



TARBOROUGH:

SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 1851.

FOR CONGRESS.

J. R. J. DANIEL, of Halifax.

The crops—Cotton—Corn—Tobacco—Wheat.

We understand the crops are uncommonly promising throughout the county. Under the new stimulus imparted to Agriculture—within the last few years—Edgecombe is rapidly rising to the position she is destined in no great while, to attain, that of the first agricultural county in the State. An improved system of farming is visible every where. Emigration has almost wholly ceased and lands have appreciated in value.

The cotton crop, we learn, was scarcely ever better. The stands are good and the recent hot and dry atmosphere, though deleterious to other field products, has been the natural alimant of the cotton crop. The crop too is unusually large—probably a fourth larger than ever planted before. The census of 1840 gives as the product of Edgecombe two millions four hundred and forty five thousand pounds (2,445,000) of seed cotton. This—according to the usual calculation—would make one thousand five hundred and twenty eight (1528) bales—weighing four hundred (400) pounds each. In 1840 Edgecombe stood fifth in the calendar of cotton producing counties—Anson, Northampton, Columbus and Halifax (in the order of their names) ranking above her.

The census of '50, we learn, shows a production of thirty three hundred (3300) bales, or more than one hundred per cent. With favorable seasons from this time forward—we believe the crop will reach four thousand (4000) bales.

Corn looks well (especially in Coneto) though suffering generally from dry weather. The quantity planted is probably less than last season—and will continue to bear a good price throughout the year. We believe Edgecombe will make little or none for exportation.

Tobacco is a new crop in this county—tho' planted heretofore in limited quantities. Two enterprising gentlemen in Coneto (the Messrs. Howell) have begun the work in earnest. We understand the experiment promises well. Should it succeed—it may hereafter enter as an important element in the aggregate of our products.

Wheat—though not a staple, is planted in considerable quantity—more or less throughout the county. We are in the middle of the harvest, and although the crop, several weeks ago promised well, the grain has been greatly injured by the recent dry weather. We were shewn yesterday a very fine specimen of wheat, grown at Strabane, by Wm. F. Dancy, Esq. It is of the variety known as the "Long Island Long Head," and in point of whiteness and size of grain we have seen none to compare with it. A specimen of this wheat (both sheaf and grain) may be seen at our office.

The Secretary of War has preferred charges against Gen. Talcott, of the Ordnance Bureau, and ordered a Court Martial of 13 Generals.

The charges against Gen. Talcott are for disrespect, disobedience and conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman.

Desertion in the Army is beginning to attract serious attention in every part of the United States. The loss annually to government is enormous—every man who deserts, robs the government of 50 dollars directly, and indirectly of much more. It is time the punishment by law, for deser-

tion, should be changed. One eighth of the whole army deserted last year, and last month 16 out of 56 men of Capt. Hatch's company, at Rochester, deserted. *N. Y. Express.*

Burning of the Rail Road Bridge.—On Tuesday night last the Rail Road bridge across Neuse river about two and a half miles below Goldsboro', was entirely consumed by fire. Light was seen in the direction of the Bridge about half past 10 o'clock, and those who went down to the scene of disaster between eleven and twelve found that it had already fallen into the river. The train from the South passed over the bridge at 1 o'clock, P. M., and no train had passed over it after that time. During the afternoon there was an exceedingly heavy fall of rain, and the impression here is that the fire was the work of an incendiary.

Arrangements will immediately be made to forward the mails and passengers in time to connect at both ends; so that no detention will be caused by the accident. The loss to the Company will be considerable; but, with their usual energy, we have no doubt the bridge will be quickly replaced. The structure just consumed had been repaired a short time since, and was as good as new.—*Goldsboro' Rep.*

From the Raleigh Standard.

Commencement at Chapel Hill.

MR. HOLDEN—I had the pleasure of attending the Commencement of our University last week, and as the public feel a deep interest in that Institution, I doubt not that the readers of your paper will be pleased with a brief account of the exercises on that occasion.

On Tuesday morning the Senior Class was examined in National and Constitutional Law, in presence of Gov. Reid and a few of the Trustees, and acquitted themselves in a highly creditable manner, showing that they had been faithfully instructed and clearly understood those difficult studies.

The evening was occupied by DECLAIMERS SELECTED FROM THE FRESHMAN CLASS.

1. Henry Sylvester Gibbs, (Hyde,) Patriotism, Sprague.
2. Leonidas John Merritt, (Chatham,) The Puritans, Macaulay.
3. Wm. Lafayette Scott, (Guilford,) "Literary Attractions of the Bible," Hamilton.
4. James Cameron Moore, (Jackson, Miss.) Fisher Ames on the British Treaty.
5. Samuel Spencer Jackson, (Pittsboro,) Phillips on Catholic Emancipation.
6. Thomas Newton Crumpler, (Rockford,) McDowell on the Union.
7. Richard Bullock Henderson, (Granville,) Clemens on the Slavery Question.
8. Clinton Milton Andrews, (Greensboro,) Washington's Monument, the Keystone of the Arch of the Union, by Kaufman.
9. Malachi Haughton, (Edenton,) The Death of Harrison, Willis.

On Wednesday morning W. W. Avery, Esq., delivered the annual address before the two Literary Societies. His subject was "State Pride," which he treated in a manner worthy of one who graduated with the first honors of the Institution, and the descendant of the patriotic first Attorney General of North Carolina.

In the afternoon the Alumni Association held a public meeting, at which obituary notices were read of such of the graduates as had died since the last Commencement.

The Historical Society of the University then held a meeting. Rev. Professor Hubbard delivered an address containing brief notices of the lives and writings of the Historians of North Carolina, Lawson, Brickwell, Williamson, Martin, and Jones, (*Shocco*.) This terse and classical composition was a gem of its kind, and it is to be hoped will be published.

Gov. Swain, the President of the University, who is celebrated for his researches into the history of the State, made a speech explanatory of the reasons which induced North Carolina so long to delay the ratification of the Constitution of the United States.

At night we were entertained by DECLAIMERS SELECTED FROM THE SOPHOMORE CLASS.

1. John Tillinghast Taylor, (Oxford,) Miller's Eulogy of Gen. Taylor.
2. Spencer Augustus O'Daniel, (Chatham,) Everett on the Extension of the Republic.
3. David Gaston Worth, (Ashborough,) "Byron," Rollok.

4. Junius Irving Seales, (Rockingham,) Levin on the proposed mission to Rome.
5. John Willis Johnston, (Halifax,) Soule on the Compromise.
6. Cary Whitaker, (Halifax,) Gaston against the Invasion of Canada.
7. James Glenn Jeffreys, (Caswell,) Decisive Integrity, by Wirt.
8. Baldy Ashborne Capeheart, (Murfreesboro,) Miller on the Union.
9. James Magnus Spencer, (Greene co., Ala.) "LaFayette," Sprague.
10. Peter Archibald McFadin, (Robeson,) Webster's Eulogy of Adams and Jefferson.

These young gentlemen, like those of the preceding evening, acquitted themselves very well; as a whole, I have never heard better declamation. Some of it was decidedly of the first order. On Thursday, Commencement day, the exercises were according to the following programme:

FORENOON.

1. Sacred Music—100th Psalm.
2. Prayer.
3. Salutatory Oration in Latin—Claudius B. Sanders, Johnston.
4. Oration, "Early History of North Carolina"—Bartholomew Fuller, Fayetteville.
5. Oration, "Party Spirit"—Thomas A. E. Evans, Cumberland.
6. Oration, "The infirmities of Men of Genius"—Julius Guion, Raleigh.
7. Oration, "A Graduate's Aspirations"—Wm. M. Richardson, Anson.
8. Oration, "Virtue alone makes Men Free"—Thomas M. Garrett, Colerain.
9. Oration, "Religious Tests of Office unjust and impolitic in a Republic"—David M. Carter, Hyde.
10. Oration, "Excelsior"—Lowndes Treadwell, Lamar, Miss.
11. Oration, "Socialism"—Jesse H. Lindsay, Greensborough.

AFTERNOON.

1. Oration, "Influence of Public Opinion"—Leigh Claiborne, Tipton, Tenn.
2. Oration, "The late crisis in our National Affairs"—Frederick A. Toomer, Pittsboro'.
3. Oration, "The noblest motive is the Public Good"—Charles C. Terry, Richmond county.
4. Oration, "Flora McDonald"—Malcolm J. McDuffie, Cumberland.
5. Annual Report.
6. Degrees Conferred.
7. Valedictory Oration—Jas. A. Patton, Ashville.
8. Sacred Music—117th Psalm.
9. Benediction.

The following Graduates received the Degree of Bachelor of Arts:

- Charles E. Bellamy, Joseph B. Bryan, David M. Carter, W. L. Claiborne, Thos. A. E. Evans, Bartholomew Fuller, Thomas M. Garrett, Richard S. Grant, Julius Guion, Benj. S. Hedrick, Samuel S. Holmes, Aegidius Leitch, Jesse H. Lindsay, Mal' in J. McDuffie, Neill McKay, Jr., Thomas J. Norcum, Rufus L. Patterson, James A. Patton, W. M. Richardson, Etheldred Ruffin, Claudius B. Sanders, Joseph J. Seawell, Francis E. Shober, Peter E. Smith, Charles C. Terry, Fred. A. Toomer, Lowndes Treadwell, John Waddill, Jr., J. A. Washington, John T. Wheat, Jr., Wilson C. Whitaker, Ed'nd W. Wilkins, John L. Wooster.

The Speeches of the Graduates were fine pieces of composition, and handsomely delivered. Being necessarily limited to a short space of time, a few of the prominent features were presented in an effective manner. The style was graceful and forcible; "strong without rage, without overflowing full."

At night the large "Assembly Room," which is not yet finished, was filled with a crowd of youths and maidens, "chasing the glowing hours with flying feet."

I very much doubt whether any part of the world can produce a better looking assembly than was then and there assembled. The students are the handsomest and most gentlemanly set of young men I have ever seen; and the State has cause to be proud of them physically as well as intellectually.

Every thing went off in an orderly and agreeable manner. Some young men from a distance, wholly unconnected with the College, created a little disturbance, but it was promptly put down by the courteous and efficient Marshall, C. Bryan, of Raleigh, and his Assistants, and the visiting youngsters left with a decided impression that Chapel Hill was a "fast" place.

The number of persons in attendance was large, though not so great as on some former occasions; the weather was pleas-

ant, and altogether it was one of the most agreeable Commencements that was ever attended by Your friend AN ALUMNUS.

Wake Superior Court.—At the extra term of the court, held last week, the Outlaw will case was postponed.

The only case of general interest that was tried was that of John Hays vs James T. Marriott, action of slander, for words spoken. The jury found fifty dollars damages for the plaintiff.

Raleigh Star.

Shortly before the decease of John C. Calhoun some of his friends conceived the idea of raising a fund to pay off his debts, and send him to Europe, and unknown to him, had partly executed the plan, when he died. They have given the money raised (\$30,000) to his widow.—*ib.*

Col. Thomas Ruffin.—The Democratic candidate for Congress in the Newbern District, is a son of Col. H. J. G. Ruffin, of Franklin, was born in Greene County, is a graduate of our University in 1842, studied the profession of the Law in this City, and, according to the Goldsboro' Republican, acquired his military title as a volunteer in the war with Mexico, as follows:

"Col. Ruffin volunteered to defend his country, and was elected Colonel of one of the Missouri Regiments mustered into service at Fort Leavenworth. Hence his military title, and hence we may also learn the unbounded confidence with which the Missouri soldiers regarded him, when they chose him for their leader in the momentous strifes of the field of blood."—*ib.*

A dividend of 54 per cent has been declared by the Bank of the State, payable at the principal Bank in Raleigh on the first Monday in July, and at the Branches 15 days thereafter.—*Fay. Car.*

Judge Levi Woodbury has been nominated for the Presidency by the democratic State Convention of New Hampshire, subject to the decision of a national convention. This is the first nomination for the Presidency, by a State convention, that has yet been made. Several county meetings, in various sections of the Union, have recommended Buchanan, Cass, Houston, Wool, and others, but no State nomination was made. Report says that a majority of the late democratic convention in Pennsylvania were for Buchanan for President, but did not deem it proper to make any formal nomination.—*ib.*

William C. Doub, associate editor of the Raleigh Star, has been elected to a Professorship in the Greensboro' Female College, and has accepted the same.—*ib.*

A meeting of the friends of an unlimited Convention to remodel the Constitution of North Carolina was recently held in Burke county. Speeches were made by Messrs. Woodfin, Erwin, Fleming, Bynum, and Caldwell of Burke, on the subject. The meeting recommended that a general convention be held in Morganton on the 14th day of August, for the purpose of consulting together and ascertaining what amendments ought to be made to the Constitution. Whigs and Democrats are invited to attend said Convention, and a committee was appointed to invite distinguished men to be present.—*ib.*

Southern Rights Convention in Alabama.—A second meeting of the Southern Rights Associations of Alabama, was held in Montgomery on the 10th inst. Nineteen counties were represented by 93 delegates. Many of the delegates, says the statement, were wealthy planters, embracing a large share of the legal talent of the State.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Convention:

Resolved, That if in the event of any Southern State in the exercise of its own judgment, should see proper, for causes which now exist, to secede from the Union, in the opinion of this Convention, it would become the duty of this State, to oppose with force any attempt upon the part of the General Government to coerce such seceding State.—*ib.*

Georgia.—The following Resolution was adopted by acclamation at the Southern Rights Meeting recently held in Scriven County, Georgia:

Resolved, That in the event South Carolina secedes from the Union of the

North, and that the government of the majority should try to intimidate her from her just right to do so, we the members composing this meeting do pledge ourselves in the face of the world to support her cause if necessary with our rifles to the death."

Foreign.

The steamer Europa has arrived at Halifax, with Liverpool dates to the 14th inst. Commerce and trade were improving. Crops are promising but rather backward. Cotton, breadstuffs, and provisions, are in fair demand, without much fluctuation in price.

Washington Market, June 21.

Naval Stores.—There has been no change in the prices of this article worthy of notice since last week's report.

Corn.—This article has declined about 10c per bbl. this week; last sales closed dull at \$2.90

Bacon.—Our market is rather dull at last week's quotations.

Lard.—Firm at 10c.

Newbern Market, June 21.

Naval Stores.—Turpentine comes in sparingly; Old Dip sells readily at \$2.20, Virgin \$2.25.

Corn.—Very little coming to market; retails from stores at \$3.50.

Bacon.—Hams are worth 11 cts; Hog round, 9 to 10 cts.

Lard.—Scarce, and is worth 11 cts.

Wilmington Market, June 24.

Turpentine.—Has been sold at a variety of prices since Saturday morning last, viz: 250 bbls. at \$2.35 per bbl. for Dip, \$1.20 per bbl. for hard and \$2.75 per bbl. for new Virgin Dip, 601 bbls. at \$2.45 per bbl. for Virgin.—115 bbls. at \$2.50 for Yellow Dip, and \$2.75 per bbl. for Virgin, and 25 bbls. at \$2.35 for Yellow, \$1.30 for hard, and \$2.70 per bbl. for new Virgin.

Oxford Female College.

THE first Session of this Institution will commence on Monday the 21 July ensuing. It is very desirable that Pupils who expect to enter the College should be present at the opening of the Session.

By order of the Executive Committee. Oxford, June 23rd, 1851.



Fish! Fish!! Fish!!!
Drums! Mulletts!! Mackerel!!
For sale by Geo. Howard.

Male Academy.

THE rates of Tuition, established by the Board of Trustees at their meeting for the Male Academy are as follows:

- Spelling, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic and Geography, per session, \$10.00
- English Grammar, History, Algebra, Geometry and Natural Philosophy, \$12.50
- Ancient Languages, \$16.00

H. T. Clarke,

Sec'y of B. of T.
June 9th, 1851.



Flour! Flour!!

A FEW barrels Northern and up-country Flour, by the barrel or retail,
Geo. Howard, Tarboro'.

100 Bags Rio Coffee
50 " Laguayra do
Just received and for sale by W. H. Willard.
Washington N. C., 16th June 1851.

230 Bbls New York and Baltimore Flour fresh ground, just received and for sale by W. H. Willard.
Washington N. C., 16th June 1851.

50 Bbls and blf bbls butter, soda and sugar crackers fresh baked, for sale by W. H. Willard.
Washington, N. C. 16 June 1851.

25 Bales Cotton Yarn, manufactured by the Blount's Creek Factory, Fayetteville N. C., for sale by W. H. Willard.
Washington N. C., 16th June 1851.

50 Bbls P R and NO sugar
5 Hhds " sugar
for sale by W. H. Willard.
Washington N. C., 16th June 1851.