



The Southerner.

TAWBORO: FEBRUARY 20.

DEMOCRATIC MEETING

A public meeting of the Democracy of Edgecombe, will be held at the Court House in Tawboro, on Tuesday, the 23rd inst., it being the second day of the County Court, for the purpose of appointing delegates to the Democratic State Convention, to be held in Charlotte, the 14th of April next, to nominate a gubernatorial candidate for this State.

To the Editor of The Southerner.

Raleigh, Feb. 16th.  
Dear Sir: Will you advertise for me in your paper, that I shall address the people of Edgecombe in my defence against the attacks of a portion of the press, at the Court House on Tuesday of Superior Court week—and the people of Nash at the Court House, on Tuesday of their Superior Court.  
I shall see you at your Court.  
I am, very respectfully,  
D. K. McRae.

Mr. Leak, in a letter in the last Fayetteville Observer, withdraws his name as a candidate for Governor.

Raleigh Stand.

Godley's Lady's Book.

We have received the March No. of this beautiful periodical, abounding in beautiful illustrations, useful and entertaining reading matter, &c.

Congress.

A majority of the Senate Committee on Territories, have prepared a bill, providing simply for the admission of Kansas under the Leconte Constitution, similar to those heretofore passed on similar occasions.

In the House, several propositions looking to a full investigation of Kansas affairs, as indicated in the original resolution of Harris, were voted down by a uniform and strictly party vote of eight to seven.

Utah.

Supplies for the Army in Utah are being ordered by the Department in large quantities. Three thousand barrels of pork are to be sent from New York and Baltimore to San Francisco. This disposition of supplies indicates that a campaign against the Mormons will be conducted from the California side; and if we may believe the testimony which comes from that quarter through various channels, the disposition of the inhabitants of California, Oregon and Washington Territories, to participate in the war is very evident. They desire that the whole matter be entrusted to them—no troops being sent from the Atlantic States.

Treasury Notes.

The workmen at the Gosport navy yard in Virginia, were paid off on Wednesday last in Treasury notes, which, it is stated, they sold at par, for Virginia bank notes, and at three per cent. premium for North Carolina bank notes; the latter being equal to one per cent. in Virginia notes.—Wil. Her.

Postage Frauds.

In accordance with the recent instructions from Washington, the postmasters throughout the country are looking up the frauds which are daily committed to avoid lawful postage. The extent of these frauds will be best understood by our enumerating the contents of 28 papers opened by the postmaster of Charlestown, Mass., within three days—11 were written upon, 3 contained dress patterns, 3 three skeins of silk each, 3 contained letters, 2 had pieces of black silk, 1 contained a landscape drawing, 1 a letter and a \$3 bank bill, 1 a child's apron, 1 a roll of ribbon, 1 a worked ladies' collar and 1 a china baby. The amount of postage paid for these 28 papers was but 28 cents, while the amount which should have been paid was \$7.17.

Wilmington Her.

Man Murdered by his Slaves.

We are pained to learn, says the Elizabeth City Pioneer, that Mr. Wm D. Davenport, a highly respected and wealthy citizen of Washington county, was shot down in his own house on Tuesday evening last, about dusk; and

upon investigation, three of his slaves confessed themselves the perpetrators of the foul deed, alleging that they had obtained a gun for the purpose, of a young man in the neighborhood, (Wm. Gooduan,) who, with the negroes, has been arrested and lodged in jail. The event produced an intense excitement—several hundred men assembled on the spot, and a strong determination was manifested to lynch the guilty wretches; but, more prudent counsels finally prevailed, and the negroes with their white condjutor were handed over to the officers of the law.

The Washington Times says:—It is also reported that J. L. Bateman, was shot dead in his piazza, near Plymouth, last week, and that a white man and three negroes had been arrested on suspicion.

Caution

The Halifax correspondent of the Petersburg Express, under date 12th inst. says: I learned a day or two ago that a son of Mr. Roderick Pullen, residing near Brinkleyville, in this county, died last week from drinking oil of vitriol. He tarried behind when the family went to breakfast, to get a dram from the cupboard, and, in his haste, drank the vitriol by mistake. His death is represented as a very horrid one. This may serve as a caution to both parents and children: to the first, against keeping such deadly poisons exposed about the house; and to the latter, against dram drinking in the general, and on the sly in particular.

Sickness.

A letter to the Editors of the Fayetteville Observer, dated Graham, Jan 29, says:—

There has been an unusual amount of sickness in our little village during the last seven or eight months. There have been, I suppose, from 20 to 25 deaths in the village and the immediate vicinity, mostly from typhoid and nervous fevers, and that in a population not exceeding 800, and in a part of the country always noted for health.

Clear the Track.

It is now thought that the cars will run through from Newbern to Goldsboro' by the 1st day of April. So says the Kinston Advocate.

Free Negroes.

A bill providing for the banishment or enslavement of the free negroes of Virginia, after the expiration of six months from the passage of the bill, was lost in the legislature of that state, a few days ago, by a vote of 63 to 74. A similar bill presented a few years ago received only 13 votes.

Free Negroes in Texas.

The legislature of Texas has passed a law enabling free negroes to choose masters and enslave themselves.

The 22d will be a glorious day in Richmond. The inauguration of Powers' Statue of the immortal Washington will call together a larger multitude, perhaps, than ever before assembled in that city. The Legislature of Virginia has appropriated three thousand dollars to help defray the expenses, and the citizens of Richmond are making all possible preparations for the comfortable entertainment of their visitors.

A Real Infernal Machine.

A most daring attempt was made Wednesday morning at Philadelphia, to destroy human life, by means of an infernal machine. Situated not a hundred miles from the Exchange, is the place of business of a well known barber, who is celebrated for his early risings. Wednesday morning he came to his shop just as the day was beginning to dawn, and when about to enter he discovered a very nice looking cigar lying on the step. As the "weed" appeared to be very clean, he picked it up and placed it in his pocket. He went home to breakfast, after which feeling like taking a smoke, he "fired up" the cigar. Presently his attention was called to something which he could not attend to while smoking, and laying the "Havana" upon the mantel piece, he remarked "that is a very bad cigar." In a short time his son, a small child, commenced cutting up the cigar, when he found in the centre a quill about two inches in length, containing powder and shot. The ends were so arranged as when the fire reached the quill, the shot would fly into the mouth of the smoker! This was, indeed, a very narrow escape. The was to be victim is a quiet, inoffensive man; and he cannot imagine who the villain who prepared the "machine" is.

Mill Burnt.

We regret to learn that Jamet Water's mill, in this county, was burnt on Tuesday night by some incendiary.

This is a heavy loss, not only to Mr. Waters, but also to the neighbors. We presume, though have not heard, that there was more or less grain in the Mill belonging to the neighbors, brought there to be ground. It was one of the best Mills in this section of the State. No insurance. Clinton Advocate.

Rail Road Track Burnt.

We learn that from four to five hundred yards of the N. C. Railroad track was burnt near Smithfield, on Saturday night. Supposed loss to Company \$4,000 to \$5,000. Thought by some to have been the work of an incendiary—Goldsboro' Tribune.

Unprecedented Longevity.

The Jacksonville (Fla) Republican records the death of Mrs. Winnie Lassiter on the 28th ultimo, aged 130 years. She was a native of North Carolina, and was married in that colony many years before the revolution.

The Mormons.

The Mormons who have recently left San Bernardino, California, for Salt Lake, made enormous sacrifices in selling their estates. One of them sold his farm and vineyards which were last year assessed at \$10,000 for \$150! Another sold property, consisting of extensive orchards, a distillery which cost \$17,000, a flour mill, saw mill, &c., costing, altogether, not less than \$75,000, for \$5,000. The fanaticism which prompts such sacrifices as these must be powerful indeed.

A Mormon Advertisement.

A Mormon advertisement reads as follows: "To be let—rooms for two gentlemen and four wives, or rooms for one gentleman and six wives." We have been trying to figure out what sort of accommodations they were.

Horrible Disclosure.

It appears that one of the most fashionable dress-makers in New York turns out to be a man. For several years past he has been fitting dresses to the charming forms of the New York ladies, and fitting the ladies to the charming forms of their dresses. He is said to have been extremely popular, and many regret that the discovery of his sex extended beyond themselves.

Map of the Heavens.

We see it stated that a magnificent and interesting work is now being issued at Paris—a complete map of the heavens, so far as modern astronomical knowledge extends—prepared under the auspices of the imperial observatory. It is to consist of sixty-five plates, executed in the most superb style, each one of the plates indicating the position of 25,525 stars of the third magnitude, or 1,651,125 in all. The eighteenth plate of this magnificent series, now finished, was recently presented to the French Academy of Sciences, where it excited the greatest admiration.

Getting up Stairs.

"Fellow sinners," said a preacher, "if you were told, that by going to the top of those stairs yonder," (pointing to a rickety pair at each end of the church) "you might secure your eternal salvation, I really hardly believe any one would try; but let any man proclaim that there were a hundred dollars up there and I'll guarantee there would be such a getting up stairs as you never did see."

Foreign.

Late news from Europe.

Halifax, Feb. 14.—The steamship Niagara has arrived, with dates to the 29th ultimo.

One week later news from India received. Sir Colin Campbell was still at Cawnpore. He would shortly go westward, with a powerful force.

Outram had attacked and defeated the enemy at Alumbagh, capturing four guns.

Cotton sales for the week 65,000 bales, including 11,500 on speculation and 2,500 for exports. Rates advanced 1/4 on the reception of the news by the Baltic, closing buoyant.

Breadstuffs—dull and slightly lower. Corn and provisions steady.

Bank rates reduced to 4 per cent. Money continues to grow easier. Bullion in the Bank of England increased £1,962,000. Consols 95 1/2. Further reductions in Bank rates prognosticated.

Markets.

TAWBORO, MARKET, Feb. 19.  
Turpentine—Dip, \$1 95 to 2 00.  
Serape, 35 to 40 cts. per 100 lbs.  
Tar, \$1 00 to \$1 10.  
Corn, \$2 75 to \$3 00 per bbl.  
Cotton, 10 to 11 cts.  
Bacon, 12 to 13 cts.  
Lard, 11 to 12 cts.

Washington Market, Feb. 10.  
Naval Stores—All kinds are very firm at full prices. We quote Dip Turpentine \$2.65, Scrape do, 1.52, Spirits do. 40c, Tar, 1.25, Rosin 85c. and Pitch, 1.25.

Grain—In Wheat we note sales since our last of about 400 Bushels of Red, 95c for 60lbs.

Corn. Is advancing and sales of both up River Yellow and Hyde Co. White, have been made to shippers at 50c per bushel measure for the last three days. It is in good demand.

Cotton. Last sales are reported at a little over 10c say 10 1/4.

Bacon, hog round, 12 cents.

Lard, 10 to 11 cents.

Wilmington Market, Feb. 17.  
Turpentine—In crude Turpentine the market has been quite active, and up to Monday, former quotations were readily obtained. On that day the price went up 10 cts. per bbl. and sales were made at \$2.70 and \$1.70 as to quality.

Cotton—The market for this article continues to improve. On Wednesday sales were made of 315 bales at the following prices for middling to strict middling 10 1/4, 11, 11 1/4, 12, a 12 1/2.

Corn—We note the arrival of only 2 cargoes since our last, one amounting to 1600 bushels changed hands at 51 cents per bushel, and the other amounting to only 900 bushels, went at 53 cts. per bushel.

Bacon—The market is well supplied with N. C. cured, and last sales of hog round were made at 12 cts per lb.

Lard—11 1/4 to 12 cents.

Petersburg Market, Feb. 16  
Carefully corrected weekly by N. M. Martin, Bro. & Co., Grocers and Commission Merchants, No. 129 Sycamore street.

Cotton—The transactions to-day were limited. We note sales of two parcels of about 110 bales at P. N. T. Holders are demanding an advance upon last week's prices.

Bacon—Is in fair demand, and we note a considerable advance in the West. We quote Shoulders at 9 to 9 1/2 c. and Sides at 10 1/4 to 11 cents.

Corn—There is a good enquiry for this article with very light receipts. We quote at 55 a 60 c. as in quality.

Flour—Demand light. We quote country superfine \$6; extra do. 6 1/2, and family 7 1/4.

Exchange—On New York 3 to 3 1/2. Lard has declined. We quote Va. and N. C. in kegs, 12 1/2 a 13 cts; do. in bbls. 12 1/2 cents, at wholesale.

Bagging—Good heavy gunny, 14 to 14 1/2.

NOTICE.

ALL those indebted to the Estate of the late Patrick McDonnell, are hereby notified to come forward and pay their dues, as no further indulgence can be given.

Dlisha Cromwell,  
E. C. McDonnell,  
Adm'rs.

Feb. 17, 1858.

Fresh Goods.

NEW Family Butter, Soda Crackers, Cider Vinegar, Spitzenburg and Russet Apples, Cocoa Nuts, Raisins, Almonds, Prunes and Dates—for sale by R. T. Hoskins & Bowditch. Feb. 15th, 1858.

Town of Wilmington 7 per cent. Stock.

TWO HUNDRED SHARES of \$100 each, of the Stock authorized to be issued by the Town of Wilmington for the purpose of purchasing a suitable lot and erecting thereon, a Town Hall, will be for sale on the 1st day of January, 1858. This stock is redeemable on the 1st day of January 1876, bears interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually to the holders of the warrants or coupons attached to the several certificates, and for the payment of interest accruing, and of the stock when due, the Commissioners of the Town, are empowered and required to provide by taxation, on the real and personal property of the town; in addition thereto, for the ultimate redemption of this Stock, a sinking fund is required by law to be created to which is to be added from year to year, not less than One Thousand Dollars.

Any further details in reference to this most desirable investment, will be furnished by application either in person or by letter to the Treasurer of the town.

RICHARD MORRIS, Treasurer. Feb. 13. 8-3

TURNER'S North Carolina Almanacs, For 1858. For sale by Geo. Howard.

New Goods, JUST RECEIVED, at Hugh Macnair's.

A good Assortment of Crockery, JUST RECEIVED, by Hugh Macnair.

Commercial Bank OF WILMINGTON.

A DIVIDEND of Five per cent. on the Capital Stock of this Bank, will be paid to the Stockholders on and after Monday the 15th inst. By order of the Board. T. Savage, Cash'r. February 3.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned embraces this opportunity to inform his friends, customers and the public generally, that for want of room he has just opened

A Branch Shop,

One door below Mr. T. M. Cook's Jewelry Store, and nearly opposite the Edgecombe House, where he will be found the greater part of his time.

I will at the same time carry on the



Harness making At my Old Stand, opposite Mr. Wm. Norfleet's Office.

I now beg leave to return my sincere thanks to those who so liberally bestowed their patronage upon me during the past year, and hope that they will continue the same.

As it shall be my motto, *Excursion to Please*, and having a sufficient number of experienced workmen in my employ, those wishing to carry or send work to either shop, may rely upon having it well done and executed at the shortest notice.

I have on hand and for sale at both shops, ready made work of all descriptions, and am prepared to manufacture any kind of work ordered in our line of business, such as Carriage and Buggy Harness, wagon and cart Harness, Saddles and Bridles, Martingales, Stirrup Leathers, Girths, Pole Straps, single and double Reins, Halters, tie Reins, lame straps, saddle Croupes, also, horse Blankets.

At the same time I shall keep constantly on hand, a full assortment of

Plated and Japaned Bitts, Such as snaffle and curb Bitts, stiff Bitts, ring Bitts, double Snaffles, curb Snaffles, mule Bitts—Also, a full assortment of light buggy, and heavy coach and draft Collars.

I invite the citizens of Edgecombe and the adjacent counties, to call and examine my stock, before purchasing elsewhere. I am determined to sell as low as any manufacturer in the State.

P. S. Repairing neatly done and executed at the shortest notice.

James W. Spragins. Tawboro', Feb'y 9, 1858.

Accordeons, REPAIRED and put in first rate order at T. M. Cook's, Main Street.

J. L. BRIDGERS, G. W. WHITFIELD, Bridgers & Whitfield, Attorneys at Law, Office hours, 9 till 3 o'clock. Tawboro', Jan. 1858.

Wm. H. Johnston, Attorney at Law, TAWBORO', N. C.

Go to Mallon's Gallery, Odd Fellow's Hall,

And have your picture taken before he leaves town. He has had 12 years experience in his business and has received from the State Agricultural Society the highest premium ever awarded in North Carolina for the best pictures ever produced in the State. He is making them as low as One Dollar. Jan. 20, 1858.

NOTICE.

Jordan's Oil of Bay Leaves, for beautifying and preserving the hair, Jackson's Pectoral Syrup, for Colds, &c. Harrison's peristaltic (iron) Lozenges, for Dyspepsia, Debility, &c. Madame Keintzell's pile Ointment, JUST RECEIVED, And for sale by Geo. Howard, Tawboro'.

Splendid Pictures Only One Dollar!! Wake up! Edgecombe, and let us to your interest!!!

IT is a fact worth knowing, that a Dollar saved is a Dollar earned. The Subscriber having just returned from New York with a well assorted stock of all kinds of Cases, Frames, &c., suitable for Miniatures, which he purchased at a Bargain and consequently he can give the inhabitants of Tawboro' and vicinity Pictures at very reduced prices. I am now making good Pictures and putting them up in handsome rocco cases, for the unprecedented price of ONE DOLLAR; thus giving the citizens of this community the advantages of any of our large cities in procuring a first class likeness of themselves or friends for a very low sum. am making all styles of Photographs, Ambrotype! Melainotype!!! Sereotype!!!! Talbotype!!!! Cameotype!!!! and The Crystal Miniature!!! Which is the latest discovery. I am also making Likenesses on Patent Leather, which can be sent by mail the same as letter postage. M. M. Mallon.

N. B. All persons wishing Pictures will do well to call soon, as my stay is limited. Tawboro', Jan. 20, 1858.

NEW STORE And New Goods.

THE undersigned has just received and is now opening, at the Storehouse recently owned by J. J. B. Pender, on the north corner of Main and Greenville streets, No. 93 Main street,

A complete Stock of Confectionaries, Groceries, and YANKEE NOTIONS,

All of which he will sell on favorable terms. He will also take a few school boys as boarders. Seth S. Hicks. Tawboro', Jan. 7, 1858.

Bargains! Bargains! BARGAINS!

For Bargains in cheap DeLaines, For bargains in all wool do. For bargains in side-striped Robos, For bargains in Plaids, For bargains in fancy silks, For bargains in Irish Linens, For bargains in linen cambric Hdkts, For bargains in brown & black'd Shirting, For bargains in heavy do do do For bargains in Embroideries, For bargains in D'Joinville Cravats, For bargains in all

Staple and Fancy Dry Goods, Call at Hugh Macnair's Cheap Cash Store. Tawboro', Dec. 8, 1857.

SIGN OF THE BIG WATCH.

OWING to the present crisis I will offer still greater bargains in Watches and Jewelry, Than has ever been offered before. Call and examine for yourself.

Thomas M. Cook, HAS just opened a splendid lot of Watches and Jewelry of all descriptions, which I will sell low for Cash or good Notes:

Gold magic Watches from \$150 to \$250  
Gold hunting English Levers, best makers, from \$75 to \$200  
Fine Ladies' Watches, from \$25 to \$150  
Fine hunting Silver Levers, \$15 to \$75  
Silver Watches, from \$6 to \$15

I have also just opened a splendid lot of Jewelry and Plated ware, Embracing a variety of styles and patterns of Breast pins, Ear rings, Bracelets, Finger rings, Ladies' and Gentlemen's chains of gold and silver, Pencils and Pens, Cuff pins, Buckles, miniature Lockets, &c. and a large lot of other articles too numerous to mention.

Having employed a first-class Workman, I will repair Watches, Clocks and Jewelry in the best manner—and Watches and Clocks sold or repaired, warranted for twelve months. (Watch work, cash on delivery.) All Goods sold by me, if not as represented, money will be refunded. Call early and examine for yourselves at Thomas M. Cook's, Main street, Opposite the Edgecombe House. Tawboro', Jan. 7, 1858.