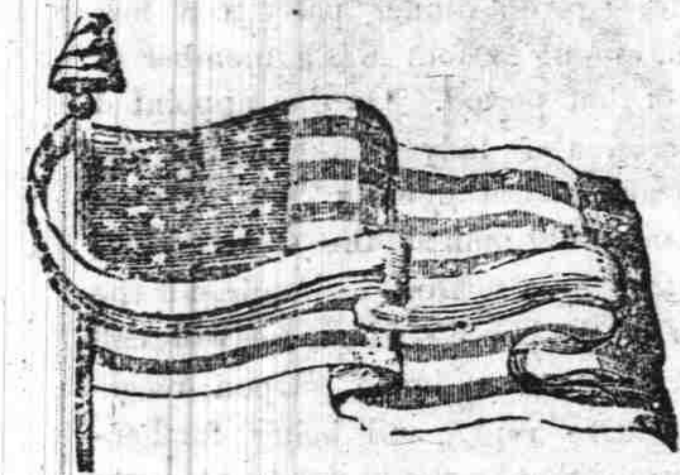


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**DEMOCRATIC REPUBLICAN TICKET  
FOR CONGRESS,  
HON. THOMAS RUFFIN,  
OF WAYNE.**

**Our Banner is to the Breeze.**  
To day we unfurl our banner to the breeze. Inscribed upon it is the name of Hon. Thos. Ruffin. A man worthy of all honor, a man who by his precedents, proves himself to be a stern and unabating foe to all the isms of the day. Uncompromising and incorruptible, he is the first to declare in behalf of freedom and in behalf of the rights of the States which are now being assailed by dark and hideous enemies, both at home and abroad. The old party lines are broken up and in the language of one of the resolutions of our Convention, the once national but now fallen and disorganized party is broken up, and we have an insidious foe to contend with, but we believe that many members of the Whig party are too true to the Fourth and to themselves to be induced for the mere sake of spoil and the pleasure of seeing their fold opponents defeated, to join the most dangerous institution or party that foils and designs men ever organized in this country. It cannot be denied by even the most prejudiced, but that Col. Ruffin, the Democratic nominee, is possessed of sterling integrity, devoid of political demagoguism and a true friend to the South and Southern institutions.

**THE CONVENTION.**  
As may be seen by reference to our columns, the Delegates to the Democratic Convention assembled together in Newbern, on Thursday last. Considering the short notice it was a matter of some surprise to see so many gentlemen here on that occasion from different parts of the District. In fact it was the largest Convention that has for many years, met in this place and it indicates that the Democrats of the second District are fully sensible of their cause, and are determined to quash with one blow the new and startling order. The greatest harmony and good feeling prevailed throughout. Every delegate seemed to have come for the purpose of nominating one man, whom they nominated by acclamation. Contrary to all former proceedings the Committee, without reporting to the preliminary meeting their selection, came in and proclaimed in open Convention their choice. Col. Ruffin should feel proud of his position. He should feel proud that he has won the affection of the Democrats of this District, who are not so few or far between as the K. N.'s would wish them.

Wm. B. Robinson, Esq., of Lenoir, responded to the call of his fellow delegates, in a speech of some length, which was replete with good sense, sound doctrine and scathing satire upon the dark lantern order.  
W. V. Geffroy, of Carteret, being called upon, responded in a short but eloquent speech, which showed him to be a sterling Democrat, and one capable of rendering efficient aid to the good cause of Democracy.

**Down With the Traffic.**  
Our new Board of Commissioners have refused all applications for license to retail spirituous liquors within the town. Therefore there will be no more liquor sold by retail, unless it be done in violation of law. If this is done either secretly or openly, those who attempt it will not be long in finding out the truth of the assertion—"the way of the transgressor is hard."

**New Paper in Kinston.**  
The "AMERICAN ADVOCATE" is the title of a new paper published in Kinston, N. C. by Walter Dunn, Esq., the first number of which we have received. The typographical appearance of the Advocate is very neat and the editorials gotten up with much ability—considering the hopeless inconsistency of the cause it advocates. This is the first paper ever published in Kinston, which shows the growing prosperity of this thriving village—we beg pardon—town. Allow us brother D. to give you a squeeze and to express the wish that your "A" of prosperity may never have a PECUNIARY.

The Temperance Sermon, delivered by Rev. Thos. Bashaw, on Sunday evening last, at the Christian Church, was listened to by a large and intelligent audience. The arguments of Mr. B. in favor of the cause of Temperance, were unanswerable. He painted the misery of the drunkard and of the drunkard's family and the guilt and responsibility of the liquor seller, in their true colors, and showed conclusively that the only salvation for the drunkard is to have a law prohibiting entirely the sale of intoxicating liquors within the State.

**Arrested.**  
Joseph Allen, of Jones County, who passed the counterfeit money here a few days since, has been arrested and held to bail in the sum of \$2,000 for his appearance at Court.

**COL. RUFFIN IN NEWBERN.**  
This gentleman addressed the citizens of Craven County, at the Court House in Newbern, yesterday. We have only time to state before going to press, that notwithstanding the short notice a large number of the citizens of the County assembled to hear him.

**DESTITUTION IN CHAMBERS, Ala.—**The Hon. Samuel Pearson, Judge of Probate in Chambers County, Ala., writing to the Montgomery Journal, says:

"I am free to confess that I had no idea of the destitution that prevails in this county. Why, sir, what do you think of a widow and her three children living for three days and nights on boiled woods, called pepper grass—yet such, I am credibly informed has been the case in Chambers county. Friend Johnson, I am gloomy and have awful forebodings of the future, not that I have lost confidence in my Maker; but by no means, for I know he will do right, but I fear he has a judgement in store for these United States.

The London Times says, "It is mere self-delusion to talk of peace now. We must make up our minds to fight it out with a stout heart and a strong hand."

Two YOUNG LADIES, daughters of Mr. Samuel Osgood and E. G. Burling, were drowned at Eastchester, near New York, on Wednesday.

Ex-Governor McDonald has written a letter in opposition to the American party.

The Colonial Parliament of Bermuda, was opened on the 22d ultimo, by Governor Hamilton.

**DEMOCRATIC DEMONSTRATIONS ON THE VIRGINIA ELECTION.**

NEW YORK, May 31, 9 P. M.—A tremendous demonstration was given over the Virginia election in going on this evening in Tammany Hall. One hundred guns were fired in the Park, and the Hall is illuminated from top to bottom. There was much enthusiasm, and speeches were delivered, in which the know-nothings were lashed without mercy, and the early annihilation of the party predicted. The administration was extolled by the speakers, and on each occasion met with applause.

PHILADELPHIA, May 31.—The Democrats here fired 100 guns this afternoon in honor of the Virginia election, and a tremendous meeting is being held this evening in Independence square, at which Hon. John Robins, presides. Processions from every ward of the city with music and transparencies marched to the place of meeting. There are speeches being made from two stands at opposite ends of the square by Messrs. Florence, Robins, Cadwallader, Tyler, Carrigan, Witte, and others.

**THE ELECTION.**—Returns are in from all the counties except Wyoming, which generally gives about 20 whig majority. The five counties heard from since the publications of our table, on Friday last, give a majority to Mr. Wise of 25, which added to his previous majority, makes his present majority stand 10,184. In our issue on Friday next we expect to give the full vote of all the counties in the State, with such corrections as the official returns received, in the meantime, may suggest. Mr. Wise's majority will be about 10,000.

We have gained 23 members of the Legislature, and lost 16. This gives us a majority of 47 in the next Legislature.

Of the thirteen members of Congress elected, twelve are Democrats—one district (Mr. Lewis') still to be heard from. The Know-Nothings are claiming the election of their candidate (Mr. Carlisle), but the election is so close that it is believed the result will not be known until the official returns shall be counted.

**EXCEEDING THEM.**—The Presbytery of Shenando, Wisconsin, at the Associate Presbytery Church, at a meeting held on the 17th ultimo, adopted the following resolution, with reference to secret societies:

"Resolved, that in the judgment of this Presbytery, the principles of our church exclude from communion the members of the secret society, called Know Nothings, and that the Presbytery direct sessions to enforce this opinion.

**THE SLAVERY EXCITEMENT IN MISSOURI.**—A meeting was held in Johnson county, Missouri, a few days ago, at which resolutions were adopted declaring that no person opposed to slavery should be permitted to reside where the said institution exists, that every colored person must leave that county immediately, and that after the first of August, they shall be ejected by force.

Hon. Henry A. Wise, of Virginia, has been elected an honorary member of the Granite Club, Boston.

**DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.**

The Delegates assembled in a preliminary meeting at the Court House at 10 o'clock on Thursday morning, when upon motion of Geo. S. Stevenson, Esq., Council B. Wood of Craven was appointed Chairman, and on motion of I. Disoway, Esq., Benj. Askew, Esq., of Jones, was made Secretary.

Upon a call of the Chairman, the following gentlemen reported themselves.  
WAYNE.—Lewis Whitfield, B. H. Smith, John S. Wooten, Dr. J. Murphy, D. C. Carlington, W. S. Barellitt.

LENOIR.—Shadrac Wooten, J. P. Wooten, Council Wooten, Wm. Robinson.

PITT.—Thos. C. Nelson, John H. Smith, Levi Dawson, Wm. K. Delany, Wm. L. Cherry, M. D. Cherry, Henry W. Brown, Wm. Dawson, Wyatt M. Brown, B. C. Pierce.

BEAUFORT.—B. M. Selby, B. F. Harding, W. C. Judson, A. C. Latham, John E. Leggett, John B. Ross, John R. Carner, James F. Clark.

JONES.—Daniel Perry, Elijah Perry, John A. McDaniel, Benj. Askew, E. B. Isler, Rich'd Oldfield, Wm. P. Ward, Franklin Foy, Wm. Pollock, Egbert W. Haywood, Nathan Fescue, Thos. Mails, G. W. Hutson.

ON SLOW.—Thos. R. Wilson, J. A. Averitt, Josiah Smith.

CARTERET.—J. F. Bell, Robert Hancock, J. W. Bell, W. V. Geffroy, S. S. Duffy.

GREEN.—A. D. Speight, Wm. A. Darden.

GRAVEN.—Harly B. Lane, Lucy Phillips, H. O. Wood, Henry C. Jones, Charles Kelly, David Y. Fisher, Council B. Wood, I. Disoway, Geo. S. Stevenson, E. W. G. Hall, B. F. Tucker, R. N. Taylor, Moses W. Jarvis, Wm. G. Singleton, Thos. S. Singleton, Harly B. Lane, Jr., Elisha Colbert, Raymond Castix, J. W. Gaskill, W. G. Bryan, F. P. Backus, Z. Shade, J. H. Muse, Wm. V. Barrow.

On Motion Wm. B. Robinson, a committee of five was appointed by the chair to report permanent officers of this Convention. The chairman appointed the following persons viz:

Wm. P. Ward, of Jones, I. Disoway, of Craven, Alexander Latham, of Beaufort, Robert Hancock, of Carteret, John Wooten, of Lenoir.

On motion of I. Disoway the following Gentlemen were appointed Committee on Resolutions.

Wm. Robinson of Lenoir, H. C. Jones, of Craven, Lewis Whitfield, of Wayne, Arthur D. Speight, of Green, Nathan Fescue, of Jones, James F. Clark of Beaufort, W. K. Delany, of Pitt, Josiah F. Bell, of Carteret, John A. Averitt, of Onslow.

On motion of G. S. Stevenson, the Convention adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

**AFTERNOON SESSION.**

The Convention met agreeable to adjournment.

The Committee to report permanent officers for this Convention reported as follows:

**FOR PRESIDENT.**  
COUNCIL WOOTEN, of Lenoir.  
**FOR VICE PRESIDENTS.**  
Levi Dawson, of Pitt, H. B. Lane, of Craven, E. B. Isler, of Jones, W. A. Darden, of Green,  
**FOR SECRETARIES.**  
Benj. Askew, of Jones, W. S. Barellitt, of Wayne, J. R. Carner, of Beaufort.

Wm. B. Robinson, Chairman of Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

Whereas the time has again arrived for the democracy of North Carolina to review and re-affirm those eternal first principles that have existed since the creation of man, but which were never thoroughly known nor fully appreciated till inscribed on Washington's banner and afterwards engraved on the heart of Americans by the pen of Jefferson, his compeers and successors, and whereas we, a portion of that democracy, have been delegated by our brethren of the second Congressional District to re-affirm those principles and to nominate a candidate to represent the District in the next House of Representatives of the United States:—therefore

RESOLVED, That the administration of Franklin Pierce, by its consistent adherence to principles, its firm resistance to all attempted spoliation on the public Treasury, and its patriotic devotion to the Constitution of the country, demands and receives our hearty approval.

RESOLVED, That in our opinion, the old land marks of the true democracy, laid down in the Virginia and Kentucky resolutions of 1798—99, should be strictly adhered to at this time by the democratic party, and that no secret combination should prevent a free and open avowal of our principles, and an independent course of policy and conduct, on our part, in maintaining them.

RESOLVED, That free thought, free speech and free action are pre eminent characteristics of free men and free governments, and that secret oath-bound societies for political purposes, amongst a free and independent people, evince the greatest distrust for the capacity of the people for proper self-government, or a consciousness of guilt which fears the public eye, and ought not therefore to be countenanced by independent freemen.

RESOLVED, That Americans do now rule America, and that as Americans and descendants of the sires of '76, we recognise the principle, that all men by nature are free and equal, in the sense as used by them in the Declaration of Independence, as one of the fundamental principles on which our government is based and to make any distinction between men on account of the place of their birth or their religious denomination, other than that already made by the Constitution and laws of the United States, is anti-American, anti-christian and anti-Republican.

RESOLVED, That in view of the fanaticism, sectional hate, local strife and religious persecution and prejudice that the old opponents of democracy are working for the purpose of galvanizing into a temporary existence, a once national and gallant, but now fallen and disorganized party, the country more than ever needs and calls for the efforts and hearty co-operation of every true friend of democratic principles, to rally to the support of

the old invincible party of Jefferson, Jackson and others, which by its national organization, its devotion to principles, and its adherence to the doctrines and precepts of the illustrious statesmen who formed our constitution, has proved itself capable and sufficient, in managing and guiding the Republic, through all of the isms and errors that have assailed it, from the first Hartford Convention, down to the last Galphiniism attempted on its treasury.

RESOLVED, That the course of our late, able and faithful representative, Hon. Thos. Ruffin, meets our hearty and cordial approbation and that the only objection which the enemies and opponents of Democracy urge against him is based upon his firm adherence to the doctrine of equal rights among equals as one of the cardinal principles of unadulterated democracy.

RESOLVED, That the new party that has lately made its advent, and assumed shape and existence in the Union, and which is now seeking to spread its influence in the Southern States, but which received its death blow by the sterling democracy of Virginia on the 24th of May, had its origin in the Northern States, among free soilers and abolitionists, and is a system of delusion and deception, antagonistic to the principles of the constitution, destructive to civil and religious liberty, at war with the teachings of the fathers of the revolution, and expressly gotten up by desperate and unprincipled politicians, as an engine for the overthrow of the Democratic party.

RESOLVED, That it is our judgement, that the action of the Know Nothing Convention of New Hampshire, and of the Know-Nothing Legislature of Massachusetts and other Northern States, in protesting against the repeal of the Missouri compromise, the Kansas-Nebraska bill, the fugitive slave law, and pledging themselves to oppose the admission of any more Slave States into this Union, proves them to be the true enemies of the South and we deeply regret that a single Southern man should be found, so blind to his interest and duty, as to give open or secret aid and comfort to such an insidious foe.

RESOLVED, That the democracy of the free States have our sincere thanks for the open, noble and manly stand they have taken in defence of the constitutional rights of the South. Delusion and deception have placed them in a temporary minority, but we have confidence that the sober second thought of the people will, in due time, restore them to the political supremacy, of which they have been unjustly deprived.

RESOLVED, That Virginia has done her whole duty to the country and the Constitution by conquering an enemy that had supposed himself invincible, and that, animated by the same spirit, we will follow the bright example of our Virginia brethren, and, with a becoming spirit of philanthropy earnestly endeavor to welcome poor Sam to a hospitable grave in North Carolina, on the first Thursday of next August.

All of which was unanimously adopted. The Committee on nominations declined to make any special report and recommended the Hon. Thos. Ruffin be nominated by acclamation, which was passed unanimously.

Mr. Averitt of Onslow moved that the following resolution be adopted by the Convention which was passed unanimously, viz:

RESOLVED, That the Goldsboro Tribune & the other democratic papers in this district, from their efficient support to the democratic cause, have entitled themselves to the full patronage of the democratic party of this district.

On motion of G. S. Stevenson, ordered that the President appoint a committee of five to inform the Hon. Thos. Ruffin of his nomination and request his acceptance of the same, viz:

Dr. Murphy of Wayne, Wm. Robinson of Lenoir, John A. Averitt of Onslow, W. K. Delany of Pitt.

On motion of Wm. B. Robinson the thanks of this meeting be tendered to the President and Secretaries for the discharge of their duty.

On motion ordered that the proceedings of this Convention be published in the democratic papers of the District and that the N. C. Standard be requested to copy.

On motion the Convention adjourned sine die.

**COMING SOUTH.**—The Philadelphia Ledger describes a large gang of notorious and adroit burglars, pickpockets, &c., most of whom are escaped convicts from Botany Bay, and who have been seen travelling on the railroads between New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore. Their object can only be conjectured. The gang numbers twenty-two, including about fifteen new members not so well known to the Police. Several of them are said to reside in the vicinity of Brooklyn, where some have accumulated real estate and a large amount of personal property. The Ledger advises the public to their guard.

**HURRA FOR BOSTON.**—The solid men of Boston are beginning to wake up to the realities of their surroundings. It is high time, for like a beggar on horseback, the late political jockies in the saddle of State, have been riding the old Bay State fast to the devil. A great meeting at Faneuil Hall was held on the 21st inst., on the subject of the prohibitory liquor law. A long series of pointed resolutions was passed, from which we select the following as a sample:

Resolved, That the legislature of 1855 stands without a parallel in its shame. Its inconsistencies are glaring, its hypocrisy manifest, its immoralities gross, while folly and stupidity seemed to be the presiding genius of many of its acts and enactments, so that while the intention is manifest, there is no moral power in their law to injure the character of those at whom the blow is aimed.

Two of the jurors who acquitted Matt. Ward of the murder of Butler at Louisville, feeling rather too severely the weight of the public scorn visited upon them in consequence of the denunciations of the press, have commenced suit against the Louisville Democrat for the injury done to their characters, laying their damages at \$10,000.

**THE VIRGINIA ELECTION.**

VIRGINIA! we never wrote the name of the proud old mother of States and of Statesmen, and sure abiding place of sound Republican principles with a more heartfelt reverence for the character she has nobly and sustained, of benefactor to her co-States, benefactor to the people of the United States, and benefactor to the friends of political freedom throughout the world. On her soil the standard of State Rights Democracy was never lowered. In the battle and in the breeze, in storm and in sunshine, through good and through evil report, water and cover who might, the flag of principles—the principles on which the foundation stones of the Union were laid by her Republican fathers—the principles of State Rights Democracy equality, and civil and religious liberty—has flown out over her valleys and her mountains, and been sustained by a devotion and constancy that covers her people with honor and stamps the old Dominion as the Gibraltar of American Republicanism. It was much to have resisted the hurra and delusion of Hard cider and Log Cabins; but it is a greater glory to have been the first to check the new-born fury of a sentiment of American nationality, run mad, and perverted from its original and noble purpose of promoting the rights of man to the ignoble and selfish end of curtailing its benefit to the use of men of American birth. We rejoice at the result in Virginia, not for ourselves alone but for the sake of the honor of the American name. We rejoice for the sake of the so called American themselves who have been saved by the noble firmness of Virginia from the dire consequences of their own strange infatuation. Virginia has pronounced the emphatic tones of an old fashioned ten thousand majority, that "America shall be ruled by American principles, and not by the spirit of political proscription, and religious intolerance and bigotry."

It is not for this that the high English blood panting for freedom, and chafing under the restraints of the then British regime was imported by the Virginia Cavaliers. Not for this was Jamestown settled, forests cleared and tilled, and York town watered with their blood. They came from the old to the new world to plant liberty—their descendants, true to their lineage and renown have determined by their manly viva voce to water and cherish, and not cut down that noble tree in whose shadow they have grown and prospered. Never was determination so timely made, and so grand and important in moral significance. With one blow, it has broken the sceptre of invincibility which imagination had placed in Sam's hand. It has set an example before her sister southern States to warn them of their danger, and teach them of their duties. The lesson will not be thrown away. We commend it heartily to our former Democrat friends who have been thoughtlessly beguiled into bartering their birth-right principles for a poor mess of Know Nothing potage. To go in was an error of the head—to stay in with the noble example of Virginia before them will be an error of the heart. Come out from among them and back to the principles of your first love—to the arms and hearts of true Republicans!—Mobile Register.

**DEMOCRATIC MEETING IN ONSLOW.**  
The Democratic party held a meeting in Onslow County on Tuesday of June court, for the purpose of appointing delegates to attend the District Convention proposed to be held in Newbern on Thursday next.

The meeting was called to order by J. A. Averitt, Esq., upon whose motion, Jasper Etheridge was called to the Chair and O. B. Sanders was requested to act as Secretary.

Col. L. W. Humphrey introduced the following preamble and resolutions:

"Whereas it has been deemed expedient to hold a Convention in Newbern on Thursday next for the purpose of selecting some person to be run as a Candidate to represent this District in the next Congress; and whereas we desire to have a voice in making that selection:—therefore

RESOLVED, That the Chairman of this meeting be authorized to appoint twenty Delegates to represent Onslow in said Convention.

That the course of our present able representative, Hon. Thos. Ruffin, merits our hearty approval, and we take this occasion to endorse him as our first choice.

The preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted.

In obedience with the first resolution the Chair appointed the following Delegates, to wit:

Jesse Hardison, J. F. Spicer, M. L. E. Redd, H. H. Sandlin, B. H. Bryan, W. D. Humphrey, D. E. Sandlin, D. W. Simmons, W. E. Barnes, Thos. Henderson, Thomas Hilland, W. J. Gibson, E. W. Fonville, O. B. Sanders, Harvey Cox, L. W. Humphrey, Dr. T. R. Wilson, Dr. Chas. Duffy, J. A. Averitt and J. P. Cox.

Moved and carried that any Democrat present from the County be hereby appointed a Delegate.

On motion the Newbern "Journal" was requested to publish the proceedings.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

JASPER ETHERIDGE, Chairman.  
O. B. SANDERS, Secretary.

A pleasant anecdote is told of Dr. Franklin. The town of Franklin was named for him. While in France, a gentleman of Boston wrote to him of the fact, and added that as the town was building a meeting house perhaps he would give them a bell. Franklin wrote the characteristic reply, that he presumed the good people of F. preferred sense to sound and therefore he would give them a town library. This he did; and the library is now in a very good condition, and has been of great service to the readers.—Portland Advertiser.

**A SALUTE.**—Boston, May 23.—There was much rejoicing among the Abolitionists upon the passage of the personal liberty bill over the veto. Thirty-two Guns were fired over the common yesterday afternoon in honor of the triumph—thirty-one for the States, and one for Kansas.

**Correspondence.**

PHILADELPHIA, June 7, 1856.  
The American National Convention is now in session in this city, in the Assembly Buildings, at the corner of Tenth and Chestnut streets. Its proceedings have so far been kept strictly private, but from the unusual array of strangers reported to the list of arrivals at our hotels, it is evident that leading men of the Order are here from every section of the Union. Prominent among them are Hon. Kenneth Raven, of N. C.; Geo. E. Prentice, of Ky.; Albert Pike, of Ark.; D. A. Rice, of Ind.; Joseph Barker and D. Ullman, of New York; Gov. Gardner and Senator Avison, of Mass.; Ex-Governor Wm. F. Johnston and Hon. Thaddeus Stevens, of Pennsylvania, and many others of minor note. It is rumored that after the conclusion of its proceedings a public mass meeting will be held.

A Floral Fair, for the benefit of the Northern Home for Friendless Children, at charitable institution, in our city, is now being held at Concert Hall and attracts an immense crowd. As a great many of the congregations in the city are engaged in promoting this work, the array of beautiful little trines offered for sale, at the most exorbitant prices imaginable, is very great and the floor of the hall is crowded during each evening, with an immense mass of jammed up humanity, looking for all the world like a tremendous human bee hive. Of all the charitable fairs of our city this is the greatest one, and is always excessively crowded and profitable.

Our police officers recently made a descent upon the Cyprans promouing Chestnut after 9 o'clock in the evening, to the number of 24, and they were committed as vagrants for thirty days. As they were paraded through the streets a short distance on their road to prison, a large crowd congregated to witness the sad spectacle.

The steamship Africa arrived at Halifax on the 5th inst., with Liverpool dates to the 26th ult. The French had achieved some minor triumphs before Sebastopol, but no important changes had taken place. A resolution of censure against the present British Cabinet had been voted down in the House of Commons by 100 majority. An attempt is being made by Austria to re-open negotiations for the establishment of peace. Queen Victoria is to visit Paris on the 10th of August.

The clerk of the weather has recently amply atoned for any former remissness he may have been guilty of in a gleeing to supply us with a proper amount of rain. Shower after shower has been poured upon us with great rapidity until the earth is perfectly saturated, and the ordinarily diminutive drippings into the sewers have swollen into good sized streamlets.

Our Sunday newspapers form quite a prominent feature of local literature. The Dispatch has a circulation of over 25,000 copies, and a parcel of its contents regularly forms a portion of the Sunday employment of a large portion of our population attending Church does of the piously disposed. Its vein is throughout a sarcastic one. It is "nothing, if not critical," and weekly serves up a receipt of the doings of the prominent public characters of the city in a style met with nowhere else.

Men of all parties in turn come in for a share of its denunciation, and although its strictures are not unrequently unjust, and dictated more by a desire to find a victim for its propensity of fault finding than from any real intent to expose an existing evil or denounce a real wrong, yet it contains many well written articles, ably exposing errors which richly merit all the condemnation it can bestow upon them.

It is too true that corruption, vanity and a fixed determination to reckless sacrifice public interests for the gratification of private aggrandizement, are marked characteristics of a large portion of those who aspire to or receive our public stations, and humbug after humbug is so rapidly presented to the dear people temporarily arrayed, with the barbed hook beneath the bait artfully concealed, that the alarm note cannot too often be sounded, and it is better that a meritorious object should occasionally be retarded than that the people should be unremotely plundered.

It is rumored that a duel is about to come off between two of our young bloos, to settle some important question growing out of their rival pretensions to the favor of the same young lady. If the rumor proves true, the affair will no doubt have a ludicrous termination, as was the case with all its predecessor of late years in this meridian. Philadelphia duels always prove farces, never tragedies, and the participants in them, win the reputation of fools not heroes.

Our markets have not recently undergone any important change. Beef cattle sell at the exorbitant rate of from \$11-2 to \$14 Flour commands \$11.00 to \$12 per lb.; Rye Flour, 7, \$7; Corn Meal \$5.00, Wheat sells for at \$2.60 to 2.65 \$ Rye, \$1.6 corn, 106-109; Oats 68-68c.

**PRESENCE OF MIND.**—A lady was one evening sitting in her drawing-room alone, when the only other inmate of the house, a brother, who, for a time, had been betraying a tendency to unsoundness of mind, entered with a carving-knife in his hand, and, shutting the door, came up to her and said, Margaret an odd idea has occurred to me. I wish to paint the head of John the Baptist and I think yours might make an excellent study for it. So if you please I will cut off your head. The lady looked at her brother's eye, and seeing in it no token of a jest, concluded that he meant to do as he said.—There was an open window and a balcony by her side, with a street in front but a moment satisfied her that safety did not lie that way. So putting on a smiling countenance she said with the greatest apparent cordiality that this is a strange idea, George; but would it be not a pity to spoil this pretty new lace tippet I have got? Ah just step to my room to put it off, and be with you again in half a minute. Without waiting to give him time to consider, she stepped lightly across the floor, and passed out. In another moment she was safe in her room, whence she easily gave alarm, and returned when the madman was secured.

It is said that, during the last winter, the French army in the Crimea lost 5,000 men by frost-bite alone.