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LETTERS FROM "ITINERANT."

BEAUFORT HARBOR, Near Coast, N. C.
April 15, 1868.

FISH.

The great attraction of these waters is the fish. There are two kinds, the shell fish and the scale fish. The former embraces the oyster, the clam, the scollop, the conch, and the crab. They are all abundant. The oyster, like the vine, is improved by transplanting. They are found in immense beds, or singly, clinging to logs of wood, piles, or even to the bottoms of ships. They are not so good, however, wild as tame. They are taken up from their promiscuous places of abode, and carried into the mouths of rivers and left there one or two years. These river mouths, or other still water coves, furnish a name for these cultivated oysters—they go by the name of cove oysters. They are to the other oysters, what Berkshire pigs are to those long, lack, lean, scef sharpener hogs.

A TIGHT FIT.

The oystermen here tell a story about a Sea Gull and an Oyster. Some time last year a gull was found dead with his bill caught in an oyster, between the shells. The verdict of the inquest was, that the gull, in attempting to pick the oyster out of his shell by pecking, but the unwilling oyster closed upon him, and that instead of the bird gulling the oyster, the oyster gulled the bird. The jury 'hung' awhile—one captious detail contended that instead of an oyster in a bill, it was a bill in an oyster.

CLAMS.

What gives a clam his repute, I have never known. It is an oyster, with a smooth shell; the meat yellow, and very tough. Clam soup is relished by the natives; but it has a fishy taste, and is as tough as bits of raw hide—not quite as tough. They are not wholesome—they are too indigestible to be wholesome.—They are abundant, and lie about sandy, marshy beaches, and are picked up one at a time.

SCOLLOPS.

The scollop is a beautiful shell fish—when washed. Its habitation is in mud. Fishermen row out to the spots frequented by them and they then wade in and feel for them with the foot, and lift them with the hand. It is the size of the clam, but has a far thinner shell, scolloped in shape. But a small part of the meat is eaten—the heart. This makes it expensive. It takes a large pile to make a meal.

CONCHS.

The most delicate and beautiful shell, on the parlor table, was once the house of a living fish. Its inhabitant, like the snail, at times ventures out a little, but it comes very cautiously, and retires again on a very small account. It is a pulp, and looks as little like an eatable creature as an earth worm. These are conchs and they vary much in size shape and color. But they abound here—all sizes, shapes and colors, rough surface and smooth pear shaped, spiral, thick and thin, ovate, long and short.

CRABS.

One of the clumsiest looking of all the denizens of the deep, down here, is the crab. He is all legs and toes. They abound in shallow water. Crab fishing is a sport that soon wears out, however—it is like a conquest too easily made. You simply tie a piece of meat—a frog will do—to one end of a string and "thrown in," soon you feel something biting and pulling at your bait. Now pull gently; the crab keeps hold; draw up your toad, and the crab follows like a fool; and he holds on until you lift him into your boat; then when he sees into the joke, and he is captured, he is furious, biting and scratching spitefully. Some like the meat and some dislike it. I am in class 2, foot of the class.

SEA TURTLES.

One of the sports of the coast, is catching sea turtles. They are very numerous and very large; and they make fine food. There are three methods of catching them. One is, for two men to go out to the sea, in a canoe, and row up among the turtles; one man springs from the boat to a turtle's back and grabs the animal by the shell, with the fingers digging into its neck, the soft, tender part. He must get astride the turtle, horse-back fashion. The frightened creature dives, but his rider soon brings him to the surface again by digging his fingers deeper into his neck. As they rise, the second man of the turtle party stands ready to lay hold of the animals fins or legs and dumps him into the boat. This is the romantic dime novel method, and attended with the liability of getting the clothes damp.

Another, and the most common way is to spread a net for them, which is a very successful way.

Another way is this. In April the females come inside the harbor to deposit their eggs in the sandy beaches. They forget that they have left the deep sea, and go paddling and fanning to shallow water along with the tide, until a sudden lash of a wave throws them on their backs. They are then utterly helpless. A sea turtle on his back is as helpless as a defeated candidate after an election, and about as cheap looking.

The meat of this creature makes rich soup, a toast among epicures. But it is excessively rich-greasy as the old folks used to call it. But the soup gains its repute, like a fashionable lady's hat, from the trimmings. The skeleton or sub-stratum is rather a joke than otherwise. It has to have wine, spices, peppers, sauces, etc., etc., to make it palatable. When thus fixed, it goes down without any choking.

Fish makes a good fertilizer. It is not so lasting as bone dust and many other fertilizers, but more speedy in its effects.

Fish guano can be made in immense quantities, as any one will conclude, upon a glance at the map of eastern North Carolina. Water covers a very large proportion of the surface, and the immense sounds and other waters of this section are connected with the Atlantic Ocean. No obstructions lie in the way of the fish of the ocean. They can and do come in immense quantities into all the nearest waters, and the fresh water portions are amply supplied with fresh water fish.

FISH FACTORIES.

Already there are establishments for drying fish for manure, along our eastern sections. There is one midway between Beaufort and Portsmouth, N. C. And the number can easily be multiplied.—Never have I beheld a country that abounded more in fish than the region I am now describing. The inference is easily drawn, that if this region can spare fish for manure, fish as an article of food is but a circumstance. The water backs up from the sounds, into almost every portion or else there is a river accessible to nearly every farm in this section, and fish is to the country here, what coal is to eastern Pennsylvania.

The truth is, these fish must, one would think, become, one day a source of great income to the country, especially when taken into connection with the vast vegetable supplies that lie at hand for composting with it whatever contains oil, makes good manure.

CANCERENE.

Another source from which real industry enterprise and energy may draw a rich and profitable fertilizer, is the King Crab. This animal is captured, dried and ground up, and used as a manure for land. The ground crab is called "Cancerene," from cancer a crab. It is rather an unceremonious treatment, but so is taxation.

The king crab, at certain seasons, resort to our coast in imense numbers, and they can be turned to profit. It is done elsewhere, and the ground crab is said to compare favorably with the imported manure. *Amonia* enters largely into the composition of this powder, and it is well supplied with lime.

It is said that the king crab is used upon the lands of eastern New Jersey, with much success. The farmers there put the fish on the land whole, some compost them with earth. But either way produces the finest effects.

But I will not make cancerene of my reader's patience, so simply say.

ITINERANT.

JUDGE CURTIS AS HE APPEARED TO MACK.

The opening speech for the defence was a quiet and grave reminder of a sort of legal eloquence that was trite forty years ago. It brought to mind, in its stately periods dispassionately, rationally, concisely uttered, the days of Marshall, Kent, and Story.

Mr. Curtis is a man without a smile or a trifle. Sombre is his vesture, purple is his color. He is very like Daniel Webster in stature, face and manner. He seldom walks in anybody's company—but with a slow, deliberate stride, wipes his forehead in the ante-room, and, entering the Senate, sits in a condition of vigilant retirement, like a turkey-gobbler bottling up his rage and working his craw. He exchanges no words with his legal brethren. If he is introduced to anybody in any pause or recess he shakes hands with that gravity that Webster used to revel in. He weighs about a hundred and ninety pounds, perhaps more. Nature gave him a good large, Websterian head, and his face is fine old liver-color. He perspires with great freedom, but never thro' excitement. His paunch is stately; his cloth gaiters are eminently legal; no gold seal disturbs the demureness of his vest; his blue eyes retreat into his brows, and his head into his standing collar, and he looks like a phosperescent bull-dog in a dark cellar.

Such is Judge Curtis, with the additions of straight, brown hair, and a face smoothly shaven.

Rising to speak to-day, there were about twenty books of reference before him.—He put his hands on the baize table, looked his gloomy grandeet and began with the manner of a funetaloration. His voice is not strong, but naturally trained by the temperament of the man, and pitched upon the same easy key, it reaches the ear very pleasantly, and strives to do no more. As it carried so its calm burden of argument at an equal pace, the minds of all of us left the domain of politics and rose with its cadences into the atmosphere of law. Insensibly we all began to feel that General Butler's speech, which we all supposed a great performance, had been no more than a smart audacity. This old time man, never in a hurry, never in zeal, addressed himself to the supposition that his auditors were all learned and self-respecting gentlemen. Every time he said "Senators!" he made a cold chill go thro' the Senate, for during the past two-weeks one-half the senators have forgotten their rank. I venture the supposition that this speech got more respect in every senator's silent mind than any utterance of his own has had for a year past. I did not follow it closely enough to tell you the effect of it as an argument. But it did this, which Butler, Stanbery, Wilson and Bingham had failed to do—it reminded the Senate of itself and of the occasion. Everything that had been said before grew little and mean after Curtis had talked an hour. In all that time he never changed his place, never faltered for a word, nor used any undignified expression whatsoever.—Judge Chase heard the argument with the gravest care. It was a study to look at the Chief Justice and the solid old pleader, taking his time so tremendously.—*Cincinnati Commercial.*

Louisiana.

New Orleans, April 23, P M.—The complete returns show that the majority in this parish against the constitution is but 208. One democratic and one republican Congressman is elected. Conway, democrat, is elected Mayor, and democratic majorities in both boards of Aldermen.

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State of North Carolina,
YADKIN COUTTY.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, JANUARY TERM, 1868.

James Armstrong vs A. M. Howard.

Attachment levied on Land.

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, in this case, that the defendant, A. M. Howard, is a non resident of the State of North Carolina, it is, therefore, ordered by the Court, that publication be made for six weeks, in the *Watchman and Old North State,* notifying the said defendant to be and appear before the Justices of our Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, to be holden on second Monday in April next, at the court-house in Yadkinville, then and there to plead, answer or replevy, or the same will be heard, *ex parte,* and the land levied on condemned, to satisfy plaintiff's debt, and an order of sale granted.

Witness, J. G. Marler, clerk of our said Court at office, in Yadkinville, the second Monday in January, A. D. 1868.

11:6:$8) J. G. MARLER, c.c.c.

State of North Carolina,
BURKE COUNTY.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, Spring Term, 1868.

W. G. Scott, vs. The heirs at law of Thomas Scott, deceased.

PETITION TO SELL LAND.

In this case it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that the defendants Jane E., John M., James C., Julius M., Bartlett W., Thomas G., David, Sarah, and Corinna Scott, are non residents of this State, It is therefore ordered that publication be made in the WATCHMAN & OLD NORTH STATE, a paper published in the town of Salisbury, N. C., for six successive weeks, notifying said defendants to be and appear at the next term of this court to be held for the county of Burke, at the court-House in Morganton, on the 1st Monday after the 4th Monday in May next, then and there to answer or plead to the plaintiff's petition, otherwise the same will be heard ex parte and judgment rendered pro confesso as to them.

Witness, E. W. Dorsey, clerk of our said Court at office in Morganton, the 30th day of March, A. D., 1868.

16:6w:pr f $8. E. W. DORSEY, CLERK.

State of North Carolina
ROWAN COUNTY.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, February Term A. D., 1868.

J. C. Barnhardt vs. Tilman Austin.

Attachment.

IN this case it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the defendant, Tilman Austin, is a non-resident of this State, it is, therefore ordered that publication be made for six weeks in the *Watchman & Old North State,* notifying said defendant to be and appear at our next Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions to be held for the County of Rowan, at the Court House in Salisbury on the first Monday in May next, and then and there shew cause, if any he has why the property levied on shall not be condemned to the use of the plaintiff.

Witness, OBADIAH WOODSON, Clerk of our said Court at Office, the first Monday in February, A. D. 1868, and in the ninety-second year of our independence.

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State of North Carolina,
STANLY COUNTY.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, February Term, 1868.

M. Witty vs. J. R. Mendenhall.

ATTACHMENT.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the court that the defendant, J R Mendenhall resides beyond the limits of this State: It is ordered by the court that publication be made for six weeks in the Watchman & Old North State, notifying the said J R Mendenhall to be and appear at our next court of Pleas and Quarter sessions to be held for the county of Stanly at the court-house in Albemarle on the second Monday in May next, and show cause, if any he has, why the property levied on shall not be condemned to the use of the plaintiff. Witness, Lafayette Green, clerk of our said court at office in Albemarle, the second Monday in February, A D 1868.

L. GREENE, c. c. c.
9:6w pr fee $8. by A. W. Stone, D. C.

State of North Carolina,
STANLY COUNTY.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, February Term 1868.

W. H. Rocco vs. J. R. Mendenhall.

ATTACHMENT.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the court that the defendant, J. R. Mendenhall resides beyond the limits of this State; It is ordered by the court that publication be made for six weeks in the Watchman & Old North State, notifying the said J. R. Mendenhall to be and appear at our next Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, to be held for the county of Stanly, at the court-house in Albemarle on the second Monday in May next, and show cause if any he has, why the property levied on shall not be condemned to the use of the plaintiff.

Witness, Lafayette Green, clerk of our said court at Albemarle, the second Monday in February, A. D., 1868.

9:6w (pr f $8) L. GREEN, c. c. c.

State of North Carolina,
ROWAN COUNTY.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions February Term, A. D. 1868.

D. A. Davis vs. W. G. Young.

Original Attachment.

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the defendant, W. G. Young, is a non-resident of this State, it is, therefore, ordered that publication be made for six weeks in the *Watchman & Old North State,* notifying said defendant to be and appear at our next Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions to be held for the County of Rowan, at the Court House in Salisbury on the first Monday in May next, and then and there shew cause, if any he has, why the property levied on shall not be condemned to the use of the plaintiff.

Witness, Obadiah Woodson, Clerk of our said Court at Office, the first Monday in February, A. D. 1868, and in the ninety-second year of our Independence.

OBADIAH WOODSON, Clerk.
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State of North Carolina,
MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, January Term, 1868.

J. C. Bell, adm'r. of Betsy Harris, vs. The heirs-at-law of Betsy Harris.

PETITION TO MAKE REAL ESTATE ASSETS.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the defendants Alexander Bell and wife Margaret, Benjamin Scarbrough and wife Martha, Malcom Bell, Wm. Lande and wife Mary ann, Martha Bell, Franklin Bell, Secotus Bell, John Bell, Louisa Bell, Malica Bell, Caroline Bell, Nancy Bell, Mary Bell, Susan Bell and Benjamin Bell, in this case, are non-residents of the State. It is therefore ordered by the Court that publication be made in the WATCHMAN & OLD NORTH STATE, a paper published in the town of Salisbury, N. C., for six successive weeks, notifying the said defendants to be and appear at the next term of this court to be held for the county of Montgomery, at the court-house in Troy on the first Monday in April next, then and there to plead, answer or demur to the plaintiff's petition, or the same will be heard ex parte, and judgment rendered pro confesso as to them.

Witness, C. C. Wade, clerk of our said court at office, in Troy, the first Monday in January, A. D., 1868.

:6w pr f $8. C. C. WADE, Clerk.

State of North Carolina,
ANSON COUNTY.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, January Term, 1868.

John J. Colson, administrator of James A. Robinson, vs. Thomas A. Robinson and others.

PETITION TO MAKE REAL ESTATE ASSETS.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the defendants Thomas A. Robinson, James Bell & wife, Mary Bell, James Kimbrough & wife, Ann Kimbrough, Joseph Robinson, Calvin Robinson, Melvina Robinson, and Arthur Robinson reside beyond the limits of this State. It is ordered by the Court that publication be made for six weeks, successively, in the WATCHMAN & OLD NORTH STATE, a paper published in the town of Salisbury, notifying the said Thomas A. Robinson, James Bell and wife, Mary Bell, James Kimbrough and wife, Ann Kimbrough, Joseph Robinson, Calvin Robinson, Melvina Robinson, and Arthur Robinson to be and appear at the next term of this court to be held for the county of Anson, at the court-house in Wadesboro on the second Monday in April next, then and there to plead answer or demur to said petition or judgment pro confesso will be rendered against them and the same will be heard ex parte as to them.

Witness, Patrick J. Coppedge, clerk of said Court at office in Wadesborough, the second Monday in January, A. D., 1868.

4:6w:pr f $8. P. J. COPPEDGE, Clerk.

State of North Carolina,
DAVIDSON COUNTY.

Court of Pleas and Quaster Sessions, February Term, 1868.

The petition of Lucy Perryman against the Heirs at Law of I. K. Perryman, dec'd, viz: C. M. Perryman, Andrew Perryman, Frank Perryman and wife Elizabeth, J. D. Perryman and Robert Perryman.

Petition for Dower.

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that the defendants, J. D. & Robert Perryman are non residents of this State: It is therefore ordered by the Court that publication be made in the *Watchman & Old North State,* a paper published in the town of Salisbury, N. C., for six successive weeks, notifying said defendants to be and appear at the next term of this Court to be held for the County of Davidson, at the Court House in Lexington, on the second Monday of May next. Then and there to answer the petition of the plaintiff in this case, otherwise the same will be heard *ex parte* and judgment rendered *pro confesso* as to them.

Witness Jno. Haines, Clerk of said Court at Office, in Lexington, the second Monday of February, A. D., 1868.

JNO. HAINES, c. c. c.
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and all other kinds of Blanks and Job Printing will be done in a style that can be surpassed by none, and equalled by few in the State.

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THE TRI-WEEKLY

OLD NORTH STATE,

AND THE WEEKLY

WATCHMAN & Old North State,

FOR 1868.

THE WATCHMAN & OLD NORTH STATE having been consolidated in the hands of the undersigned, and the BANNER having suspended publication, hereafter there will be but one paper published in Salisbury, which will be issued

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Gas Light Company.

THE annual meeting of the Stockholders in the Salisbury Gas Light Company will be held in the Town Hall, Salisbury, on Saturday May 23 1868, at 3 o'clock p. m.

D. A. DAVIS, Sec'y.

April 20, 1868.