

THE STAR
RALEIGH, MAY 31, 1853.

John C. Stedman, Esq. is a candidate for the Clerkship of the Superior, and Benj. S. King, Esq. and Col. Thomas G. Whitaker for that of the County Court of Wake.

Ante-Revolutionary Documents.—Under this head, on our first page, will be found certain documents, which afford indubitable evidence that North Carolina was the first of the provinces that declared their independence of the British government.—These are interesting papers, and merit the attention of the public—especially that of the citizens of our State.

The Lafayette Hotel, at Fayetteville, a large and splendid building, is completed, and has been leased by Col. Joshua W. Cochran, who has made arrangements to entertain travellers in a superior style.

Counterfeits.—We learn from the Norfolk Beacon that there are in circulation in that quarter, 20 dollar counterfeit notes, purporting to be issued at the Bank of Virginia at Richmond, signed "J. Brockenbrough, Pres." "W. Dandridge, Cashier," and payable at the branch in Norfolk to Geo. Newton, President; No. 916, letter A, dated Richmond, 9th March, 1814. They are so well executed, that their spurious character is difficult of detection.

Episcopal Convention.—A Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the diocese of Virginia commenced at Richmond on the 22d, and closed on the 26th instant—the Right Rev. Bishop Moore presiding. About 30 clergymen were present, and the city was crowded with visitors.

At a meeting of the citizens of Newbern, on the 18th instant, (the Magistrate of Police in the Chair,) resolutions were adopted, expressing their indignation at the assault on the President by Lieut. Randolph.

New Post Office.—A Post Office has recently been established in Stokes county, by the name of Crooked Creeks, of which Gabriel T. Moore, Esq. is Postmaster.

The Cholera subsided at Matangas on the 19th instant, after taking off about 1400 of the inhabitants. The mortality, though great in proportion to the population, was not equal to that of Havana, where the number of deaths was not less than 16,000.—The disease is now spreading over other parts of Cuba, principally upon the estates, some in high situations, other in low. The island has already received a shock by it, from which it will not recover for many years; and fears are entertained that it may become fixed in the island, in which case the country would be ruined. The sugar crop will be much diminished in consequence of the disease.

Improvement of worn out Land.—It is said that during the last few years, twenty thousand Swiss and Belgian emigrants have settled upon lands in Virginia and Maryland, which had been supposed to be worn out and almost worthless; but which under their cultivation has been made as productive as the good lands of the West; in consequence of which lands have risen in value, and industry has received a new impulse. If the farmers of this State will diligently set about improving their land, by all possible means, those who are most anxious to go to the West will soon be cured of the moving fever; and if the people will make a rail road to carry their produce to market, many of North Carolina's valued sons, who have already gone to seek their fortune in a new country, will be told of scenes of prosperity and happiness that will entice them back again to their own, their native State.

At the late term of the Superior Court of Mecklenburg county, the case of William G. Cox vs. Thos. Sinsing, for slander, was tried, and a verdict of 2,000 dollars damages rendered in favor of the plaintiff. There was also another case for slander and one for breach of marriage contract; in which verdicts were rendered for 500 dollars each.

The following extract from a letter written by Capt. Pedowski, a distinguished officer of the Polish artillery, who lately committed suicide, explains the motives which led him to the desperate act. It breathes the most elevated spirit of patriotism and tender paternal affection, and is truly affecting: "Having lost all hope—of seeing my native country restored—not finding the least chance even of my being called upon to die in her service—and having learnt that my children have been carried into Siberia, by order of the tyrant of the north, I have resolved to abridge my useless life, and put an end to my sufferings. Adieu, unhappy Poland! Adieu, my children! Adieu to such of you, my fellow-countrymen, as have only in view the welfare of our beloved Poland!"

Rail Road Stock.—Encouraging.—The Charleston Courier of the 20th inst. states that the stock of the Charleston Rail Road Company, had advanced fully twenty per cent. within the preceding twenty days! It had previously been below par; but so encouraging was the last Report of the Directors that a reaction had taken place—the Charleston Rail Road in its incomplete state, pays a handsome profit. He it remembered, that this important work, like ours passes entirely through a thinly settled Agricultural country. The truth is, such improvements, to quote the Bard of Avon, "make the meat they feed on."—Petersburg Times.

Execution.—Charles Stokes, the criminal who was condemned to be hung at the late Superior Court of Surry County, on Friday, the 5th of April, and respited by the Governor till the 17th of May, was executed on that day, at Rockford, Surry County.

Stokes made no confessions under the gallows.—Salem Reporter.

A Villain.—A person by the name of Ely, a short time since, says the New Bedford Gazette, arrived in Providence from Philadelphia, highly recommended as a teacher, and opened a school in that city, and soon professed an attachment to the daughter of a highly respectable widow lady, which attachment was reciprocated, and soon resulted in their marriage. But the next day, the newly made husband was not to be found, and from the circumstance that he left his wife behind with numerous unpaid bills, and at the same time taking all his baggage with him, it is presumed, that his departure was premeditated, and he has removed to some other place that he may again practice another specimen of this villainy.

From the Philadelphia Chronicle. About seven o'clock yesterday evening, on the removal of the menagerie lately preparing for exhibition in Second street, the young elephant escaped from the keeper, by knocking him down with its proboscis; and turning down Catharine street, leaped into the tide, which at the time was full, seven feet from the level of the wharf.—Mr. Martin, the breaker of the animals, being informed of the fact, started with the keeper on a search as far as the ropewalk below the Navy Yard, but their search was in vain.

After some time, they heard him in the immediate neighborhood of the yard, and having procured a lantern and boat, they, with the kind assistance of some of the officers of the Sea Gull, got towards the Navy yard wall, between which and that vessel they discovered him swimming about. The keeper now jumped into the water, and catching the elephant, held on till Mr. Martin's arrival. They then obtained the assistance of many of the inhabitants of Southwark, and after much floundering in the mud, and great risk of health, they drew him ashore, in tow of three boats, about 4 o'clock this morning. The keeper and Mr. Martin deserve great credit for their perseverance, but for which the valuable animal would have been lost to the proprietor.

After his immersion, the quadruped emigrant drank a gallon of brandy for his deliverers, and proceeded on his journey without any further demonstrations of caprice. Mr. Martin is the person who, at New York, in the year 1825, so narrowly escaped from the attack of two tigers, by the magnanimity of the elephant Tippoo Sultan.

Fanaticism.—Instances of insanity, and even of death, from overwrought religious excitement are becoming daily more frequent. This is to be regretted. Religion should bring to the mind tranquillity, peace, and happiness, not excitement and madness. Temperaments too susceptible of excitement should not be so tempered with as to unscuffle the reason, or sap the springs of existence. The Union County (La.) Star, gives an account of a gentleman in Connelville, in that State, who was wrought upon by some friends to such a degree that he went raving mad. Physicians were sent for, and every means used, but in vain, for his recovery. The gentleman is spoken of in high terms of praise, and the loss to society, and to his family, feelingly lamented. Philadelphia Times.

Baltimore, May 20. The Hon. John Randolph reached this city on Sunday afternoon from Washington, and proceeded to Philadelphia yesterday morning. He travelled in his old fashioned English coach and four, with a position on one of the leading horses, and Juba on the box. We learn that his passage through Pratt street to the City Hotel was the occasion of some little inconvenience and irritation to him. His remarkable equipage came leisurely along that street just about the time of the arrival of the steamboat Kentucky, and thus attracted the attention of the crowd of persons who were in waiting to witness her arrival, as well as the hundreds who had just landed from her, at the intersection of Light and Pratt streets. It was soon generally understood that Mr. R. was in the coach, and curiosity on the part of some, and the force of the example on others, immediately induced numbers of the spectators to follow him. By the time he reached the hotel, we learn that the crowd was so dense in front of it, that his entrance at the principal door was impossible. At length the equipage proceeded to the private door on Fayette street, and he was conveyed from the coach to the Hotel in the arms of Juba. Mr. R.'s appearance is said to indicate an extremely delicate state of health. American.

To what base uses may we come at last.—It is stated in the New York Mercantile Advertiser, that while some workmen employed in laying pipes in Broadway, were digging into the earth between Reed and Duane streets recently, one of them threw up a human skull. A rag man standing by caught it up; and after attentively viewing it for a moment—whether with the eye of the philosophical Dane, or the calculating brow of a sordid trafficker, the informer was not enabled to determine; but elevating his dexter arm, and bringing the bony caput mortuum directly above the extended and dark caverns of his rag bag, plunged it in. "It will make buttons," quoth he; and throwing the receptacle over his shoulder, strode away. Think of that, reader.—a fellow mortal's buttoning his coat with a piece of your cranium—perhaps with a scrap from your phrenological bump of self esteem—of pride! This is a vain world, and it is well that the reflecting and sensitive Hamlet is not abroad now.—Providence Journal.

Northern Land Expedition.—Capt. Back and his party lately arrived in the city of New York, who have come to America with a view of undertaking a northern land expedition in search of Capt. Ross and his associates, who left England in the summer of 1829, in the vessel Victory, in search of a northwest passage to the Pacific. The vessel was dismantled in a storm, but being partially repaired, she wintered on the west coast of Greenland, and was last heard from standing across Ballin's Bay, in the summer of 1830. That those persons belonging to the Victory should ever be found alive is not very probable; the expedition may, notwithstanding, lead to valuable discoveries.—Id.

John Randolph was no common man. His talents were of the highest order, and, if equalled by any, they were certainly surpassed by none in our country; as an orator he stood unrivalled; and, notwithstanding his eccentric character, and, at times, apparent inconsistency of conduct, he was a useful and able legislator. His death will be sincerely regretted by the American people.

The Philadelphia Pennsylvanian of Saturday, received just as our paper was put to press, contains the following particulars relative to Mr. Randolph's death: John Randolph of Roanoke is no more. He died yesterday about twelve o'clock, at the City Hotel. The excitement in Chesnut street, when the melancholy fact became known, can be imagined—not described. We understand that his remains will be sent back to his loved Virginia, there to repose among the ashes of his forefathers. The Hon. John S. Barbour, of Virginia, attended him in his dying moments, and took measures to have those melancholy rites performed which the sad event called forth. The Hon. L. W. Tazewell is we believe, also here, or was here a day or two ago. A couple of hours before his death, he talked and said he felt as well as usual—his health had, in fact, recovered. He wrote to Virginia for the pedigree of a horse. It was but the last flickering flame blazing up for a moment only to be succeeded by a long and lasting night in this world. "I am going," said he to a gentleman at this city the other day, "I am going to England—'tis the last throw of the die." He was right in one respect—it was indeed the last throw of the die—but it was a throw into eternity—not to England.

MARRIED. In this county, a few days since, Dr. Henry W. Montague to Miss Ann Elizabeth Jones, oldest daughter of Seth Jones, Esq. Also, on the 23d inst., Mr. John B. Johns to Miss Elizabeth D. Shipp, youngest daughter of Capt. Tiller Shipp. Also, on the 23d, at the residence of Major Archibald Hopkins, Mr. Benjamin Wil-

liams, of Haywood, Chatham county, to Miss Mildred H. Hunter, daughter of the late Anderson Hunter, of this county. In Chatham county, on the 21st inst., Dr. Richard W. Garrett to Miss Mary T. Lee, daughter of Woodson Lee, Esq. In Franklin county, on the 21st inst., Mr. Wm. J. Andrews, of Edgecomb, to Miss Virginia Hawkins, daughter of John D. Hawkins, Esq. of the former county. At Monroe, Warren county, on the 16th inst., Mr. David Kyle, of Norfolk, Va. to Miss Lucy B. Robinson, daughter of Clark Robinson, Esq. of the former place. In Granville county, on the 18th inst., Mr. Fleming Lumpkin to Miss Mary Mayfield; and, on the 15th, Mr. Henry P. Trewaller to Miss Eliza Poyness, daughter of Mr. L. Poyness. At the house of Dr. John McKay, in Cumberland county, on the 14th inst., Mr. Malcolm M. McKay to Miss Isabella, daughter of the late Neill McKay. At Wilmington, on the 20th inst., Thomas P. Davis, Esq. to Miss Ann E. Cuthar. At Salisbury, on the 19th inst., Mr. Alexander Fraley to Miss Mary Watson. In the vicinity of Fayetteville, on the 9th inst., Mr. C. S. Johnson to Miss Sibella Murchison, daughter of John Murchison, Esq.

DIED. In this city, on Monday last, Mr. Benson Carl, a soldier of the Revolution, and one of the oldest inhabitants of this place, aged nearly 100 years. At Salem, on the 23d inst., the Rev. Abraham Steiner, Sr. aged 75. At Newbern, on the 16th inst., in the 60th year of her age, Miss Mary Backus, formerly of Madison, Connecticut. In Orange county, on the 17th inst., Miss Mary C. Moore, daughter of Sampson Moore, Esq. deceased, in the 17th year of her age. In New Hanover county, on the 20th inst., Mr. William Henry, a native of Scotland, but for at least 30 years an inhabitant of said county, aged 73.

Masonic Celebration. The anniversary of St. John the Baptist will be celebrated by the members of Hiram Lodge, No. 422, on the 23d June, when a discourse will be delivered by R. W. & Rev. Q. H. TRUMAN, at the Baptist Church, at 11 o'clock. All fitting brethren in the city are respectfully invited to join in the celebration.

By order, GREEN W. LIGON, Sec'y. Raleigh, May 31, 1853.

New and Valuable Medicines. Bulter's Effervescent Magnesian Aperient. For the prevention and cure of Indigestion, Bilious and Liver complaints, nervous weakness, headache, heartburn, habitual constiveness, giddiness, catarrhes, &c. The surprising efficacy of this superior medicine has obtained for it the patronage of the most eminent persons both in Europe and at the North, whose high encomiums, together with its extensive and increasing sale, fully prove its pre-eminence, and bids fair to render it the most popular remedy extant.—To the dyspeptic, the sedentary, and studious, it will be found invaluable, from its promoting a proper action of the liver in the secretion of bile, or the correction of it when in a vitiated state.—Obstructions of the stomach or bowels are gradually removed, it restores the appetite, and gives tone, strength, and energy to the system. Travellers, and residents in warm climates, will find Bulter's Magnesian Aperient a most desirable article; it prevents any accumulation of bile, is palatable, and the method of preparing it unusually convenient. Children have frequent occasion for gentle and cooling purgatives, and they will take this Aperient in preference to any other. By merely pouring water on a tea-spoonful of this Aperient, a cooling and grateful Effervescent beverage is obtained, resembling Soda Water in the taste, and imparting to the constitution all the benefits of the Congress Water at Saratoga.

Carpenter's Saratoga Powders. These powders form an Effervescent Aperient draught, possessing all the medical virtues of the Congress Springs at Saratoga.

Carpenter's Compound Fluid Extract of Sarsaparilla. For purifying the blood, and removing all diseases arising from excess of mercury, exposures and impurities in life, chronic constitutional diseases arising from an impure state of the blood, &c.

Carpenter's Compound Syrup of Licorwort. A safe and valuable medicine for coughs, consumption, spitting of blood and liver complaints. For cleansing and whitening the teeth, preserving the gums, removing every disagreeable taste from the mouth, and rendering the breath sweet and pleasant. The principal ingredient in the Compound Chlorine Tooth Wash, has for years attracted the attention of the most scientific men in Europe. Since its first introduction in France by a member of the Royal Academy of Medicine, it has elicited general and particular notice. As a speedy remedy for all eruptions and soreness of the mouth, and for completely removing the unpleasant smell and taste after smoking, it is now considered preferable to any dentifrice.

Chloride of Soda and Lime. For destroying contagion, decomposing pestilential effluvia, preserving provisions against decay, and neutralizing strong or offensive odors. The most valuable articles for sick rooms, &c.

Sucrain's Pastecca. For the cure of scrofula, secondary syphilis, mercurial diseases, &c.

Sucrain's Vermifuge. A certain remedy for the destruction of worms, and cure of dysentery and bowel complaints in children.

James' Anti-Dyspeptic Pills. For dyspepsia, indigestion, heartburn, &c.

Judkins' Ointment. For the cure of white swellings, old and long standing ulcers, scald head, ring worm, eruptions, tetter, &c.

Roberts' Welch Medicamentum. For curing asthma, gravel, rheumatism, gout, impurities of the blood and removing habitual costiveness. Also, all the patent medicines now in general use, constantly on hand and for sale by WILLIAMS & HAY WOOD, Apothecaries and Druggists, Raleigh, May 31, 1853.

Notice. By virtue of a decree made at the Court of Equity for Wake County, Spring Term, 1853, I will expose to sale on the 19th day of August next, at the Court House door in the city of Raleigh, a tract of land, of which Thomas Nichols died seized and possessed in fee, situate in the county of Wake, and adjoining the lands of Alfred Beres, Allan Nichols and others, supposed to contain two hundred and forty-two acres, as that of the late said Nichols. Terms made known on the day of sale. HENRY M. MILLEN, s. k. c. Raleigh, May 27, 1853.

Will be sold, at the Court House door in the town of Plymouth, on the 18th day of July, 1853, the following pieces or parcels of land, or so much thereof as will satisfy the taxes due thereon for the year 1851, including the expenses concerning the same:

Table with 4 columns: No. of acres, Whose lands it adjoins, In Plymouth, Whose lands it adjoins. Entries include John D. Amis, Henry Allen, Rebecca Adams, David Ambrose, Joseph Arnold, Benjamin Arnold, John Alexander, Thomas Arnold, William Bowen, James Bowman, Miles Baltham, Stephen Blount, Prudence Blount, Jas. Blount of Stephens, James Biggs, Andrew Bigman, Charles Bateman, Allen Bateman, N. Bateman Jr., Do. for Jos. Blount, Dorothy Biggs, Bennet Crook, William Cullipher, Naffey Corpew, William Collins, James A. Davis, Chas. B. Davernport, Elizabeth Davenport, Polly Davenport, Do. where A. Stubbs lives, Thomas Evertt, Charles T. Phelps, Daniel Phelps, Hardy Phelps, Josiah Phelps, Sally Phelps, Joshua M. Phelps, Ephraim Powers, Jordan J. Phelps, Charles P. Phelps, Ormond Ripies, Jane C. Stewart, James Sutton, Jeremias Sutton, Frederick Stacey, Frank W. Swanner, Taylor H. Walker, Martin Walker, Richard Wislow, Edward Windley, Sarah Williams, Richard Evertt, Joshua Evertt, Jesse Evertt, John Goeltz, Harmon Hollis, Edward Hollis, Jos. Hatterman, Priscilla Howard, John R. Hardeston, Abram J. Harrison, John Jones, Thomas Lewis, Thomas Lawler, Ezekiel Leary heir, M. Lawler, William Lewis, Downing H. Long, For J. H. P., Harmon Leary, Josiah Collins, John Long et al, John Snell et al, Wm. Rhodes et al, Ann Johnson et al, Silas Hembridge, Princes Sleight et al, Ste. Newbery et al, Sam. Norman et al, Abra. Chason et al, Mary Norman et al, Jesse Hassell et al, Andrew Bateman et al, Josiah Collins et al, Nat Smith et al, Charles T. Phelps, Wm. Sutton et al, John Snell et al, Sam. Newbery et al, Enoch Spruell et al, Eph'n Spruell et al, Sam. Spruell et al, Thos. H. Turner et al, Amelin Tarkington, Charles Phelps et al, Dempsey Spruell, Josiah Collins, James Davenport, Aaron Harrison, Joseph Garrett, Amosil Corpew, William Waters.

And the following lots in the town of Plymouth.

Table with 3 columns: Lot No., Name, Price. Entries include Lot No. 59, property of Thos. Cox, 1 do. No. do. no. given by Henry Deveron, 1 do. do. do. do. by Solo's Deveron, 1 do. do. do. do. do. by James Long, 1 do. do. do. do. do. do. by Jesse Rowan, 1 do. No. 19, owner not known.

W. M. CHESSON, Sheriff. May 21, 1853. Price adv. \$45 75.

Advertisement. Public notice is hereby given, pursuant to regulations of the Treasury Department, that application will be made after six weeks to the Commissioner of Loans in North Carolina for the renewal of the following certificates of the late funded debt of the United States, issued in favor of Walter Livingston, now deceased, viz: One certificate of six per cent. stock for the sum of \$980 00, One certificate of deferred six per cent. stock for 490 40, One certificate of three per cent. stock for 733 71.

North Carolina Institute of Education. The Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Institute of Education will take place on Tuesday the 23th of June, two days previous to the Commencement of the University. After which time, will be delivered the Annual Address and Lectures on the subjects appointed at the last meeting, viz: Annual Address, by Josiah A. Hix, Esq. of Wilmington. First Lecture, on Lessons and Societies for the diffusion of useful knowledge, by James D. Johnson, Esq. of Oxford. Second Lecture, on a System of Elementary Schools, for North Carolina, by the Hon. Frederick Nash, of Hillsborough. Third Lecture, on the Custom of exonerating emigration in Literary Institutions by reward, the punishment, by Walker Anderson, Esq. of Hillsborough.

It is hoped and presumed, that the friends of Education generally will attend and unite in supporting a course of such vital importance to the State. By order of the Executive Committee, WALTER A. NORWOOD, Recording Secretary. May 23.

Examination. The Examination of the students in the Academies and Schools will commence on Tuesday the 23d day of June next, and continue two days. Those interested are respectfully invited to attend. The next session will begin the first Monday in July. By order, 22 1/2.