

THE STAR

RALEIGH, MAY 31, 1837.

Contrary to our expectation, we learn Dr. Montgomery is a candidate for re-election in this Congressional district.

In the Tarboro' district, the spoils-party of Edgecomb have nominated Gen. T. D. Winton as their candidate.

The Bank of Cape Fear, which we understand is in a very sound and safe condition, has been compelled to follow suit in the suspension of specie payments. We also learn that in consequence of the present general embarrassments the Bank will postpone the establishment of Branches in this city and at Salisbury until some time during the ensuing fall.

South Carolina Notes are received at par by the merchants and other traders in Fayetteville.

We are authorized to announce Alfred Williams, Esq. as a Candidate for the County Court Clerkship of Wake.

Appointments by the Governor.—E. P. Hall, of Wilmington, James Cassidy, of Duplin, Richard Washington, of Wayne, and James S. Battle, of Nash, to be Directors on the part of the State in the Wilmington, and Raleigh Rail Road Company. Andrew Joyner, of Halifax, is constituted Proxy to represent the interests of the State, in all General Meetings of the Company.

Adam Huntman, Esq. the successful candidate of the late lamented David Crockett in Congress, has declined a re-election. He says: "The sympathy excited for the melancholy fate of the late Col. Crockett is such, that many wish to pay a tribute of respect to him by electing his son. I will not stand in the way of this generous sympathy. I find young Crockett possesses (in the main) sound Republican principles," &c. Young Crockett will doubtless be elected by acclamation.

PROGRESS OF FANATICISM.—Mr. Arthur Tappan presided at the recent meeting of the Anti-Slavery Society in New York, at which it was stated that 483 new associations of this description had been formed in our country during the past year, two of which are said to be flourishing State Societies, making the whole number 1006. The amount of moneys received this year is near \$37,000, being \$10,000 increase since last. Number of publications 669,000; number of agents 70. Mr. Arthur Tappan, at least, whatever may be said of the madness or imbecility of others, had better attend to his own private affairs.

We understand that the Rev. Geo. W. Freeman, Rector of Christ Church in this city, has declined the invitation recently offered to him from Nashville, Tenn. to take charge of the Church in that city.

Tennessee.—A friend in Murfreesborough, under date May 17th, writes as follows: "We have had a remarkable dry Spring. For six weeks past, not even as much rain, (until Sunday last) as would wet the ground an inch. It has also been remarkably cool. Yesterday we had a considerable winter frost, and this morning a sharp frost. Many of the farmers have ploughed their cotton up, and planted in corn."

The Governor of Alabama has issued his proclamation, calling an extra session of the Legislature of that State on the second Monday in June.

In Virginia, the question has been agitated, whether the members of the last Assembly or those recently chosen should convene in the extra session called by the Governor? It appears, however, that there was no doubt on the subject in the mind of the Governor, as his proclamation was addressed to the old members; and the Attorney General has decided that they will therefore convene.

To Correspondents.—"A Traveller," "Pasany" and "Y." shall appear in our next.

The Louisville Journal states that Senator Walker remarked a few weeks ago, that Congress, during the very first fortnight of its next session, would set the public mind at rest in regard to the preposterous specie projects that have so long agitated it. He added, that he honestly believed there were but three men in the nation, who considered those projects practicable; and those three were Mr. Benton, Senator Morris, of Ohio, and General Jackson.

The same print further states that Senator Nicholas, of Louisiana, on his return from Washington city, declared that, if Mr. Van Buren should delay the repeal of the Treasury Circular until the next session of Congress, his administration would be certainly and utterly broken down. That he regarded the pocketing of the Treasury Circular bill by President Jackson, after its passage by such an overwhelming majority through both houses of Congress, as the grossest act of usurpation ever perpetrated by any President of the United States.

The office of Charge d' Affairs to Belgium, rejected by Mr. Haywood, is reported, has been tendered to ex-Governor Spaight. The Newbern Sentinel doubts the correctness of the report; but intimates that, if it be true, his ex-Excellency will accept.

The Secretary of the Treasury has addressed a strong and pungent letter to the Collector of the Customs for the port of New York, on account of certain expressions used by the latter, such as taking the responsibility of receiving city bank notes for duties, &c. The Secretary states that he has already adopted the best remedy which the law will allow, and that it is better that the dues of the government should not be paid than paid in violation of the law of the land.

Since the failure of "the Experiment," the Jackson-men of the 8th Ward in Baltimore, held a meeting, and after the rejection of a proposition to cut down a Hickory tree which they had planted during the term of the late President, they unanimously agreed to pull it up by the roots. Demagogues may read in this event, a lesson upon the fickleness of party idolatry!

Richmond of Banks.—A writer in the Richmond Whig proposes a convention of Representatives of all of the banks in the United States to meet in Baltimore or Washington.

The Texian Congress assembled in Houston on the 3d of May. The Hon. Jesse Grimes was elected President of the Senate, the Hon. Branch T. Archer Speaker of the House, and the Rev. Dr. Hall, Chaplain.

More Indian troubles.—A body of about 400 hostile Creeks have appeared in Walton county, Florida. The inhabitants have fled, and their plantations and crops have been destroyed by the savages. A company of troops under Capt. Foster, of Alabama, surprised and killed 16 of them a few days ago; but, from the superior force of the Indians, were compelled to retire.

Suspension.—The Quebec Banks have followed the example of the Montreal. The Gettysburg, Penn. Bank, made a three days' struggle under a violent revolution, but, like all good Christians, at last resigned itself to its fate, with becoming meekness. The Columbus, Ohio, Banks, have also suspended. This thing of suspension, is to become, we fear, the only general rule without its exception, which ever existed in this country.

Hail Storm.—One of the most tremendous hail storms ever witnessed in this climate, passed through a small section of Franklin county, a few miles below Louisville, on Friday evening last. The hail in the road, where it had been a little drifted, was three feet deep; and some fields were so washed by the rain, that it could not be discovered what had been planted in them. Scarcely any of the soil that had been loosened by the plough was left on the declivities.

Specie.—At the last advices, the Bank of the Valley, at Winchester, and one or two Banks at New Orleans continued to redeem their notes in Specie.

P. S. Subsequent advices from New Orleans says all their banks have suspended.

TO THE WEST. The subscriber intends, on or about the middle of June, to start on a tour through the States of Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama; and having business to transact for several gentlemen, would tender his services to others who may wish to employ an agent. SAM'L DUTY. Raleigh, Granville co. May 8, 1837. 23 Stp.

NEW STORE. PRIMROSE & HOLLAND. At the House formerly occupied by J. PRIMROSE, are receiving and opening, a large and general assortment of STAPLE & FANCY Dry Goods, Groceries, Hard Ware, Queens Ware, Hats and Shoes, And various other small things—comprising almost every article sold in this Market, by similar Houses. All of which they are prepared to sell cheap. And as they possess facilities for replenishing at any time, they are determined to sell good Goods at low prices. Persons desiring to buy, are respectfully requested to call and examine for themselves. Raleigh, May 20, 1837. 23 Stp.

Specie.—An unusual draw of fifty millions of specie has been made upon Europe by our Government, during the last four years.—This compelled their banks to lessen their accommodations and draw in their circulation; the necessary consequence of which was, their merchants and manufacturers were likewise forced to reduce and circumscribe their operations so much, as to diminish the demand for Cotton. Hence the great decline in the price of that article, which has been attended with such terrible consequences to the planters and merchants of this country. In this way the exploded experiment of Gen. Jackson has operated most injuriously both at home and abroad. The illegal and oppressive specie circular has had a two-fold agency in producing this distress. In the first place it drained the coin from its natural and appropriate channel; and secondly, backed it up in the vaults of the miserable pet banks of the west, where it can neither be commanded by the government, nor obtained for the legitimate and necessary uses of commerce. The merchants are therefore compelled to pay a most ruinous premium for the specie which they must have to sustain their credit and pay their honest debts. They obtain it from the Brokers, whose business it is to thrive upon the necessities of others; and the brokers get it from the miners, whose cupidity always preys without remorse upon the pecuniary embarrassments of the hapless victims who fall into its voracious jaws. By this process persons indebted to England procure the means to pay. They have had to give as high as ten to 12 per cent; but in New York, the premium has fallen to 5 or 6 per cent.

The specie is thus, at this great sacrifice, going back to Europe; and thither it will continue to flow, in defiance of every barrier, until the equilibrium is restored. It is stated that the amount exported since the commencement of last winter is four millions.

In addition to this severe tribute which our honest and enterprising citizens are compelled to pay to the folly and tyranny of the Government, we see it stated that the enormous premium of fifteen per cent, in some places exacted to carry on domestic exchanges; and in Boston, the other day, a note of one of the Western deposit Banks not at seventy-five per cent. below par! a circumstance rendered peculiarly distressing, as the note was the only property of a poor widow. "Thus is a poor and destitute woman, by the mere action of the Executive, defrauded of three-fourths of a sum, which, however insignificant, was to herself of the utmost consequence, inasmuch as it was her all. Thus it is not merely those who have 'EARNED NOTHING,' and therefore 'GO TO START'—in the language of the Globe—who have been stripped and plundered by the accursed policy of a cabal of swindlers and vagabonds—but the honest and laborious poor—the very class interested above all others in the preservation of a sound and uniform currency."

These startling facts ought to be marked and pondered by the honest yeomanry of this country: They cannot fail to open their eyes to the foul deception which is attempted to be practised upon them by those who, from gross error or wicked design, still laud the specie circular and the whole family of that withering "Experiment" which has blasted the happiness and prosperity of this country.

War.—It is rumored that Mexico has actually declared war against the United States. This needs confirmation.

Dreadful Steam Boat Disaster.—The Ben Sherrod was destroyed by fire a little below Natchez. At the time she took fire she was engaged in a race with the steamer Prairie, and the fire took from the great heat of the boilers, caused by raising her steam to its extreme power. A barrel of whiskey was placed on deck for the use of the hands during the race, who drank to excess and became intoxicated. There were 255 persons on board, of whom not more than 60 escaped, leaving one hundred and seventy five drowned, including the captain, three children and his father.

Mr. WEBSTER arrived at Maysville on the 17th inst. He partook of a collation at Dudley's Hotel, and in answer to a complimentary toast made an appropriate address, at the conclusion of which he gave the following sentiment, which was received with hearty cheers: The Kentucky Senators, HENRY CLAY and JOHN J. CHITTENDEN—Ornaments to Kentucky—ornaments to the nation.

Governor RITNER of Pennsylvania, having been requested to call a session of the Pennsylvania Legislature, in consequence of the present state of things, has issued a proclamation, or manifesto, in which he sets forth his reasons why he does not think it necessary to convene that body. He sets out by asserting that the evils, under which the Commonwealth labors, were not produced by the action of the State Government, but by that of the General Government, in its unauthorized interference with the currency and monied transactions of the country; he, therefore, does not believe the State Legislature can afford relief, which must come from the same quarter from which the injury was sustained. He, moreover, declares that the measures of relief proposed, would, in his opinion, aggravate the evil.

North-Carolina Bank Notes.—Upon enquiry, we learn that the reason which induced the Directors of the Bank of the State, at the time of suspending the payment of its liabilities in Specie, to restrict the receipts of Deposits and payments to the Notes of that Bank and its Branches, was this: If the other Banks in this State should not suspend Specie payments, they could not, in justice to themselves, receive the Notes of the Bank of the State, because of its having suspended paying Specie; and, in such a state of things, therefore, the Bank of the State ought not to increase the difficulties of the Banks continuing to pay specie, by taking their Notes, and asking of them payment in what it had declined itself to make.

Immediately on receiving information that the Bank of Cape Fear and the Merchants' Bank at Newbern had all suspended Specie payments, the Directors of the Bank of the State rescinded the restriction, and, by letters addressed to the several Cashiers and Agents of the Notes of the other Banks, as heretofore.—Register.

Logical.—"What do you think of 'single blessedness?'" said a gentleman to his friend. "Why," says he, "as to 'single blessedness,' it will do; but certainly can only be regarded as half so blessed as double blessedness."

Mexico's Protest.—The New Orleans Bee has received from Mexico, by way of Havana, an interesting public document, addressed by Jose Maria Ortiz Monasterio, Mexican Secretary of Foreign Affairs, to his Excellency the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, of the United States, and dated March 31, 1837.

He commences by stating that the President ad interim of Mexico, has seen the acknowledgment of independence of the "insurgents" of Texas by the Congress of the U. States, & the subsequent appointment of Mr. Aisee Labranche, to be Minister Plenipotentiary to the pretended Republic, with just surprise. The premature measure was viewed with the more surprise because it was not anticipated. Mr. Forsyth, on the 24th May, last year, in answer to Mr. Gortiza, the Mexican minister, stated that he was authorized by the President to assure him that the Government would adopt no resolution or decision on that question, which was not founded on the rules and principles which had guided it in the dissensions between Spain and her colonies. Such was the language, he contends, used by Mr. Forsyth, just after the victory gained by the "insurgents." He asks if the case supposed by Mr. Forsyth has now arrived? Are the Texians in the same position that the Mexicans were in regard to Spain, when the United States acknowledged their independence? Is there the slightest point of identity between a nation of more than six millions of inhabitants, who by their sole efforts had thrown off the yoke of Spain after a sanguinary struggle of eleven years, and a few thousands of vagabonds, without country, without religion, without virtues and without laws, menaced by a numerous army, full of enthusiasm, marching to recover the laurels of which a capricious destiny ravished at St. Jacinto! Shall the atrocious insult be offered to Mexico, to suppose it incapable of vindicating her right to the territory which those miserable adventurers have usurped—and shall we submit to the sneers of that republic? The Minister next alludes to General Jackson's Message of the 21st December last, on the subject, and says it tends entirely to support a neutral position between Mexico and Texas.

The Minister concludes by uttering, on the part of the President ad interim, Bustamante, a solemn protest against the acknowledgment of the independence of the pretended republic of Texas, made by the United States; and begs the Secretary of State to make known the said protest to the President of the United States.

An Editor in Trouble.—The following good-humored article, with its bill of fare appended, is from the Tascumbian, a good and true Van Buren paper, published in Mississippi. We would only remark, in reference to this worthy editor's case, that his "sufferings" is far worse with a man who has, thus far, plenty of corn cake every day in the week: "This is sure—48th No. and luckily for us it is that the volume is so near its completion; for never was a poor devil of an editor so nigh being starved out as we are at this present writing. Ay, we are threatened with starvation! Think of that, ye ruff-d-d scribblers, who thrive a day regale your luxurious bellies on mutton-chops, roast beef, dumplings and perchance, turtle soup and fried-cakes chickens (Zounds! how our mouths water!) gushing the same down your palates, while with old October brown and bright, or sparkling Champagne! Think ye 'good, fat, sleek-headed,' pure, and unbridled Whig editors, who are constantly crying out against the 'spoils' men, and the party's liberality to its editors—think of a democratic editor, a whole-sort Van Buren and Gholson man, so nigh starvation, that one No. 3 mackerel per diem, and a half bushel of corn meal for a fortnight, is almost his whole allowance. This is no exaggeration. Towns and town officers and individuals owe

us trifling sums for printing, and, although we have dunned and dunned them, with an obstinate perseverance, week after week, through our columns, we can't induce them to call & pay for their debts; we cannot collect money enough to furnish ourselves with the luxuries of pork and sausage, neither of which have we been able to procure during the last four months.—As for party patronage, we would not give a penny for the patronage of the whole democracy, if a fair display of its benefits has been exhibited to us. If we had ever dreamed of being 'rewarded,' we might with truth exclaim—'Howel! Howel! where are the 'Spoils' the glowing fancy pictured?'

EXTRACTS FROM AN ADDRESS DELIVERED. Sunday.—Corn bread, molasses, and coffee. Monday.—Corn bread, coffee, and mackerel. Tuesday.—Corn bread, potatoes, and salt. Wednesday.—Corn bread, coffee, & mackerel. Thursday.—Corn bread, mackerel, and potatoes. Friday.—Corn bread, potatoes, and salt. Saturday.—Corn bread, mackerel, and onions. [A true bill] Attest: DAVIS.

FOR THE STAR. Mr. Editor, As there has yet been no nomination for a member of Congress for this district, in opposition to our present representative, I would suggest that the whig party should support

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PROCLAMATION. By the Governor of North Carolina. 200 Dollars Reward.

Whereas it has been made known to me by the verdict of an Inquest held by the Coroner, that A. G. Keys, of the county of Martin, was recently murdered in said county, and that George W. Coburn, of the county and State aforesaid, stands charged with the commission of the said felony; and whereas it is represented that the said George W. Coburn is a fugitive from Justice: Now, therefore, in and to the said George W. Coburn may be apprehended and brought to trial, I have thought proper to issue this my Proclamation, offering a reward of two hundred dollars, to any person or persons who will apprehend and confine him in the jail, or deliver him to the Sheriff of Martin county, and I do hereby lawfully require all officers, whether civil or military, within this State, to use their best exertions to apprehend, or cause to be apprehended, the said fugitive.

GIVEN under my hand as Governor, and the Great Seal of North Carolina, at the City of Raleigh, this 25th May, A. D. 1837. EDWARD D. DUDLEY, CHRISTOPHER C. BATTLE, P. Secy.

LONDON PORTER. A few dozen first rate, just received, and for sale by N. D. BLAKE. 23 Stp.

JOHN G. MARSHALL. FAYETTEVILLE STREET, RALEIGH. Has just received an extensive and well selected supply of Groceries, amongst which are the following: Goniac Brandy, Orard & Dupuy's brandy, Champagne, Old and Peach do, Apples and Peaches do, Jamaica, Antigua, St. Croix and N. E. Rum, Monongahela, Rye and Irish Whisky, Champagne, Madeira, Port & Sherry Wines, Serrano and Tallow Candles, White and Brown Bar Soap, Albany Ale and Champagne Cider, London Brown Stout, in pint & quart Bottles, Lemon Syrup, Brown Sugar, Spice, Pepper and Ginger, Almonds, Raisins and Smoking Tobacco, Spanish Serrano and Smoking Tobacco, Cheering Tobacco, from the Factories of Myer, Brown and Arnold, Lowland's Scotch and Maccabon Snuff, Glass Ware, and Crockery, An assortment of Tin Ware, Beef, Best Tongues and Venison hams, Bologna Sausages, Cheating and Butter Crackers, Paste Baking, &c.

port Wm. R. Gales for the office, provided he may acquiesce in such a nomination, which it is hoped he will do.

A VOTER. DIED. In this City, on Wednesday morning last, Miss Margaret Ann Long.

In Granville county, on the 17th instant, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Blackwell.—Mrs. Nancy Marshall, consort of William Marshall, in the 68th year of her age. She was a pious and amiable woman, and was much respected by her friends and acquaintances. She was for the last fifteen years, very much afflicted with the dead palsy, and for the two last years of her life, unable to walk without assistance. She has left two daughters, a number of grand children, and a large circle of relatives & friends to mourn their loss.—Com.

In Louisa, on the 22d May, Mrs. Jane P. Lancaster, relict of the late Rev. William Lancaster. The deceased had set out in a Gig from Louisa, in company with her daughter, Mrs. Parley, for her residence, a few miles distant from the village, and had proceeded but a very short distance, when the Horse, taking fright at a large number of Vultures near the road side preying on an animal carcass, precipitated both from the Carriage, instantly killing Mrs. L. but Mrs. P., although thought dangerously injured at the time, is now recovering. [Com.]

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