

**CITY.**

Watermelons plenty.  
Mayor Martin is in town.  
A settled thing—a cup of good coffee.  
The fewer the words the better the prayer.  
Take the world as it is, not as it ought to be.  
Every young doctor will get on if he only has patients.  
Never stand aside for trifles. Let them do that honor to you.  
Pearls are now the proper stones for engagement rings.  
Why will so many ladies wear their rings outside the glove?  
A passionate man is like a weak spring that cannot stand long locked.  
Give not ear to tale-bearers or babblers, nor be scurrilous in conversation.  
The sting of a bee carries conviction with it—it makes a man a bee-leaver at once.  
A Boston youth advertises for a self-supporting wife, pretty and well educated.  
Business before pleasure—kissing your wife before going out to spend the evening with a female friend.  
The sheriff of New Hanover gives notice that an election will be held "according to law," August 3rd.  
Musk melons might be more numerous and of better quality if our gardeners would get fresh seed from North of Mason and Dixon's line.  
The officers of the garrison at Fort Johnson are entitled to many thanks for courtesies extended citizens visiting Smithville.  
Out of the one hundred men that you meet you will find ninety-five worrying themselves into low spirits and indigestion about troubles that will never happen.  
As soon as the "convention" comes a large number of candidates will appear for sheriff of New Hanover. We hear of Posner, Sluby, Shields, and Bivins, and hear how many others.

The friends of Lieut. Crosby, in Philadelphia and elsewhere will be pleased to know that he was the first to honor our nation's glorious birthday by donning "long togs," i. e. the now regulation claw hammer coat. He looks bully!  
**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.**—In order to make room for improvements for the Fall trade I will offer my entire stock of Dry Goods, &c., at cost without exception, at No. 15 Market street.  
A. ANHALT, [U.  
"After convention," it is confidently stated that Judge Cantwell will be pressed as a candidate for County Court Clerk, or Probate Judge. His friends are determined that he shall not suffer the "slings and arrows of outrageous"—*Journal*—without some recompense.  
Let the convention and anti-convention speakers meet and discuss the question before the people amicably and sensibly. There is no need for personal abuse. The discussion calls for no exhibition of personal feeling for the question is in no sense a party one. Republicans and democrats differ from their own friends, and the party lines are prey effectually broken down. Let the candidates meet at the City Hall and air their logic.  
Several enthusiastic citizens of "Smiffle" are contemplating extending the "seaside" or "Onslow" Railroad to S. and thus capture all the citizens as well as trade of Wilmington. One veteran "oyster" declared "all the rozum and tar-pentine" ought to land at the Waccamaw's wharf, and thence be shipped North by the Lorrillard line.  
**HAIR VIGOR.** In common with many others we have felt a lively interest in the investigations which Dr. Ayer has been making to discover the causes, of failure of the hair, and to provide a remedy. His researches are said to have been much more thorough and exhaustive than any ever made before. The result is now before us under the name of AYER'S HAIR VIGOR. We have given it a trial, and with full satisfaction. It equals our most favorable anticipations. Our gray hairs have disappeared, or resumed their original color; and a viable crop of soft, silken hair has started on a part of the scalp which was entirely bald.  
**WATERING GARDENS.**—Injudicious watering is an injury to most garden plants; but properly performed, (for there is a right and a wrong way of doing it) it is a great aid to the plants, and few are the gardens, flowers or vegetables that are not watered artificially during the period of

summer drouth. A slight watering in the middle of the day is an injury rather than a benefit. The heated earth at once absorbs the water, thus applied, it bakes and forms a hard crust, about the plant, the dew is not absorbed, and the plant is in reality worse off than if no water had been put on. It is more important to keep the soil light and loose about newly set plants and flowers, &c., than it is to drench them with water. Where this is done the moisture comes up from below, the dew is absorbed, and the plant thrives, which it cannot do so long as the surface is crusted over. Always water at night, and before watering have the ground loosened up with the garden rake. Then water liberally—the application of a little water is often no better than none. Indeed we had rather keep the hoe going in a flower or vegetable garden, in hot, dry weather, than the watering pot. The plants will stand the drouth better by the former than the latter mode. Too much water is as injurious to vegetable life as too little; to drown out your plants is as bad as to have them scorched—therefore use judgment in watering, as well as in other matters connected with the care of your gardens.  
JULY FOURTH—Was pretty generally observed by our citizens, who closed stores and shops and went on picnics or journeyed to the sea side on a *sojourn* exhibition. The U. S. Revenue Cutter, at twelve o'clock, fired her national salute of twenty-one guns in front of the city, and Lieut. Humphreys, at the fort, fired his salute of one gun for each State, beside the federal or thirteen gun salute, at day break. The Smithville steamer did a splendid business on the "ever glorious," and certain patriots got gloriously drunk.  
Not to be ill-natured or to excite the ire of any class we must say we have never enjoyed the "Fourth" more rationally or pleasantly. Divers and sundry citizens hung out "old glory" from their balconies and the beautiful silk ensign of Mr. Neff was especially admired. The shipping decorated their rigging, and the various Consuls hung out their various ensigns. The fizz of crackers, and the popping of pistols were quite sufficient for nervous people, and the music of the "Rose Bud" was quite loud enough for the weather.

**A LESSON IN POLITENESS.**—A friend of Dean Swift's one day sent him a turbot as a present by a servant lad, who had frequently been on similar errands, but had never received anything from the Dean for his trouble. Having gained admission, he opened the study door, and putting down the fish on the floor, cried out rudely: "Master has sent you a turbot!"  
"Young man," said the Dean, rising from his easy chair, "is that the way you deliver a message? Let me teach you better manners. Sit down in my chair; we will change places, and I will show you how to behave in future."  
"The boy sat down, and the Dean going out, came up to the door, and, making a bow, said:—"Sir, master presents his kind compliments, hopes you are well, and requests your acceptance of a small present."  
"Does he?" replied the boy. "Return him my best thanks, and there's half a crown for yourself."  
"The Dean thus caught in his own trap, laughed heartily, and gave the boy a crown for his ready wit."  
The teacher as well as the scholar received a lesson at that time. That boy certainly knew enough to make his way through the world. The Dean was very fond of fun, and no doubt enjoyed the boy's coolness.

**LITERARY NOTES.**—Mary L. Booth gets \$4,000 a year for editing Harper's Bazaar.  
Mrs. Louise Chandler Moulton has been engaged by the New York Tribune as its permanent Boston representative.  
A hopeful youth in Fort Wayne, after tearfully accepting a bible from his aunt, walked off and exchanged it for a copy of Bret Harte's poems.  
Larkin G. Mead, who has just completed a marble group for Mr. LeGrand Lockwood, is a brother-in-law of the editor of the *Atlantic Monthly*, William D. Howells.  
Miss E. S. Getchell is the associate editor of the *People's Literary Companion*, Augusta, Maine. She is under thirty years of age, but has made a name in New England by writing dramas, poems, and stories.  
The woman question has been taken in hand by an English M. P. John Francis Maguire, who, in a novel entitled "The Next Generation," gives a sketch of society as it is to be in 1894. Messrs. James R. Osgood & Co., have arranged to reprint the work, and will shortly publish the volume.  
T. is a pretentious young man of slender acquirements, who affects literature, especially in the presence of young ladies. On one occasion he brought down the house by asking a lady if she had read Mr. Dickens' last novel, "The Diamond Edition." A more astounding blunder is the following: Seeing a copy of "Lilla Rookh" lying on a center-table, he called attention to it, when somebody inquired if he had ever read it. "No," he replied; "I have never read any of Miss Rookh's poems."

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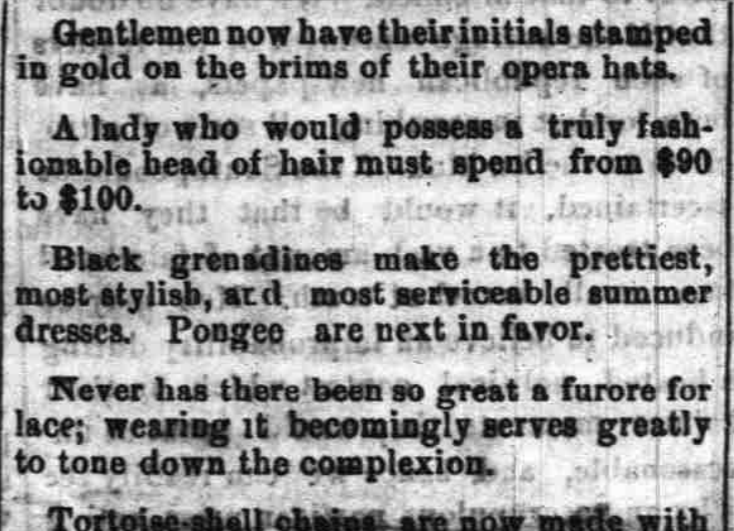
The Republican County Convention met at Smithville, July 4th, and after nominating for Convention the Hon. Daniel L. Russell, Jr., passed the following resolutions:  
**Resolved**, That inasmuch as the pending proposition to call convention was not passed by the concurrence of two-thirds of each House of the General Assembly, as required by the Constitution, and the movement is, in itself, revolutionary and calculated to precipitate the State into disturbed relations with the national government; to produce conflict between the jurisdiction and authority of two sets of State and county officers, and thus lead to a condition of general strife and turmoil, dangerous to the State and the people.  
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**Resolved**, That the avowed purpose of removing the present Judges of the State, and putting into their places other men, whose opinions are either unknown or in express opposition to the homestead exemptions, as now enjoyed by the people, makes the calling of a convention a virtual destruction of the benefits now conferred by that wise and humane feature in our Constitution, and will result in depriving the poor of their homes for the benefit of those heartless creditors who have refused to compromise or release debts which the sad results of the war render it impossible to pay without reducing whole families to abject poverty and want.  
**Resolved**, That in the present unsettled state of public affairs, and in view of the frequent adoption during the past several years of measures unprecedented and unexpected, and in bad faith to the masses of the people it is imprudent and unsafe to hazard our rights and the peace and welfare of our families by placing them in the power of a body of men whose characters, views and purposes cannot be known beforehand.  
**Resolved**, That if any amendments to the Constitution are desirable they should be submitted to the people, separately, by the Legislative mode, so wisely and considerately provided in the old as well as the present constitution of the State.  
**Resolved**, That candidates for the convention (in case it be called) be nominated by this meeting and requested to canvass the county against calling the convention, and that we will exert ourselves by all proper means to defeat such call.  
**Resolved**, That this convention endorse the views upon the present situation, and accept and proclaim as their own, the ideas of future policy presented to this body by the Chairman of the Executive Committee, E. M. Rosary; and that the resolutions, together with the address of said Chairman, be sent to the Republican press of the State with request of their publication.

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**LADIES COLUMN.**

Gentlemen now have their initials stamped in gold on the brims of their opera hats.  
A lady who would possess a truly fashionable head of hair must spend from \$90 to \$100.  
Black grandees make the prettiest, most stylish, and most serviceable summer dresses. Pongees are next in favor.  
Never has there been so great a furor for lace; wearing it becomingly serves greatly to tone down the complexion.  
Tortoise-shell combs are now made with every alternate link fastened on the side toward the neck.  
The stupidest garments ever invented are these summer pea jackets, now so fashionable. They are the ugliest and warmest summer coats we know of.  
The difficulty, not to say the anguish, which women experience in managing a train, should alone insure its condemnation, say those who favor short dresses.  
No shade of violet ought ever to be used in any sort of evening dress, as the color vanishes entirely under an artificial light. Many a young lady has suffered for not remembering this.  
It will be interesting to those who have supposed modistes to be at their wit's ends for novelties that her resources are as inexhaustible as they are exerting, and as unfathomable as the riddle of the sphinx.  
Spite of all the rumors, America as yet has seen nothing of the great man-milliner, the Parisian Jupiter of modes. Alas, we are beginning to fear that our fashionable society must remain as *Worthless* as ever.  
"How is our hair to be arranged this season?" An unsettled question as yet, ladies. Authorities say that almost any style will be fashionable. The long chataine braids are definitely abolished, however, and something new is the cornet braid worn on the top of the head.  
Another old fashion just being revived is that of carrying a small gold ball, say an inch in diameter, hollow, and used for carrying the handkerchief in. We don't like them half as well as the ordinary holders, since, instead of displaying the workmanship of a lace *mouchoir*, they hide it.  
Church ceremonies will give place entirely to house weddings next winter. A church is really the proper place for a religious ceremony, but so many objectionable features have become apparent in church weddings that society has been obliged to give them up.  
**POST ITEMS.**  
Chicago car horses wear sun bonnets.  
The President has pardoned C. C. Bowen.  
New Haven has a "Religious Intelligence Office."  
Selma, Alabama, is going to build an ice factory.  
Another of Washington's nurses has just died in Georgia.  
A Norwegian aged 91 secured a Government homestead last week.  
Two dozen new apples represent a dollar and a half in Chicago.  
Evanston, Ill., girls fast for a week as a preparation for parties.  
The Ohio river is going into a decline. It keeps its bed and is quite low.  
Hime, the balladist, is dead. He wrote "I see them on their winding way."  
Little mountainous Switzerland wants to borrow some money to arm with.  
Richmond is sending colored help North and taking Hibernian from preference.  
A country newspaper calls Capt. Hall's expedition "The Polar Picnic."  
Robert E. Lee's well known gray war horse died in Lexington, Va., on Monday.  
Washingtonians are obliged to take whisky with their Potomac to kill the infernal.  
In Tibet they force stray Europeans to marry young Thibetnesses, willy nilly.  
Mrs. Rohren, of Chicago, wants a divorce because her husband gets Rohren drunk.  
A Chicago man smote his washerwoman with a razor for trying to raise her little bill.  
Twenty two miles of whiskey shops supply Philadelphia with artificial enthusiasm.  
The celebrated girl with a snake in her stomach is putting in her annual appearance.  
Germany desires the peace of Europe. She also desires the piece of Europe they call Heligoland.  
A writer on school discipline says: "Without a liberal use of the rod it is impossible to make boys smart."  
A new revelation in European political dietetics—Russia's sudden loss of appetite for Turkey.  
Houston county, Gv., has a regular kullu hen. She kills all black chickens as soon as hatch.  
New Orleans babes suck arsenic from green veils, while their inattentive nurses exchange worldly banter.  
A Charleston woman keeps the "most fashionable and attractive undertaker's establishment in the city."  
A Vicksburg man set a spring gun in his chicken house which successfully brought down his wife for the first victim.  
Fur seal meat is recommended as an antidote for intemperance, and is said to give the breath a "sweet liquidity."  
A young man at Valparaiso, Ind., took ten grains of morphine because his father wouldn't let him go to the circus.

**Perfection.**  
The nearest approach to perfection, in articles designed for kitchen use, is that of DOOLEY'S YEAST POWDER, now generally recognized as the most economical and reliable Baking Powder in the country. No housekeeper should be without it. To accomplish the same results, it requires but one-half or two-thirds the quantity that it is necessary to use of other Baking Powders, while uniform success in making rolls, bread, biscuits, pastry, &c., is guaranteed. Recommended solely on its merits. DOOLEY & BACON, Manufacturers, 69 New St., New York. For sale by all Grocers.  
**FASHION'S FOLLIES.**  
Sashes are not worn now on the street by ladies.  
The "Boston" is still the only dance step of society.  
High slippers have taken the place of the Oxford ties.  
Camping out parties will be all the rage this summer.  
Japanese sun umbrellas will be popular at the seaside.  
The last thing in note paper has the country address printed in an upper corner.



That ancient mariner, Captain Maury, has ceased permanently going down to the sea, and has cast anchor as President of the University of Alabama.  
A San Francisco mineralogist is said to have discovered a method by which a substance harder than steel can be made by amalgamating iron and copper.  
"If you will all only do wrong and be sorry for it, you will go to Heaven," is being extensively quoted as the last remark of an Indian who was hanged recently in California.  
**STATE.**  
Raleigh wants a military school.  
The Sentinel goes for Deputy Collector Wright for mulcting certain tax-payers.  
M. L. McCorkle is a candidate for convention in Catawba county. Colonel John Long is a candidate from Cabarrus.  
The Charlotte Democrat is engaged in squelching the reports circulated by the Southern Home. Brother Yates thus goes for the "chivalric" D. H.:  
Gen. Hill has done a great deal to encourage wisdom by his editorials and malicious, vindictive advice in his paper. He devotes his columns to encouraging revenge and instigating bad feeling among the people. He deserves ten times more punishment than the men who were recently carried to Raleigh and imprisoned by the U. S. Court. While professing to be a disciple of peace, he is continually stirring up strife and fomenting contention and ill-will.  
THE KU KLUX OF RUTHERFORD.—Messrs. Logan & Carpenter, of the Rutherford Star in order to corroborate their statement, and the statement of the *Vindicator*, as to who it was that destroyed their office, and maltreated Mr. Justice, have addressed a letter to L. F. Churchill, Esq., a prominent conservative lawyer of Rutherford, who was in that place on the night of the raid asking him for his opinion in regard to the party. Mr. Churchill states it as his opinion that the raid was "a regular ku klux visit," and states that such is the almost universal opinion of the citizens of Rutherford, without regard to party. He also condemns the outrage in unqualified terms.  
The Wake county anti-convention meeting, held for the purpose of nominating candidates, met in the court house in this city, on Saturday and made the following nominations: Messrs. Samuel F. Phillips, Robert S. Perry, R. W. Wynne and James H. Harris.  
The meeting, though called irrespective of party, in which all opposed to Convention were invited to participate, was composed mainly of Republicans, some of whom we learn, seemed bent on making the question a party one in this county, but failed. The convention was addressed by James H. Harris, (col.) Sheriff Lee, Maj. W. D. Jones, and others. R. C. Badger, Esq., presided.  
Of the candidates, all are Republicans except Mr. Perry, who is an old-line Democrat, and opposes Convention from principle.  
Judge Henry declares he will not refuse to submit to "Convention" and its acts as follows:  
A CARD,  
To the Citizens of the State  
of North Carolina:  
My attention has been called to a paragraph in the address of S. F. Phillips, Chairman of the Republican Executive Committee of the State, which I cannot endorse or sanction. The position is there taken, that if the Convention should be called in the mode proposed, and the Constitution adopted by it, shall thereafter be ratified by the people of the State, and any of the present officers who may not be elected by the people, will nevertheless have the right to hold on to their office; and in the event of their doing so, the President would by Military force maintain them in office. Against any such doctrine as this I, as a Republican, enter my earnest protest and warn the party of its ruinous, disastrous and fatal effects.  
No such principle can or ought to be maintained under our Republican system of Government, and as one holding an important official position in the State, I should scorn to be kept in office by a military power outside of the State, and in violation of the Constitution.  
A Constitution adopted by a majority of the people in the mode proposed, "Republican in form," in my judgment, will be the Constitution of the people, and binding on all the citizens of the State. If we recognize the right of the President to set up and overthrow the government of the States, contrary to the express will of their people at the ballot-box, we will be in a condition similar to that of Mexico, where Military pronouncements supersede all civil government.  
While I entertain the opinion, before stated as to the power of the people to change their organic law, by the mode proposed, yet I deem it unwise and believe that the attempt should not have been made, unless the act calling a Convention had received a two-third vote of the Legislature.  
It is proper that I should say that I see no necessity for a Convention of the people at the present time, and believe that the Constitution could have been amended by Legislative enactment to answer all the purposes of the State, without the present political excitement.  
R. M. HENRY.