

# The Southport Leader.

Entered according to postoffice regulations at the postoffice at Southport, N. C., as second class matter.

### TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION.

THREE MONTHS..... 35 Cents.  
SIX MONTHS..... 60 Cents.  
ONE YEAR..... \$1.00

Sent by Mail. Payable in advance.

Give postoffice address in full, including county and State.

Remit by draft, postoffice order, or registered letter, at our risk.

Advertising rates furnished on application.

No communication will be printed in the LEADER without the name of the writer being known to the editors.

Obituary or death notices of five lines, subject to editorial revision, free. Longer notices, subject to approval, to be paid for in advance.

THE LEADER cannot return rejected manuscripts, no matter what their character may be. To this rule no exception will be made with regard to either letters or inclosures. Nor will the editor enter into any correspondence respecting rejected communications. All matter not inserted is destroyed.

## STEVENS & FARRELL

Editors and Proprietors.

SOUTHPORT, Brunswick Co., N. C.

SOUTHPORT, N. C., August 13, 1891.

### THE ENLARGED LEADER.

The announcement last week of the proposed enlargement of the LEADER is but in line with what the management of the LEADER have already done, namely, its steady improvement, as business warranted, in an increase in the highest grade of writings and news matter.

The increased size of the LEADER is necessary on account of its increasing advertising patronage, which has crowded out every week, reading matter, which would have been published but for want of space. The expense in this change of the LEADER will be large, but the management feel that in giving its friends and patrons a larger first class paper, the effort will be appreciated, and the enlarged LEADER will find additional friends, and fresh encouragement for the enterprise displayed in giving the lower Cape Fear districts such representation, as will be found in the make-up and news in the Southport LEADER.

As before, the LEADER will continue to be an ALL HOME PRINT paper, and its typographical appearance, so greatly admired in the past, will be as worthy of admiration in the future. Questions of the day, local, State or National, the LEADER will discuss without prejudice. The general news-matter will be the best and latest. The correspondent department, will be an important feature, and present most attractive news gathering found in no other paper in the State. Other departments will be fully represented.

While fully alive to its city and county affairs, the LEADER will not be a localized newspaper, but prove of interest to every North Carolinian. Published in what must soon be the most important section of the State, the LEADER proposes to give to North Carolina, a newspaper worthy to represent its great water way, the Cape Fear River and Southport's Harbor, believing that this great outlet demands recognition, not only from the State, but the world. In the future, the LEADER will strive to merit as before, the very kind appreciation extended to it in the past, by the Press of the State.

### THE QUESTION OF COUNTY SEAT.

The call for a joint session of the Magistrates and Commissioners of Brunswick county, as issued by Chairman Guthrie, at the last monthly meeting of the County Commissioners, to consider the question of naming a site for the county seat of Brunswick, and the voting thereon by the qualified

voters of the county, is a move which will be approved by every citizen of the county and especially so by the LEADER. This meets the views of the LEADER, if the question of county seat is definitely and forever fixed. If the meeting is simply to be a discussion, with sectional feelings aroused, an indifferent turnout of county officials, with no views on the matter, or a meeting of no conclusion, the LEADER is decidedly opposed to it. What the LEADER wants and expects to see at the meeting called for next month, is a deliberate body of Brunswick's representatives, who have the county's interests at heart, first, last and all the time, with no thought of individual preferment or desire of a selfish, personal nature. The actions of the meeting should be in every sense, thoroughly business-like. The decisions of this meeting and its attending results, should be final. It ought to be the sentiment of every county voter to abide by the results, whatever they may be. If the vote be for "removal" let every one join in the verdict. If "no removal," let all be satisfied.

What the LEADER wants decided at the same time is the unanimous wish for a united county effort in the way of improvements, education and progressive advancement, and this will be settled in favor of progress, if we as a county people will forget petty sectional jealousies, and resolve to consider the county as a whole, not each township for itself, with no regard for the other townships, whether they prosper or not.

With the question of county seat determined, no matter if any section may seem slighted, let it be the honest purpose of every citizen of Brunswick county, to join in the decision with a hearty and sincere, "amen." Let it also be the duty and pleasure of every citizen of Brunswick county, to henceforth put himself or herself forward to advance the county's best interests. Let personal effort be used in all directions, to remove the abuses which now disgrace the name of Brunswick. Let county pride be found which shall say, "enough of past carelessness, and neglect of opportunity, which, satisfied with everything, accomplished nothing." Rather let county ambition be striving for improvements, not only necessary ones, but improvements which give pleasure, as well as benefit the people.

Wherever the county seat may be located, let Brunswick county have such buildings as will not only reflect credit upon her citizens, but secure her records from danger, and provide a treatment for her unfortunate criminals, which shall be humane and decent. These results should come to the citizens of Brunswick county, and will, if it be the wish of the people. The LEADER would hasten the day, when the question of county seat shall be settled for all time, and the good people of Brunswick county laying aside forever local differences, shall act and work together for the common welfare and advancement of the best interests of all.

### THE KENTUCKY ELECTION.

The chief significance of the Kentucky election lies in the indication it affords of the strength and tendency of the Farmers' Alliance in the South, and it seems to show that the farmers in that section will continue to support the Democratic Party in both State and national politics. There was a People's Party ticket in Kentucky, but its support was relatively insignificant. The plurality of the Democratic candidate for Governor over the vote of the Republican candidate was greater by 16,000 votes than that of Gov. Buckner four years ago. This apparently indicates that the independent ticket of the People's Party did not draw much from the Democratic strength in the State. The Farmers' Alliance was not behind it. The real strength of that organization was displayed in its influence over Democratic nominations for the Legislature. While it elected a few candidates of its own, in many more cases it induced the Democratic Conventions to nominate farmer candidates, and helped to elect these as Democrats. It is therefore likely to have considerable influence in matters of State legislation, but it shows little inclination to act as a separate party.

This is in keeping with indications in other Southern States. It will be remembered that the Farmers' Alliance won its great victory in South Carolina by controlling the Democratic nominations and not by making nomi-

nations of its own. In Virginia it is working in the same way, but with special reference to controlling State legislation. It is working to secure the nomination of Democratic candidates acceptable to the farmers. In Maryland the Alliance exerted a large influence in determining the character of the Democratic nominations, but the candidates are, nevertheless, thorough-going Democrats, and the support of the Alliance for the ticket is assured. The farther South we go the less disposition is found to break away from the Democratic Party and support an independent People's Party. There is a good deal of dissatisfaction with the old party management and a strong effort to change it, but in the main the disposition seems to be to work through the Democratic Party to effect changes in State legislation. There is very little danger that the Alliance will seriously affect the strength of the Southern Democracy in a national contest. The chief reason for this is probably to be found in the persistent sectional attitude of the Republicans in the North. The Force bill in the last Congress did more to assure a continuance of the "Solid South" in the next Presidential campaign than anything else could have done.

The adoption of a new Constitution in Kentucky was another incident of the election of some interest, and in that the influence of the Farmers' Alliance was felt. The old Constitution was an antiquated instrument adopted in 1849. It was wholly inadequate to the requirements of the present, and among other things it retained the ancient practice of "viva-voce" voting which has always prevailed in Kentucky. The new Constitution effects a complete reform in that respect by providing for the adoption of the Australian ballot system. It also prohibits lotteries which retained a strong hold in Kentucky until very recently. The convention which framed the Constitution last winter was a Democratic body, but it yielded somewhat to radical influences, especially in dealing with the subjects of taxation, corporations, and railroad regulation. It is a curious fact that the opposition to ratifying the new Constitution came chiefly from the Democratic Party, conservative statesmen like Senator Carlisle and Governor Buckner being against it. While the Republican State Convention pronounced in favor of its adoption the Democratic platform ignored it. It seems to have been generally supported by the Farmers' Alliance and by the Republicans, while the Democratic vote was divided upon it. It is likely to prove defective and troublesome as an organic law, its great fault being one that is too common in new Constitutions nowadays, that of laying down hard and fast lines in matters that should be left to the discretion of the legislative power. It would not be surprising if a demand for its revision should be developed within a very few years.—New York Times.

Have we any truly great men at the present day? Some doubt it, and ask to be shown the modern Washington, Franklin, or Webster. However this may be, of one thing we are sure, there never was a greater blood purifier than Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

### REVIEWS.

Table Talk for August discusses the usual topics with its usual reasonable suggestiveness. E. H. B., writes on "Lemons—The Good They Do" including a delicious recipe for lemon custard pie. An American woman sends an article from that interesting country The Argentine Republic entitled, "How the Argentines Live." It is written in that spicy, descriptive manner peculiar to the American woman. "Fashion Inquiries" is a new department edited by Tillie May Forney.

Table Talk \$1 a year. Table Talk Publishing Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

### Happy Hoosiers.

Wm. Timmons, Postmaster of Idaville, Ind., writes: "Electric Bitters has done more for me than all other medicines combined, for that bad feeling arising from Kidney and Liver trouble." John Leslie, farmer and stockman of same place, says: "Find Electric Bitters to be the best Kidney and Liver medicine, made me feel like a new man." J. W. Gardner, hardware merchant, same town, says: "Electric Bitters is just the thing for a man who is all run down and don't care whether he lives or dies; he found new strength, good appetite and felt just like he had a new lease of life. Only 50c. a bottle, at D. I. Watson's Drug Store."

The Southport Leader \$1 a year.

### A COMMUNICATION.

Editors Southport Leader.

The bill, under the provision of which the question of the removal of the county seat of Brunswick county is to be decided, is wisely drawn. It being important that no change should be made hastily, and without due consideration, and it being thought by the framers of the bill, that so large a debt as \$15,000 or \$20,000 should not be contracted without considerable unanimity on the part of the tax-payers—the framers have wisely hedged the question about with barriers against hasty and ill-considered action.

Before anything further is done in the matter the "question" is to be discussed at a meeting of the Justices and County Commissioners, and they must "agree." The manner of such agreement is not set forth in the bill, and we are therefore left in uncertainty whether it must be unanimous, or whether a majority or two-thirds vote is intended. Fortunately, and this was doubtless the intention of the framers, this question is decided by existing law. There being no repealing clause in the bill, the Code, Section 707-8, is in full force and effect, and provides that the County Commissioners shall be unanimous, and that a majority of the Justices shall concur. The wisdom of this law is apparent, for it effectually prevents any small faction, or number of persons who may see a lucrative job at the expense of the tax-payers in moving the county buildings from place to place like a traveling circus. The thanks of the tax-payers are due to our worthy and efficient representative for his foresight, in guarding this first step in the effort to overturn the existing quiet.

The "question" therefore is like every question which comes up before a deliberative body, and has two sides, an affirmative and a negative, and this is implied in the word "question," and no explanation was required. If it had a definite meaning, it must have been so defined.

If then, this insane attempt to remove the county seat from Southport, which is by long odds the best and most convenient place for it, shall arrive at that point of dignity, which the County Commissioners shall give, their unanimous approval, and a majority of the Justices shall concur—and it is in order to select a new site—then I respectfully suggest that Easy Hill, opposite Wilmington, would be the place where the new buildings could be erected most cheaply and that, owing to railroad and steamboat connections it, could be reached most conveniently if located at that point. The State's witnesses, defendants and their witnesses, who constitute the majority of the habitues of the Court House, could then find entertainment at the Orton or Purcell, and lawyers, fees would probably be much less than they would be if they had to travel overland for twenty or thirty miles.

But I hope the selection of a site at this writing is premature, by about two centuries. Years truly,  
PELEG FORGYN—Tax payer.

### WILMINGTON ADVERTISEMENTS.

**WILMINGTON MARBLE YARD,**  
JOHN MAUNDER,  
Proprietor.  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
North Front Street.  
MONUMENTS AND GRAVE STONES MADE TO ORDER.

**W. MUNROE & CO.**  
Dealers in  
FURNITURE,  
CARPETS,  
BEDDING, &c.  
No. 10 South Front Street,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.

**SPIRITTINE BALSAM.**  
Cures Rheumatism, Relieves Pain,  
**PERSIAN INHALENT,**  
For Consumption, Asthma, Catarrh, and La Grippe.  
**PERSIAN OINTMENT**  
the greatest Skin Cure in the world. For Sale by D. I. WATSON, Druggist, Southport, N. C.  
Manufactured by the  
**Spirittine Chemical Co.,**  
HANSEN & SMITH, Managers,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.

**WE THANK**  
the people of Southport and Brunswick County for their liberal patronage in the past.

In continuing our style of doing business, good value at one price, We hope to merit the same in the future. We expect a very large trade in the fall and desire the people of Brunswick to be liberal patrons.

**FOR THE PRESENT**  
We offer our entire Stock of Summer Goods at 10 per cent above cost. Our Sample and Mail order department, will be complete in the future. Orders solicited. Respectfully,  
**J. J. HEDRICK.**

### CLOSING OUT.

We are now closing out our summer

**HATS AND FLOWERS**

at and below cost. Any one in need of a Hat can get it at their own price. One of our buyers has been in New York over two weeks buying all the jobs and cheap goods he can find.

The goods are coming in and we will be able to sell you goods

### AT PRICES

that will astonish everyone for the next sixty days. We will then open our New Store, which is twice as large as the one we now occupy.

### MATTING

We have a special drive in Matting which we are selling at 22 cents per yard, worth 30 cents. Also a job lot for 16 cents, worth 20 cents. These Matting were bought at Auction Sale.

Come and see us before you are too late for the Bargains.

**RACKET STORE,**  
Opposite Front Street Market.  
WILMINGTON, N. C.

**ALDERMAN & FLANNER.**

Importers and Wholesale

DEALERS IN

**HARDWARE, STOVES,**

**TINWARE, Etc.**

No. 114 North Front Street,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.

IF YOU WISH  
TO PURCHASE A  
**PIANO**

OR AN  
**ORGAN.**

Write to or call at the Reliable

**MUSIC HOUSE**  
OF

**E. VAN LAER,**

No. 402 and 404 N. Fourth Street,  
(corner of Walnut street)

Where you will find the largest assortment of instruments in the State. We guarantee

**LOWEST PRICES**

and the

**BEST GOODS.**

**E. VAN LAER,**  
No. 402 and 404 North Fourth Street.

**Men's Furnishings**

ARE

**FLOURISHING**

AT

**NAUMBURG'S**

113 Princess Street.

**HEADQUARTERS**

for Negligee Shirts.

### H T U R T

I Am The Only Strictly Retail Dealer In Fine

**BOOTS, SHOES**

AND SLIPPERS

IN WILMINGTON.

I sell no shoddy goods, but sell as fine all leather shoes as are manufactured in the United States.

**I. L. GREENEWALD,**  
113 Market Street, Wilmington, N. C.

**HEINSBERGER**

THE LIVE

**BOOKSELLER**

AND

**STATIONER.**

ALSO DEALER IN

Fancy Goods, Wedding Presents, Oil Paintings, Steel Engravings, Chromos.

Pianos, Organs, Guitars,

Violins, Brass Instruments, Etc., Etc.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

**THE ORTON**

WILMINGTON, N. C.

The Favorite Hotel for all Northern

Travel.

QUIET,

ELEGANT,

HOMELIKE.

"THE ORTON"

Caters to the highest class of

patronage with Cuisine and Service

equal to any in the South.

Careful attention paid to Business

Men and Tourists.

Rates: \$2 per day and upwards.

J. E. MONTAGUE, Manager.

**IREDELL MEARES,**

**ATTORNEY AT LAW.**

Office, 17 Princess Street

WILMINGTON, N. C.

Practices in all State and Federal Courts

**ELEGANT**

**CROCKERY,**

**GLASSWARE,**

**LAMPS and**

**HOUSE FURNISHING GOODS.**

Chamber, Dinner and Tea Sets

a Specialty.

**S. A. SCHLOSS & CO.**

21 and 23 Market Street.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

**NEW HOME**

**SEWING MACHINE**

FOR SALE BY

**T. W. WOOD,**

123 Princess St., Wilmington, N. C.