

Price Current

FEB. 22.		per	Peters'g	N. York.
Bacon,	-	lb	7 8	9 10
Brandy,	-	gal.	28 30	
Corn,	-	bu'h	35 40	50
Cotton,	-	lb	8 9 1/2	8 1/2 10 1/2
Coffee,	-	-	16 17 1/2	13 17
Flour, family,	-	bb'l	600	475 550
Iron,	-	ton	\$110 112	\$90 96
Molasses,	-	gal	35 40	32 36
Rum, New-Eng.	-	-	42 45	38 39
Sugar, brown,	-	lb	8 1/2 11 1/2	7 10
leaf,	-	-	18 25	17 19
Tea, Young Hyson,	-	-	100 125	90 98
Imperial,	-	-	140 150	120 140
Wheat,	-	bu'l	80 85	90 94
Whiskey,	-	gal.	33 36	27 34

North-Carolina Bank Notes.

At Petersburg, 5 1/2 to 6 per cent. discount.
At New-York, 8 do.

To the Editor of the Free Press.

SIR—we observed in the columns of your paper of the 15th inst. an extract from the Star, which states that there had been a meeting held at the Academy in the vicinity of Stantonsburg, and a Society formed; but for what purpose, we are left to conjecture. Though we cannot say with certainty, for what purpose this society has been organized, but for some recent occurrences we should readily have said, that it was for the amelioration of man, and highly philanthropic in its views. Formerly, we viewed with admiration, what we then believed to be the noble spirit of philanthropy and emulation in some of its members, more especially, in their President, but latterly we have been led to believe that it was not that pure philanthropy which we have been taught to reverence; but that which has its origin in selfishness, and does not partake of the nature of that which stimulated our ancestors to their "great and noble deeds." We have for some time believed, that the love of fame and popularity was the ruling passion of their President's breast, and this we are inclined to believe gave origin to this society. We have seen his struggles and efforts to render himself conspicuous and distinguished; and if he has not already done it, we have no doubt if he will continue to persevere, he will soon do it. We judge, from his lamenting that he did not give his money to the poor in lieu of building him a comfortable house, that he does not only wish to be called a great man, but a good one. We observed that they had appointed one Henry S. Stanton, corresponding secretary. We are not acquainted with any man by that name: we know there is no such a man in the county, nor do we believe there is in the State. We believe the name to be fictitious. If there be any man in the neighborhood by that name, he certainly must be a foreigner; and we do suppose, from the S, in his name, which is said to stand for Solomon, that he is a descendant of some great and wise family which has much degenerated, in wisdom, at least, in its declension; or he would not have suffered himself appointed to the office of corresponding secretary to that society; for had he had the wisdom of former Solomons, he certainly would have known that there would not be a similar society got up, with which he could have a correspondence. We observed likewise that they had one Exum Oatland in their meeting. We know no man by this name. We know one Exum Oatland, who is a man of irreproachable character; but he cannot be the man alluded to. If he is, it must be a mistake in their other secretary whose business, we suppose, is to record their names and proceedings; and we judge from the D, in his name, that he is not of the family of Solomons, but of the family of Dunces, as we were taught when school boys, that D stood for dunce. But we trust this is not the man they call Oatland— inclined to think that he is a man of much sense and discretion, to be led into such a society: but if we have been seduced by them, we hope we shall soon recollect that scripture says, "come ye out from among them." We beg him as friends, and integrity, to come out from among them, for we fear he will get polluted. When we first heard of the or-

ganization of this society, we supposed, from the name that it assumed, it was formed for the purpose of suppressing the use of ardent spirits: but learning that some of its members still continue to take a little, when behind the curtain, we have concluded it was organized for the purpose of preventing gluttony. We were led to this conclusion, partly by learning that bacon was likely to be very scarce among them; and partly from learning that a goodly number of their members are children, who, we know, are apt to eat too much. Perhaps they labor under that disease of the stomach, which is said to create such a voracious appetite that it is ungovernable; and being unable to govern it individually, they have formed themselves into a society, that they may bring their force to bear against it collectively. But this we think can hardly be the case; for their being two doctors among them, (though one of them has been out of practice for some time,) we think they would have advised them better. If it be a fact that their stomachs are diseased, we are inclined to pity them; but we pity still more that ignorance which hasted them to form themselves into a society to remedy it.

Mr. Editor, the word *temperance*, which we see attached to the society, is what puzzles us. We can but think, that that word has something to do with eating or drinking: moreover, we see, that they are going to excommunicate a brother, if he should, when wet, cold, hungry and fatigued, take a little grog; for they are by no means to violate the 11th section of their constitution, under the penalty of expulsion; which says, "they shall neither drink, nor suffer their families to drink ardent spirits, unless in case of real sickness;" so you see they cannot resort to sickness for a subterfuge. Sir, if they had called it the wine-drinking society, we should not have been at a loss to have known their view; for we have seen some of them turn down the wine by wholesale, and that too, when it was half brandy. We would advise you, if you or your friends have any wine to sell, to carry it to Stantonsburg; for we are confident wine will soon advance there one hundred per cent. We confess, we are at a loss to conjecture, with any degree of certainty, what can be the views of this society; for when we look at the high offices attached to it, such as President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, &c. and the titles of such high sounding, as Doctor, Squire, &c. we should have thought, that they would have had more sense than to have supposed that their forming themselves into a society would have prevented the intemperate use of wine, brandy, or bacon. We should have had a more favorable opinion of the society; but some of them got a notion, that the people had lost confidence in their religion; so they went to the Camp-meeting, and raised a fuss with the old cake women, because they wanted to sell a few cakes, got converted over again, and thus restored themselves to the confidence of the people, and are now so religious there is scarcely any such thing as living in the neighborhood with them. On the 1st of April next, there is another meeting, and a mighty lecture to be delivered by one T. S. Esq. who, we did not know had a tail to his name before. We will attend, to learn the views of the society, and likewise the rise in the value of wines, and will inform you soon thereafter.

FRIENDS TO TEMPERANCE.

Editors who inserted the article referred to, will confer a favor by giving the above an insertion.

Ten Cents Reward.

RANAWAY from the Subscriber, about four weeks since, an indented apprentice to the carpenter's business, named **JOHN DORMAN**, Aged 15 years, about 4 feet 10 inches in height and stout built. The above reward will be given for the delivery of said runaway to me in Tarboro'—all persons are hereby forbid harboring or employing him under the penalty of the law. **JOHN PARKER.**
Feb. 28, 1828. 29-3



Trust Sale.

(POSTPONED.)

WILL BE SOLD, by virtue of two separate Deeds in Trust, for certain purposes therein contained, on Tuesday, the 25th day of March next, at the house of Thomas Bustin, on Rocky Swamp, all the property of said Bustin, consisting of

A Tract of Land,

Known by the Parham Tract—Stock of every kind—

One Negro Man,

By name Harry—and sundry other articles too tedious to mention. The terms will be accommodating and made known the day of sale.

ELI B. WHITAKER, Trustee.
23d Feb. 1828. 28

Land for Sale.

ON Tuesday, the 1st day of April next, will be exposed to public sale, at Providence, in Edgecombe county, (the residence of Maj. Lunsford R. Cherry) a valuable

Tract of Land,

The property of Eaton Linch, containing about two hundred and fifty acres, lying on White Oak Swamp, and adjoining the lands of Maj. Lunsford R. Cherry, Green Exum and others. There is on the tract, a sufficient portion of open land, to work three or four hands to advantage; a good and convenient dwelling-house, kitchen and other houses; with the advantages of a healthy situation. Persons who are desirous of purchasing a small tract of land, are requested to go and view this. Nine months' credit will be given on the whole, and twenty-one months' indulgence on one-half the purchase money. Bond and approved security will be required of the purchaser, before the right is conveyed.

R. PITTMAN, Att'y in fact
of Eaton Linch.
Edgecombe county, Feb. 26, 1828.

The thorough-bred and celebrated

RACE HORSE,

SHAWANEE,



WILL STAND the ensuing season at my stable, in the county of Halifax, North-Carolina, seven miles from the town of Halifax, five from Enfield Court-house, and three from Crowell's Cross-roads, and will be let to mares at TEN DOLLARS the single leap, payable at the time the mare is covered; TWENTY Dollars the season, payable at the expiration of the season; and THIRTY Dollars to insure a mare to be in foal, payable as soon as the mare is ascertained to be in foal; with Fifty Cents to the Groom in every instance. The season to commence on the 1st day of March, and end the 20th day of July. Particular attention will be paid to mares sent to remain with the horse, and can be fed if required with corn and fodder at twenty cents per day. Good and extensive pasturage gratis. Separate fields of small grain are sown for mares with young colts. Every attention will be paid to prevent accidents or escapes, but will not be liable for either.

Shawanee,

IS A BEAUTIFUL CHESNUT SORREL, five feet one inch and a half high, ten years old this spring.

PEDIGREE.

SHAWANEE was got by the celebrated horse Tecumseh, he by Archie out of Thomas W. Hill's imported mare. His dam by old Citizen, his grandam by Alderman, his g. grandam by Roebuck, his g. g. grandam by Herod, his g. g. g. grandam by Partner, &c.

JOHN CROWELL.

Feb. 25, 1828. 28

The Washington Herald, Warrenton Reporter, and Raleigh Star will please give the above four insertions, and forward their accounts to the Postmaster at Halifax for collection.



Masonic Notice.

THE Subscriber returns his sincere thanks to the members of *Concord Lodge, No. 58, Tarborough*—after having a wish for some time to withdraw, (from the Lodge,) for the honor they have conferred on him by saving him the trouble.

I. D. GUION.

N. B. I always thought before that Free Masonry was a secret, but now it appears that the transactions of the Lodge are published in the Free Press.

Feb. 26, 1828. 28-3

Lost.

ABOUT the last of January, (ult.) a red morocco POCKET BOOK, much worn, having the name of *Mark H. Bennett* written in it, containing when lost the following Guardian Bonds, (securities not recollected,) all dated the 10th Jan. 1827, and due twelve months after date, viz: Aaron Atkinson's bond for \$77 25—James Barron's, \$14 25—John Bridges', \$14 00—David Williams', \$40 05—Willis Griffin's, \$28 85—Jesse Garner's, \$18 10—Robert Whitehead's, \$40 25—Benj'n Sharpe and Jas. Barron's, \$60 00.

ALSO, one note against H. L. Kirtland & Co. for \$154 00, due 25th May, 1827, and receipted for \$60 00, the date of the receipt not recollected. One against Charles Wilkinson for about \$30 00, due perhaps Dec. 1826—and one against Jesse C. Knight for \$28 00, due the same time. One against Eliphas Lewis, and one against William Hinton, the amounts not recollected, but small. It contained also, sundry other papers, among which were some small accounts. I hereby forwarn all persons from trading for any of the above bonds or notes. I will give any person *Five Dollars*, who will deliver me the said Pocket Book with its contents.

MARK H. BENNETT.

Feb. 25, 1828. 28-3

Notice.

AT February term, 1828, of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Edgecombe county, the Subscriber obtained letters of administration on the estate of the late WILLIAM STATON, dec'd. All persons having claims against said estate, are hereby notified to present them duly authenticated within the time prescribed by law, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery—and all those indebted to said estate are requested to come forward and settle the same.

WILL BE SOLD, on Thursday, the 20th of March next, at the late dwelling house of said deceased, all the perishable property of said deceased, consisting of

Horses, Mules, Cattle, Sheep, Geese, Hogs, Sows and Pigs—ALSO, a large quantity of Bacon and Lard, Corn and Fodder, Household and Kitchen Furniture, and Farming Utensils—one set of Blacksmith tools, one distillery, fifteen or twenty barrels of Brandy, a number of cider casks, one apple Mill, and other property too tedious to mention.

ALSO, the Lands of said deceased will be rented, and the negroes hired out until the 1st of January next. Six months credit will be given, the purchaser giving bond with approved securities before the property is changed. Should any person bid off property, and refuse to comply with the terms of the sale, it will be sold again and the purchaser will be held liable for the difference between the first and last sale of said property.

BYTHAL STATON, Jr. Adm'r.
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