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H. JOHNSTON,

MERCHANT TAILOR,

HAS just received from New York a part of his *Spring Supply* of Goods in his line of business, viz:

Superfine blue, black, brown and invisible green Cloths.
Fine blue and brown Camblets, for thin coats and pantaloons,
Black bombazeen, do. do.
Fancy striped Drills for pantaloons, latest fashion,
Fancy Velvets and Silks, for vesting,
White and fancy Marseilles, do.
Fine linen shirt bosoms, linen collars,
Fancy silk and velvet tennant Stocks, &c.

These goods will be sold very low for cash, or on a short credit to punctual customers. He also has on hand a few fine HATS, which he will sell at New York cost.

Tarboro', April 13, 1832.

WOOL.

CASH paid for Wool, by
D. RICHARDS & CO.
Tarboro', March 30, 1832.

MILES NASH & CO.
Commission Merchants,
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA.

RESPECTFULLY offer their services to their friends and the public generally, and hope by strict attention to business to merit a share of patronage.
May 1, 1832.

E. P. NASH & CO.
Booksellers, Stationers,
And Blank Book Manufacturers
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA.
May 1, 1832. 32

NOTICE.

ALL those indebted to the Subscribers by account, are requested to call and close them by cash or note.
KING & GATLIN.
Tarboro', Jan. 19, 1832.

Millinery, &c.

THE Subscriber informs her friends and the public, that she has just received her *Spring Supply* of articles in her line of business, viz:
Pattern Silk and Satin-straw bonnets,
Leghorn, Dunstable, and Navarino do.
Head dresses, ornaments, &c.
Gauze and crape shawls and handkerchiefs,
An assortment of wreaths and flowers,
A great variety of ribbons, &c. &c.

The Subscriber still carries on the Millinery and Mantua-making business, in all its variety.

A. C. HOWARD.

May 5, 1832.

LAW.

B. R. HINES, Attorney at Law, has opened an office at the corner opposite Mrs. Howard's millinery store, near the State Bank, and respectfully offers his professional services to the public.
Tarboro', March 26, 1832. 32

Gins & Fanning Mills,

THE Subscriber respectfully informs the public, that he continues to manufacture at his shop in Tarborough, near the bridge,

GINS & FANNING MILLS,
Of the latest and most approved construction. He will make his work, as heretofore, in the best manner and as expeditiously as possible. Persons will please apply to Mr. BENJ. M. JACKSON, in my absence.

JOHN WILSON.

Tarboro', Nov. 28, 1831. 15

State of North-Carolina,
EDGECOMBE COUNTY.
Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions,
FEBRUARY TERM, 1832.

Benjamin T. Stanton & others,
vs.
Lemuel D. Berry, Adm'r of
James Stanton, Sen. and
James M. Stanton, } Petition
for settlement.

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that JAMES M. STANTON, one of the defendants, is not a resident of this State: *It is therefore ordered,* That publication be made in the North Carolina Free Press for six weeks, that the said James M. Stanton appear at the next term of this Court, to be held at the Court-house in Tarborough, on the fourth Monday of May next, then and there to answer the allegations of the said petition: otherwise the said petition will be taken pro confesso as to him, and set for hearing accordingly.

Witness, MICHAEL HEARN, Clerk of said Court, at office, the fourth Monday of February, 1832.

MICHL. HEARN, C. C.

Price adv \$3: 50. 33-6

Literary Notice.

THE Hon. WILLIAM GASSON will deliver the Annual Address before the two Literary Societies at Chapel Hill, on *Wednesday, the 20th of June next*, (the day immediately preceding Commencement day.) A comment on the competency of that gentleman to discharge the duty assigned him is deemed unnecessary—But it is hoped, from the pre-eminence station which he occupies as a jurist, a politician, a scholar and an orator, that the attention of the public, and especially the Alumni of the University, will be sufficiently attracted to ensure a respectable concourse of visitors on that occasion.

Published by order of the
Philanthropic Society.

NOTICE.

BY virtue of an Act of the General Assembly of the State of North-Carolina, passed at the last session, entitled "*An Act to incorporate the Tarborough and Hamilton Rail Road Company,*" the undersigned Commissioners therein named, give notice that Books will be opened for subscriptions on the 31st day of March next, at the following places, under the direction of the following persons, viz:—at Tarborough, under the direction of Michael Hearn, Theophilus Parker and Spencer D. Cotten—in the town of Hamilton, under the direction of James L. G. Baker, William R. Bennett and Fxum L. Lowe—in the town of Williamston, under the direction of James B. Slade, James Shaw and Henry Gray—in the borough of Norfolk, Va. under the direction of James Gordon, John Newton and John B. Roy—in Elizabeth City, N. C. under the direction of John L. Bailey, William Gregory and Charles R. Kinney.

It is confidently believed that no stock has heretofore been offered to the citizens of North-Carolina, which has had so many claims to their attention as the present Rail Road, whether individual profit or the general prosperity of the country be taken into the estimate. It will connect two rivers and make a safe and speedy market for all the produce which shall be collected at Tarborough, the most prosperous town on Tar river. The distance is short, and the intervening country level, and the most durable timber is to be had conveniently on the whole route. When this Rail Road shall be completed, our neighbors of the counties of Nash, Franklin, Wake, Greene, Wayne and Pitt, will find a ready market for all their surplus produce at the highest price, either at Tarborough, Hamilton, or Norfolk. We deem it useless to say more to induce subscriptions to this stock. The Company will be organized when 300 shares shall be subscribed. The Commissioners will make returns to us of their proceedings and amount of stock subscribed, with the names of the subscribers, by the first day of June next.

Michael Hearn, }
Theo. Parker, } Com'rs.
S. D. Cotten, }

Feb. 27, 1832. 28

DOMESTIC.

The U. S. Bank.—We gather from the Report of the Committee of investigation, the following particulars of the enormous loan of \$52,975, to two Editors of the New York Courier and Enquirer, and ultimately upon their notes drawn and endorsed by the Editors only—(the same firm.) A part of this sum \$15,000, ran at 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 years credit—a part of it, \$20,000, was the largest loan made on the day—another part, \$16,000, was for six months, and was among the largest loans of the day—and the last, while many of the notes of the citizens of Philadelphia were rejected. The first sum of \$15,000 was borrowed by S. E. Burrows on the 26th March, 1831, for one of the Editors, and the President gave him the money out of his own funds, and the notes of the Editors were afterwards put in his possession: and the Committee report that it was "on or about the 8th of April, 1832, that the paper changed its course in favor of the Bank." The loan, too, was not made in the Branch Bank of New York, but at the mother Bank in Philadelphia.

Shocking Accident.—The New York papers state that on the 4th inst. the greater part of a very large six story warehouse built up a few months since, fell to the ground, burying in its ruins several clerks and other persons who were in it. After a vast deal of labor, some of the persons were taken out, dreadfully mangled, but several could not be found. The number of persons known to have been killed is nine—and four wounded; and it is supposed that this is not the extent of the calamity. The building is said to have been very slightly constructed.

Trial of Mina.—The trial of the notorious villain Mina, charged with the murder of Dr. Chapman, came on at Doylestown, Pa. on the 25th ultimo, and continued three days. The evidence clearly established the fact of an adulterous intercourse between Mina and Mrs. Chapman while Mr. Chapman lived; that Mina purchased two ounces of arsenic in Philadelphia on the 16th June; that Mr. Chapman became unwell next day, but had nearly recovered on the 21st, when Mrs. Chapman carried up to him some soup, prepared under her inspection, and first brought into a parlor where Mina was, then carried to the sick man, who partook of it, and immediately became worse, his illness increased to his death, which took place about 5 o'clock on the morning of the 23d. He was buried on the 24th June, and on the 5th July Mina and Mrs. Chapman were married in New York.

It was shown that the remains of the soup of which Chapman partook was thrown into the yard, and the ducks and chickens which drank it dropped dead in the road immediately after they had left the yard; and Mina had confessed that Mrs. Chapman had put the poison in the soup with his knowledge. The jury, after consulting to-

gether two or three hours, returned with a verdict of *guilty of murder in the first degree.*

Since his conviction, Mina has made a confession, fully implicating himself and Mrs. Chapman in the murder of Dr. Chapman. From this confession and other facts brought to light on the trial of Mina, it is evident that if Mrs. Chapman had not been first tried, her conviction would also have been certain.—*Ral. Star.*

A great Haul.—The National Intelligencer states that, a few days ago, Capt. James Hollis took, at a single haul of the seine, at his landing on Pomonkey, a few miles below Mount Vernon, 956,000 herring, accurately counted.

Peace and quietude have been restored in the College at Athens, Georgia. The refractory spirits have been quelled, and the exercises of the institution which were interrupted for a few days, have been resumed. The result of the disturbance, was the expulsion of twelve of the students.

Melancholy Event.—A few days since, in Pymatuning township, Pa. Mrs. Rhoda Pettit, consort of Mr. Isaac Pettit, who was subject to fits, being alone in the dwelling of her husband except three small children and an infant in her arms, took a fit, as is supposed, and fell into the fire, where the infant was roasted to death, and she was so severely burnt, that she died on the next day. The child was about three weeks old. The eldest boy assisted in getting his mother out of the fire, and alarmed the neighbors.

We learn from the Village Herald, printed at Princess Anne, (Md.) that on Wednesday week, a man named Isaiah Willin, a resident of that county, committed the atrocious crime of murdering his wife, by shooting her. The deceased was the mother of six young children. The murderer is now confined in jail at that place to await his trial.

Munificent.—A wealthy and spirited individual of Baltimore is about to erect a magnificent edifice in that city, of solid granite, for the purposes of education. It is said in the American, that it will be an exact copy of the dimensions, proportions, &c. of the celebrated temple of Theseus. The building is in progress.

A Monster.—We learn by a gentleman from Canada, that Sovereign, an account of whose murders we published a few days ago, has starved himself to death in prison. Before his death, however, he confessed the murder of his family. A young child making some disturbance in the night, his wife got up to take care of it. He told her to come to bed; and upon her saying she could not, jumped out of bed, seized the child, and threw it on the fire. His wife then ran out of the house and he after her—he soon overtook and butchered her on the spot; returning, he met a

son a few rods from the house, 17 years of age, whom he murdered, and before he reached the house met a daughter whom he also killed. He then went to the house and murdered three other children in their beds. Having murdered his own family, and his thirst for blood unsatisfied, he started off, and called up one of his neighbors and attempted to kill a father and son, but they defended themselves against him and he was obliged to retreat. Sovereign had, as we are informed, several times threatened to murder his family when drunk; but at this time he stated he was not drunk, and that he had drank nothing for three days previous.—*Rock. Adv.*

A Female Gamester.—A Mrs. Eliza Blond was convicted, at the late Court of Sessions, Abbeville District, S. C. of keeping a Faro Bank and playing at that game, and sentenced to six months imprisonment and a fine of \$500.
Pet. Times.

Slander.—The Circuit Court for Tuscaloosa county commenced its spring term on Monday last, his Honor Judge Collier presiding. During this week two actions for defamation of character have been tried in our Circuit Court, which should serve as a caution to those who are fond of dealing in scandal. In the case of Jolly Jones and wife vs. Humphrey Chappell, the jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiffs for \$5,000.

In the case of Joseph Thompson vs. Charles Cowley, the jury returned a verdict for \$500.
Alabama Int.

Churches in New York.—The whole number of churches in the city of New York is 120, viz: Presbyterian, 24; Episcopalian, 23; Methodist, 17; Baptist, 14; Dutch Reformed, 14; Roman Catholic, 5; Friends, 4; Jews, 3; Lutheran, 2; Independent, 2; Universalist, 2; Unitarian, 2; Moravian, 1; Mariner's, 1; New Jerusalem, 1; German Reformed, 1; Christian, 1; Miscellaneous, 3.

Fight of Bald Eagles.—In Goochland county, Va. two bald eagles recently commenced a fight in the air—they became interlocked by their talons so firmly as to cause them to fall to the ground—they rose again, and again fell—when they were taken and killed by a negro. One weighed 19, the other 21 pounds.

A singular circumstance occurred in the town of German Flatts, about two miles from Herkimer, N. Y. during the late freshet. The waters of the Mohawk, as usual at this season of the year, overflowed its banks, and inundated the land on either side. A piece of corn stubble was inundated which, while the water was yet on it, about an acre and a half raised to the surface and *abscinded*, and crossed one farm and lodged on the next, and still preserved the corn hills in regular rows unbroken. The thickness of land thus removed is about a foot.