

any of asking the way to Penny's... Well, stranger, 'spose you're not much 'quainted
about here?" "No, sir." "Well, stranger,
I was borned in these mountains, and
I feel to dem gin like it was my home.—
You're kin to Penny's 'spose, stranger, is
you?" "No, sir." "Bless my, sir, I
know him just like one man knows another."
[Vivid lightning and heavy thunders.]
"Please tell me the way to Penny's."
"Well, you know, stranger, this is difficult
place to travel in—among these mountains
had old chance of a dark night; in the
noon's quit shinin' now, any more. I
reckon you're 'quainted with Penny's."
"No, sir, but I want to go to his house if
you will be so good as to tell me the way."
"Well, stranger, Penny lives close to the
big poplar at the old camp ground, just this
side of a mountain." "Yes, sir, and what
path will take me there?" "Well, you
stranger—what might I please to call
your name?" "Heavy thunders." "Think
I am going to have rain, sir." "Please
tell me the road." "Well, stranger, we
have some of the shorten'd rains up here,
but ever falls out of the clouds. It fairly
fills the mountains." [Lightning, thunder,
and.] "You say, stranger, you want to
go to Penny's?" "Yes, sir." "Why you
stranger, you haint got to take no road
at the right one, and that will take you
right there, the same as a black jack."
"And which is the road, this or that?"
"Stranger, do you use tobacco?" "No,
sir." "I thought as how you was 'quaint-
ed with Penny, as you was goin' to see him,
I have some business with him have you?"
"Yes, sir." "Penny's mighty fine man,
he's cap'n of our mountain boys—he's
some punkins, any how." "How far is it
now here to Penny's house, sir?" "Well,
stranger, it is a bad way, but as you want
to go to Penny's, it won't make it any bet-
ter after the night sets dark. I've gone it
its of times—stranger where do you live?"
"At this instant the rain came down in
heavy shower, which so discomfited us
at we were glad to find shelter under a
ledge of rocks that extended out of
the side of the mountain, and cease all en-
quiries for the road to Penny Shenay's."

ITEMS OF NEWS.

From the Baltimore Sun.
The American Institute Fair.—Among the premiums awarded by this Institute at its late Fair in New York, which closed on Saturday evening, were the following: To Dr. Edward Maynard, of Washington city, for his self-primed gun, a silver medal; and to G. W. Warner, of the same city, for his best rotary pump, a silver medal. During the last three weeks a very distressing sickness, partaking of the nature of dysentery and typhoid fever, has prevailed in the town of Wainfield, South Hampshire, about one-fourteenth part of the inhabitants have died. One man lost in one week his wife and four children—his whole family.
Judge J. A. Potter, of Concord, N. H., exhibited at the late fair in Manchester beautiful specimens of New Hampshire silks, from the cocoon to sewing silk and silk purges. The article seemed to be equal to the best Italian. Mrs. Potter has fed near five thousand worms this season with success.
There was a killing frost at Augusta, Ga., on Thursday night week, and on Friday morning, at sunrise, the thermometer stood at 30 degrees. In various sections of South Carolina, on the same night, vegetation was entirely destroyed by the frost, and ice formed in many places.
Bennett, convicted of murder at the late term of the Ripley (Indiana) Circuit Court, has been sentenced to be hung on the first Friday in December. It is said the Sheriff will resign rather than execute the sentence of the court.
In Muskingham county, Ohio, the subscription to the Central Ohio Road carried by an overwhelming majority. That of \$100,000 to the Wilmington and Zanesville road, carried by a large majority.—That of \$100,000 to the Steubenville road defeated badly.
The steamer Mexico, from Galveston, brings intelligence to New Orleans that Wild Cat, the Indian Chief, having become dissatisfied, is moving towards Matamoros. It is supposed that he will act against the Mexican revolutionists under Carvajal.
A Potato-Gathering Machine is in operation in New Hampshire. It is attached to a wagon. The wagon is placed at one end of the potato field, with oxen or horses attached, and as it passes down the rows, digs the potatoes, separates them from the dirt, and *throws them into the wagon.*
A convention, to consider a method for improving the Upper Mississippi, met at Burlington, Iowa, on Thursday last. Two hundred and ninety-one delegates were present, and great harmony prevailed; but nothing of importance has been done, as yet.
Philip H. Langdon and John Marshall quarrelled on Saturday night, at cards, in Boston, when the former stabbed the latter in the abdomen, causing his death. Langdon was arrested.
A newspaper at Marseilles called *La Peuple*, was seized for having expressed unfavorable opinions on the refusal of the French government to permit Kossuth to pass through France.
The *Pine* from Europe to America, on the Washington and Hermann, will be \$28 for the 1st cabin, \$24 for 2d cabin, and \$15 for lower deck. The fare by Franklin and Humboldt will be the same as by the Cunard and Collins lines, \$30.
The authorities at Rome have reinstated the guillotine, and to prevent it from being burned, as the former wooden one was, they have re-built it of cast-iron.
A. M. J. Patterson, in England, has accepted Mr. Hobbs' challenge to pick the American lock, the wager or reward to be for the sum of \$1,000.
During the present month, 1,759 foreigners were naturalized in New York city, and 558 have declared their intentions to become citizens.
Mrs. Embury, the charming authoress, returned from Europe in the Pacific, with her daughter and venerable father. She had been in bad health.
The ground at Dunkirk, N. Y., was covered with two inches of snow on Monday.
The English papers, received by the American station that a house in Westminster street, London, belonging to a carver and gilder, was set on fire and nearly destroyed by a meteor, which descended upon the roof, in the shape of a ball of fire.
It is stated that the Greek manuscripts pretended to have been recently discovered by Simonides, are a humbug. The Parisian water mark was discovered on one of them, although it was claimed to be as ancient as the days of Homer.
A meeting is to be held in Faneuil Hall, Boston, on Monday next, to take measures in reference to petitioning the President to use his intercession with the British Government in behalf of Wm. Smith O'Brien, John Mitchel, and the other Irishmen banished in 1848.
The Washington Telegraph announces the appointment by the President of a gentleman as Commissioner to China; the name of the person selected it is not permitted to give at present. Several had declined the post.
The Mexican Government, under the pressure of its financial embarrassments, has applied to Congress for leave to anticipate \$700,000 additional of the American indemnity. What response the Mexican Congress will make is not known.
Wilson L. Reeves, another of the Lopez prisoners, was released by the Captain General of Cuba on the 19th instant, and came a passenger in the Empire City to New Orleans, on the 22d.
The new ministry has been completed, by adding to those previously selected, Mr. Young, of Montreal, for Commissioner of the Public Works, and Mr. Tacke, Receiver General.
Ferdinand Coxe, of Pennsylvania, to be Secretary of the Legation of the United States in Brazil, in place of Franklin H. Clark, resigned.

CAPE FEAR RIVER RUN OUT.

We are informed that the River this morning (Monday) presents an appearance never before seen by the "oldest inhabitant." It fell on Saturday night and Sunday from 15 to 20 inches, leaving only five inches of water in the channel! The Steamer Chatham, (which has been said to run whenever there is a respectable dew,) is fairly aground, with all the batteries used as Lighters.
It is supposed the cause of this sudden and unprecedented fall is that the Deep-River Company has closed one or more of its Locks; thus cutting off the supplies. It is also understood that it requires but about two days to fill one of their dams, so that we may look for the water perhaps before this paper goes to press.—*Fayetteville Observer.*

DESTRUCTION OF A WHALE SHIP BY A WHALE.

Capt. Deblou, master of the New Bedford whale ship *Ann Alexander*, has arrived at New York in the steamer *Cherokee*, and reports the immediate sinking of his ship in the South Pacific ocean, on the 20th of August last, by a blow from a whale which they were endeavoring to capture. The whale, after being harpooned, and running some distance, had turned upon two of the ship's boats, and crushed them in succession in its ponderous jaws, the crews, nine in each, providentially escaping by throwing themselves into the sea, and being picked up by a third boat. The whale was then harpooned from the ship itself, which he instantly attacked, struck her with tremendous violence, shaking her from stem to stern. She quivered under the violence of the shock, as if she had struck upon a rock! Capt. Deblou immediately descended into the fore-castle, and there to his horror, discovered that the monster had struck the ship about two feet from the keel, abreast the fore-mast, knocking a great hole entirely through her bottom, through which the water rushed impetuously. She sunk in a few hours, the crew taking to their boats, with scarcely any provisions or water. Two days after, they fell in with a vessel, which took them on board.
This is a wonderful instance of the power of the whale.

THE FALL TERM OF CUMBERLAND SUPERIOR COURT OF LAW COMMENCED.

The Fall term of Cumberland Superior Court of Law commenced its Session yesterday, the Hon. John L. Bailey, Judge, presiding. We learn that owing to the number of cases on the State Docket, several of which are for capital felonies, an Extra term for the trial of civil cases is ordered to be held on the second Monday in February next. To-day, the trial of Daniel and James Butler, for the killing of Thomas E. Richardson, in Sept. 1850, will take place—the Grand Jury found a bill against them for manslaughter only. To-morrow and the next day will be probably occupied in the trial of Richard Jackson for the killing of James Barksdale, and Dave Jones, a free mulatto, for the murder of a white woman in Cambellton, in August last.—*Fayetteville Observer.*

DEATH OF HON. RICHARD HINES.

The Telegraph brings us the welcome tidings of the death of this gentleman, which occurred at his residence in Raleigh, yesterday at 5 P. M. Formerly a member of Congress, and for many years Chairman of the Whig Central Committee of the State, he was extensively and most favorably known; but his eminent social and domestic virtues constituted the charm which bound so many warm and sincere friends to him, and will make his loss so much deplored.—*Fayetteville Observer.*

BRITISH AND FRENCH FLEETS ORDERED TO OUR COAST.

The Washington Telegraph of Wednesday says: An order has been issued by the British Admiralty instructing a number of their naval vessels to cruise along the Southern coast of the United States, to capture all American vessels which they have reason to believe are destined to Cuba with hostile intentions: *This order is now in this city,* and a knowledge of its nature formed the basis of the letter of Mr. Crittenden to the British Minister, and we believe a similar order issued by the French government called for a like letter to that government, through its representative here.

PLANK ROAD TOLLS.

We learn from the Fayetteville Observer, that the amount received on the Fayetteville and Western Plank Road, during the month of October, was \$865 19.

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TEMPERANCE HALL, OCT. 22.

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On motion, it was ordered that the G. S. be the Editors of the Weekly Message, and that the spirit of the Age to insert the proceedings of their respective papers, and that a certain number of the Message be purchased for supplying each Ark in the State these proceedings.
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GREENSBORO', OCT. 22, 1851.

The Right Worthy Grand Council of Ark of Safety, was this day organized by its deputy John F. Howlett, acting under the authority of the R. W. G. C. of Virginia. The following brethren were duly elected and exalted: John F. Howlett, F. Paul, A. P. Sperry, A. Myers, J. E. Denny, D. E. Field, and J. D. Donnell. Council was then declared open for the transaction of business.
It was moved and carried that the Council go into an election of officers, when following brethren were chosen officers for the present term:
John F. Howlett, R. W. G. M.;
F. M. Paul, R. W. G. D. M.;
A. P. Sperry, G. S. G. T.;
A. Myers, 1st G. C.;
J. E. Denny, 2nd G. C.;
J. D. Donnell, G. G.;
D. E. Field, G. W.
It was then moved and carried, that the F. G. M. purchase such Books, Cards, Papers, &c., as will be necessary in running subordinate Arks. There being no business on motion, the Council adjourned until 8 o'clock on the morning of the 23d. Closed in due form with bright prospects of future success, and brighter of being instrumental in doing much in the cause of temperance.
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COMMON SCHOOLS.

The amount of Fall taxes for the support of Common Schools, to which each county is entitled, is published. We notice the following: \$1,168 55; Davidson 1,516 00; Davie 769 84; Guilford 2,033 70; Hoke 930 96; Surry 2,300 55; Wilkes 622; Yadkin 891 74;—(to be received by); Ashe 938 81.

ORDINARY DOCUMENT.

The N. express translates from a Genoa paper, an explanation issued by the Roman Republic in London, Mazzini and his associates, holdy developing a Programme of General Insurrection in Europe! It is upon Italians to be prepared for a successful insurrection.

GREENSBORO' FEMALE COLLEGE.

One-sixth of all money collected for the "Penny" is allowed in compensation to agents and six copies are sent for free delivery to agents. All subscribers who do not give notice to the contrary before Christmas, will be held bound in honor for the pay of the next volume. All communications and remittances should be made directly to the editor. CHAS. F. PERKINS, Greensboro', N. C. Oct. 1851.

FRUIT TREES.
THE subscriber, located one mile southwest of Greensboro', has on hand a large number of choice Fruit Trees, embracing the best varieties of the Apple, Peach, Nutmeg, &c. Price \$10 per hundred at the nursery, delivered free of cost where the order will justify it. THOMAS H. FENTRESS, Nov. 8, 1851.

SITUATION WANTED.
A young lady who may wish to employ a person lady competent to take charge of a good school, will please correspond with the Editor.

GREENSBORO' FEMALE COLLEGE.
THE next session of this Institution will begin at 9 o'clock, A. M., on the 21st day of January, 1851. It is extremely desirable that all the pupils shall be present at the selection of rooms, and the classification of the scholars, which will take place at that time. The College will be provided with a competent corps of teachers, and many improvements made in the domestic arrangements. The departments of the ordinary English course, Mathematics, Natural Sciences, Ancient and Modern Languages, are under the immediate inspection of the President, who also gives instruction in some of these branches. He is aided by a Professor and three Ladies.
The department of Music is committed to Professor Kern, whose reputation gives every guarantee that it will be managed with ability. He is assisted by two experienced ladies. For the acquisition of the elegant accomplishment of Oil-Painting the College at present affords superior advantages. There is probably no where in North Carolina a gallery of paintings equal in beauty of execution to that produced by the pupils during the last year, and exhibited at commencement.
The domestic department is under the management of Thomas C. Blake, Esq., and Mrs. Lady, late of Fayetteville. Mr. and Mrs. Blake have reared a family of daughters and have this large recommendation to the confidence of the community.
The Board of Trustees, with a liberality becoming those who have charge of so flourishing an Institution, have determined to add immediately to their present noble edifice, a building which will give such room that more quietness and better discipline and instruction can be secured. The pupils will not be crowded in the dormitories. The Trustees will proceed also to enlarge and beautify the grounds and introduce such a system of exercise as will promote the health of the pupils.
There is perhaps, no healthier place in North Carolina or Virginia, than Greensboro'. The inhabitants in the town are remarkable for general morality and industry; the location of the College surpasses that of any Institution which the undersigned has ever visited, and he has seen all those of most note in the country; and the situation in the central part of the State makes it easy of access.
Attention is paid to the manners of the pupils and every accomplishment desirable for a young lady to acquire may be obtained here. While the ornamental branches are cultivated, they are not made to constitute the staple of the education which we endeavor to impart to our pupils. A high intellectual training—a thorough discipline of the mind is sought to be attained as of first importance after the cultivation of moral and religious feelings.
The Trustees and Faculty make every possible effort to prevent extravagance. The regular College charges are moderate. The next session will consist of five months. For board and tuition in the ordinary English branches, and in Latin or Greek, if desired, the charge is \$60; for Music \$20; for Oil-Painting \$15; for Drawing \$5; for French or any other modern language taught, \$5.
CHAS. F. PERKINS, President,
Greensboro', N. C. June 6, 1851.—41

NORMAL COLLEGE, Randolph County, N. C.

Rev. B. CRAVEN, A. M. President, and Professor of Ancient Languages, and Lecturer in Normal Training.
WM. Mc. ROBBINS, A. B. Professor of Mathematics.
Rev. A. S. ANDREWS, Professor of English Literature and Natural Science.
THIS Institution is situated on the highlands in the northern part of Randolph County, and offers every inducement to those who desire a healthy and retired position.—No public collections distract the attention of the students, and no facilities entice them to vice; but the morals and habits are as secure here, as in the most respectable families. The course of study is about the same as in the best and oldest Colleges. Those who wish to prepare for teaching, will be thoroughly trained for that pursuit, and will, if deserving, receive distinctions, not awarded at any other Institution. The entire expense per session varies from \$35 to \$45.
H. E. ELLIOTT, President of Board of Trustees, Sept. 25, 1851.

GREENSBORO' FURNITURE WARE-ROOMS!

PETER THURSTON has the pleasure of announcing to the readers of "The Weekly Message," and the public in general, that he has at his Furniture Rooms in Greensboro', a pretty good supply of
ELEGANT FURNITURE, and will always keep on hand all articles in use, from the plain Walnut, to the finest and most costly Mahogany work of every pattern. Thankful for past favors, he still solicits calls from all who are desirous of buying.
Greensboro', N. C., Oct. 30, 1851.—41

PATENT BUGGIES, Coach Shop, South Street, Greensboro', N. C.

THE subscriber having purchased the right of making and selling Hubbard's patent combination of cross
Elastic Reachers and Springs, is making and will keep constantly on hand Buggies, Rockways, &c. The above invention entirely does away the Elliptic Springs and Perch and every thing complicated about the common carriage; is, therefore, less liable to get out of repair; is at least 150 lbs. lighter than the old kind, and from its peculiar construction will run much longer in the elliptic plan. A horse will carry one of these buggies and the driver will move over than an empty one on elliptic springs, and from its easy swinging motion, it will be a most delightful pleasure carriage.
To suit purchasers, I will keep on hand an assortment of Buggies, Rockways and Barouches, both Patent and on the old plan. All kinds of work, my time longer in substantial and elegant style, cheap, and on short notice.
SHEPSON ROBE, Oct. 10, 1851.