

IMPROVEMENT.

RAILROAD MEETING AT UNION INSTITUTE.

From the Greenboro Patriot. The people having heard that Graves, Morehead, Gilmer, and Thomas were coming, came pouring in from all quarters...

ELECTION OF U. S. SENATORS BY THE PEOPLE.

Mr. Clemens, the new Senator, from Alabama on the 31st December, gave notice that he would tomorrow, or some subsequent day, introduce a resolution proposing an amendment of the Constitution of the United States...

CALIFORNIA.

Accounts have been received at New York, per steamer Unicorn, to the 1st of December. Peter H. Barrett has been elected governor of California; John McDougal lieutenant governor, and George W. Wright and Edward Gilbert representatives in Congress...

FOREIGN NEWS.

ARRIVAL OF THE CANADA.

Two weeks later from Europe. The steamship Canada, with two weeks' later intelligence from Europe, has just reached this port.

A rebellion of a formidable character had broken out in Servia, which had alarmed the Austrian government. Cotton with an improved feeling, has advanced one-quarter of a cent per pound in the Liverpool market.

The corn market with a moderate tone, has somewhat improved. In the money market there is much competition for first-rate paper, and money continues abundant.

American securities are firm and in good demand. In the price of funds little or no variation has taken place.

From England there is no political news of consequence. Parliament is to assemble on the 3d of February, Liverpool, Dec. 31.—Cotton has, since the departure of the last steamer, advanced one farthing per lb. on general descriptions.

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POLITICAL.

HUMBUNG AT THE NORTH.

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I began at once to inquire what does this mean? Are they ashamed to come out for the principles and men they declared themselves for at first, and who brought them out?

Well, supposing that everything was fair in war, I rested content, and continued to electioneer for them, as the real Simon-pure Grog Shop representatives, when in taking up the Standard of to-day, I find these very men sailing under another flag, and the very flag, too, which those opposed to us had hoisted over their ticket!

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COMMUNICATIONS.

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himself a slave, downed like her to a life of obscurity and domestic cares. If there were no historians to record his deeds of benevolence and patriotism, his boasted magnanimity and fortitude would expire like the meteor of night, and leave him a monument of powerless and fallen ambition.



THE RALEIGH TIMES. Friday Morning, January 18, 1850.

STATE CONVENTION AND NEXT GOVERNOR.

We have seen various suggestions in several of the papers upon these matters, to which we take leave briefly to allude, and to express our views upon one or two points.

It appears to us that these several movements are premature. The important measures of State policy which our people have upon their hands, and in which our highest citizens are engaged,—measures of more interest to us than any difference between the political parties,—render it highly probable that there may be no such distinct difference of views, at the present time, as will lead to any opposition to our present Executive, who is known to be favorably disposed to the improvement of the State, and to the completion of that system of great works now projected for that object.

In the second place, we remark, that a writer in the Star, indicates his preference for one or two gentlemen, among them, a distinguished Senator in Congress, and the Editor adds, that he would be satisfied with either, provided Gov. Manly declines a re-nomination.

It has been usual, in this State for the Governor to serve two terms; and we are at a loss to see why the rule should be departed from in the present instance. The Charlotte Journal agrees with us in this, as will be seen by the article below.

We conclude that there is no necessity for the present action of the people in this matter; we have at least two months longer in which to watch events, during which public sentiment may develop itself sufficiently to point out our safest and true course.

At any rate, the agitation now is unnecessary, upon the supposition that no one in the State desires a six or seven months' canvass.

From the Charlotte Journal. NEXT GOVERNOR. We have noticed that several of our brethren of the Whig Press have been suggesting the propriety of holding a Convention for the nomination of a candidate for Governor, and several gentlemen's names have been thrown forward as suitable candidates.

Now as far as we are concerned, we see no objection to a Convention; but we do object to seeing other gentlemen's names brought forward, and for this reason: Since the election of Governor has been given to the people, it has been usual for the individual last elected to be considered the candidate for two terms.

Now we would like to know what Gov. Manly has done that he should be made an exception to this rule? are the Whigs willing to bluff him off because Mr. Reid by the aid of the Free Suffrage Question, came so near defeating him? We are for doing justice to Gov. Manly.

It is true, the Convention may renominate him, yet we see no good in suggesting the names of other gentlemen before the assembling of the Convention; it will no doubt do harm. When the Convention assembles, if they find upon a free expression of opinion that Gov. Manly is not the strongest man, then let that body do what the interests of the Whig Party require at their hands, and select our strongest champion.

In connection with this subject, we observe that the Roan. Repub. sees no necessity for a Convention at all, but should it be determined on to hold a Convention, we would name Raleigh as the place, and Wednesday the first day of May as the time. That day is plenty soon—three months is long enough for any one to canvass the State, &c.

We agree with the Editor as to the time. For the place, our own opinion is it should be held somewhere else—but there is time enough to settle that.

Our readers are referred to the articles we copy from the Greenboro Patriot, showing the progress which the West is making in Subscriptions to the Central Railroad. It would give us pleasure, if our space would admit, to copy the proceedings, also, of the Conventions at Goldsboro and Wilmington. Yet we may say that they were well attended, and the best feeling prevailed among the friends of this great enterprise.

We verily believe no people in the world can excel the citizens of Wilmington, in the gallant and determined spirit they exhibit to make their town prosperous and great as a commercial emporium. They have done wonders heretofore—they have achieved tasks of much magnitude—but the admiration of all has been still further excited, by their actually raising, for the Manchester Road, an additional subscription of one hundred thousand dollars in two or three days!

Oh, could we, in this section of the State, and along the line of the proposed Central Railroad, catch but a portion of this enthusiastic and active spirit, how soon, from the dim atmosphere of doubt and uncertainty, could we elevate ourselves to the sunshine of realized hope and prosperous fruition! We must work, one and all of us—the time has come, when each, who wishes to see this enterprise succeed, must put forth his utmost exertions, and do all that he can!

We are unable to state how many of the Hundred shares remain to be taken—but we suppose not more than twenty. Wake has done a part—but we respectfully submit, not her whole part.—Johnston and Wayne, and all that section eastward to Newbern, are bound to help. Will the not? We trust soon to hear from the second commercial town in the State; we trust soon to hear that the subscriptions are closed, and the Company ready for organization.

It is useless now to enter into any further argument, it is ours only to chronicle results. Yet we may say, that we regard the accounts as decidedly favorable to the filling up the remaining subscriptions among the different counties. Either Rowan or Guilford will bear away the palm from all others. Why will not Wake enlist in this generous strife? She could, if she would, take as many of the Hundred shares as both these Counties united.

The mails have been too irregular to admit of any concerted account of the doings in Congress, such as they are. They are interesting no doubt—the debate in the Senate has been, in some degree, exciting, upon the presentation of the Vermont resolutions, which we regard as more abominable and outrageous than any we have seen yet. However much we may hope, however anxious our desire, to see this vexed question of Slavery amicably and fairly settled, by which alone the Union of the States can be preserved, we cannot close our eyes to the fact—so complete has been the disregard of our rights, interests and feelings at the North,—that unless a radical change in the public sentiment there is effected, we see not how the Southern States consistently with honor, can remain in Union with Northern Sisters. It is better, far better, for us to part, than to remain divided in feeling, discordant, unhappy, jealous of sectional power, or disturbed and agitated for any cause.

If now, at this Session of Congress, some compromise shall not be effected, by which harmony may be restored and the Union preserved, we trust to see the combined Southern States, dropping remonstrances, and no more repeating impotent threats, act, promptly and at once, on their own security and happiness; and, as they cannot reform this government, form such a new one as may best comport with their own security, independence and happiness. But, what an alternative! How unfortunate the circumstances which may render it necessary! It is a consummation we have been unwilling to look forward to, even in the contemplations of the mind—we are unwilling to indulge the idea that this Union can, for any cause, be dissolved—but, if so, the South will not be responsible. The North must be the losers—and may thank their own reckless interference with the guarantees of the Constitution—their own unwholesome tamperings with our rights and our "peculiar institutions," for whatever of disaster, wreck, and ruin may befall.

EXACTLY RIGHT. In the House of Delegates of Virginia on Saturday last, the Governor having laid before that body the insulting and fanatical resolutions of the Legislature of Vermont, Mr. Syme of Petersburg, offered the following resolution, accepting as an amendment that part which says that "the Legislature of Virginia know their Constitutional rights, and mean to maintain them."

Resolved, by the General Assembly of Virginia, That the resolutions from the State of Vermont, on the subject of slavery, be returned to the Governor of that Commonwealth with the request that they be returned to the Governor of Vermont, and that the Governor of Vermont be informed that the Legislature of Virginia understand their Constitutional rights and mean to maintain them.

The ayos and noes having been ordered on the adoption of the above, it was passed unanimously. Mr. Barwell, of Bedford, offered the following resolution: Resolved, by the General Assembly, That it be and is hereby recommended to the people of Virginia, not to import, purchase or consume, any articles, the produce or Manufacture of the State of Vermont—or of any other State in the Union, which shall address to Virginia the language of menace or reproach.

It was adopted without dissent, and referred to the Select Committee, having under consideration the Wilmot Proviso and other kindred subjects.

The Milton Chronicle comes to us much improved in its new dress with no abatement of the spirit with which it is conducted. We do hope the Chronicle will be more liberally patronized, as we learn from the editor's remarks that the additional outlay he has made is scarcely justified by the support which the paper receives. Surely his friends will not permit him to work for nothing.

Ms. STANLEY has at once assumed in the present Congress the stand which his talents and moral integrity assigned him. Democratic newspapers writers attack him with peculiar malignity. What is the reason? Is it because he opened the way for the exposure of the disreputable collusion between the would-be-lococo-Speaker Brown and the Free Soilers?—Greenboro Patriot.

MORE SNOW. The aspect of things around us to day is decidedly Siberian. House tops, hill tops, fields, trees and shrubs, as far as the eye can take them in, are as white as snow can make them, and the weather is as uncomfortable as Gen. Cass's prospects for the next Presidency.

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