doing so. Col. Giles W. Pearson, about the year 1822, made an exploration and survey of a good deal of this River, and although I cannot now obtain a copy of his report, I remember well that it was in the highest degree flattering. In 1836, I was appointed by a public meeting of the citizens of Rowan to take a survey of the condition, &c. of the Yadkin River. I did not preserve a copy of that report, and I do not suppose it made much impression upon the world, but the enquiries that I then made, so fully satisfied my own mind, that I have never ceased to advert to this glorious prospect whenever it has been proper for me to express myself upon the subject of our Rail Road. I ought to have mentioned before that from the foot of the Bean shoals to the Pilot Mountain is only about six miles, and that a mile nearer is that celebrated Mineral Spring, formerly owned by Mr. Mattioli, and now by Mr. Gilligan, and which is already a place of much resort. How much of the travelling world would be diverted to this romantic region for pleasure and health if the trip could be made by Rail Road and Steam Boat transportation to within six miles of it, it's too bad to conjecture. It would be the most convenient, accessible and cheap place of resort for the people of our Eastern counties; thus would a mode of bringing our people into intercourse be at once secured; and thus one great aim and hope of the good men and patriots who have battled for this work, in one respect, at least, realized.

I have reserved for a conclusion my remarks upon Bean shoals, for I confess I am at a loss to say what should be done. The barriers appear very formidable, that is true; but the whole shoal, for nearly a mile, is beset with fish traps, and it is impossible to say whether there is any good water there. The shoal seems to be one body of fissured rock, over which the current passes rapidly, making many transverse shoots and eddies in its course. It would be the most difficult, but that by blasting and prising a pretty good channel could be had; whether it would not be too swift for practical purposes, I will not venture even a conjecture; but however this may be, there is a canal ready made to hand, which could be brought into use at small comparative expense. The outlay upon this work was immense, and it appears to me not improbable that after a lapse of thirty-five years, it may be at last adopted as the true mode of overcoming this difficulty. A dam and a lock or two, with some clearing out and some repairing of branches on the lower side of the canal, seems to be the most that will be required. There is much contrary opinion as to

the practicability of effecting the improvement, and at this time, no solution of this doubt would go far to tranquillize and quiet the minds of those interested. Your extensive operations on the James River, in Virginia, as well as your general knowledge of this subject, will enable you to give a judgment from a more comprehensive, which will have a good effect which ever way you may decide. Your opinions upon the feasibility and general importance of the improvement, will likewise have a quieting effect, for it should be unfortunately true, that nothing can be done without an enormous expenditure, it is true, that the sad truth were made known, that our people in this region may turn their views to other modes of improvement. But if, as I most firmly believe, the work is of easy achievement, and of vast importance to the citizens generally, and to the North Carolina Rail Road in particular, it is also true that it should be known, that those interested may not commit themselves to more expensive and less probable undertakings. I would be glad if you would reply to this communication through the public press, for almost any thing you can say about this matter will do good, and if, as I learn, it will probably comfort with your leisure to make the exploration, it will gratify many of your friends to know, I can assure you of the kindest reception from the land owners on the River from Wilkesborough to Salisbury. Whenever you may choose to go ashore, you will be certain of a cordial shake of the hand and kind welcome from such as are alive and willing to do such things handsomely.

Very truly yours,

HAM. C. JONES.

MARSHES.

In this County, on the 13th inst., by Rev. Samuel Rothrock, Mr. HENRY G. LENTZ to Miss ELIZABETH BUDGINS.

In this County, on the 13th inst., by Rev. Samuel Rothrock, Mr. MILTON A. HOLBROOK to Miss SOPHIA J. FEELER.

In this County, on the 14th instant, by Obediah Woodson, Esq., Mr. JAMES RUFF and Mrs. SARAH WEANT.

In this County, on the 14th instant, by Obediah Woodson, Esq., Mr. HENRY McDONALD and Mrs. MARY SEARS.

DIED.—In this place, on the 18th instant, infant son of Alfred L. and Ann Johnson.

MILLINERY.

MRS. LOUISA BROWN.

HAVING returned from Jackson, Mississ., and re-opened her Establishment in Salisbury, solicits the patronage of her old friends and acquaintances, and informs them that she has received from New York and Philadelphia, a supply of fashionable

Bonnets, Caps, Head-Dresses, &c., &c.

She is prepared to do work at the shortest notice, in the newest and latest style. Orders from abroad will receive prompt attention, and goods packed and forwarded.

April 20, 1854.

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FRENCH, CHINA, AND GLASS WARE.

SAISBURY, APRIL 20, 1854.

THE SUBSCRIBER IS IN RECEIPT OF A most magnificent lot of French China, consisting in part of

FLOWER VASES, TOILET BOTTLES, CARD AND JEWEL BASKETS, CANDLE STICKS, COFFEE CUPS AND FRUIT STANDS.

IT ALSO IN-

CUT AND PRENSED GLASS PITCHERS, DECANTERS, CELERY STANDS, BOWLS, SUGAR AND REVERSE DISHES, CHEESE PLATE, TUMBLERS, BEER, WINE, JELLY & CHAMPAGNE GLASSES.

Do not forget to call at the SALISBURY EMPORIUM, No. 4, GRANITE BUILDING.

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E. MYERS.

Plank Road Meeting!

A MEETING will be held in the Court House, on Tuesday of May Supreme Court, to take the necessary steps to purchase Plank Road from Salisbury to Mocksville. The citizens of Rowan and others interested, are earnestly invited to attend.

MANY CITIZENS.

April 7, 1854.

LADIES MOURNING GOODS.

THE subscriber has on hand a fine assortment of Ladies Mourning Dress Goods, consisting of

Bombazines, Canton Cloths,

Alpacas, Silk Berages,

TISSUE, COTTON, VINES,

JACQUETTE, CINGHANS,

AND MUSLINS—Also, MOURNING COLLARS, CHEMIZETTES and HAND-KERCHIEFS, &c., &c., which he would take pleasure in showing at the Salisbury Emporium of Fashions, No. 4 Granite Building.

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April 20, 1854.

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THE subscriber is just in receipt of a handsome lot of ROYAL ARCH and Blue Lodge APPLIANCES AND SIBLES. E. MYERS.

Salisbury, April 20, 1854.

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State of North Carolina,

IREDELL COUNTY.

In Equity, Spring Term, 1854.

Milton Campbell vs. Henry N. Pharr.

Bill of Sequestration.

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that the Plaintiff in Equity, has obtained a sufficient sum of money to pay his debts, and to defray his expenses in this State: It is ordered by the Court, that the Clerk and Master of this Court, make proclamation for the space of six weeks in the Carolina Watchman, notifying the said Hon'r. N. Pharr to appear at the next Term of this Court, to be held for the county of Iredell, at the Court House in Statesville, on the 1st Monday after the 25th of March, in 1854.

W. P. CALDWELL, C. M. E.

Price ad. \$5.50.

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APRIL 20, 1854.

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I am now in receipt of his full Stock of Ladies Dress Goods, consisting of the largest and most magnificient assortment of real BROCADE SILKS, ever before exhibited in this section. Also—

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Ladies desirous of purchasing are solicited to call at the Salisbury Emporium of Fashions.

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No. 4 Granite Building.

J. H. Howard.

HAVING opened a New Boys and Girls Shop, Miss Murphy's Granite Store, where prepared

for manufacture

BOOTS AND SHOES,

in the latest and best style.

Ladies and Misses Shoes, different qualities, Boys', Girls', Boys' Boots and Shoes, Brogues, &c.

Repairing done at short notice. Charges moderate.

Salisbury, April 20, 1854.

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HEAD QUARTERS.

ATTENTION!

OFFICERS OF THE 9TH REGIMENT, and

of the 3rd Regiment of Volunteers: You are hereby commanded to Parade in the town of Salisbury on Friday, the 5th of May next, at 10 o'clock, A. M., with Side Arms for Drill; and with your respective Companies on Saturday, the 6th, at 9 o'clock, A. M., Armed and Prepared for Review according to law.

By order of J. M. LEACH, Brig. Gen.

A. M. GOODMAN, Col. Com.

April 13, 1854.

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REMOVAL.

NEW GOODS

AND

NEW STORE

FOR THE

SPRING TRADE.

R. & A. MURPHY.

TAKE pleasure in announcing to the public, that they have now refitted and opened their stock of

SPRING AND SUMMER

GOODS,

and would very respectfully invite all persons who are in want of Goods to give us a call and examine our stock, hear prices, and judge for themselves, as we are determined to sell, and to sell as low as any of our neighbors.

We have in store for the Ladies,

100 pa. Printed Muslins and Lawns, from 64 cents per yard, up to the very finest, Janinet to be had, Plain and 4d. Bands, black and fancy colors,

Very handsome, black and colored.

Plain black Drapery, all wood and very fine,

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A Large LOT of the most Beautiful

Black Fig'd Drapery,

super plain, black drap. Plain and figured Dress

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Embossed Swiss.

Jacquet Canbres and Cross Bared do.

Plain Mohair Lusters, Tamise Cloths,

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A most beautiful assort-

ment of Prints and Ginghams,

Swiss and Jersey Muslins and Linglings and Insertings,

A large lot of Undersleeves and Collars,

Black and Brown silk Vests.

Lady Black Silk Tamals—a very large quantity of

Dress Trimmings and Buttons,

Black and White Cotton Hoses,

Blue Mixed and Steel colored do.

Black and White Silk Hose,

Childs' Cotton and Steel colored Hoses,

White and fancy colored Kid Gloves,

Black Silk Mitts, Ladies' and Men's Gun Elastic,

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Ready Made Clothing,

Coats, Pants, Vests, Shirts and Drawers.

ALSO A GOOD STOCK OF

Bleached and Brown Domestic,

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We also invite the Gentlemen's attention to our stock of Cloths, Cambrics, Vestings, Stocks, Cravats, Shirts and Collars, fine Pump Silks and Bonnets, Hats and Caps, &c., &c.

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