

COUNTY COURT.

The County Court for this county commenced its sessions yesterday morning. James T. Miller, Esq. presiding. M. B. Smith, Esq. was duly qualified and entered upon the discharge of his duties as County Sheriff.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

At 12 o'clock on Saturday last the Senators, preceded by their Speaker and Chief Clerk, entered the House, and being seated on the Speaker's right, the Speaker of the Senate presiding, the members of the House were called to order.

THE NEW YORK HERALD.

The following appears in the New York Herald of the 21st inst: FREEDOM OF THE PRESS IN NORTH CAROLINA.—An obscure, antislavery-looking paper, printed at Wilmington, North Carolina, called the "Commercial," has been circulating in the following bit of insolent folly on the freedom of the press:—

Here the Editor inserts our article, published a short time ago, relative to the circulation of the Herald, Tribune and other incendiary northern papers, within the jurisdiction of North Carolina. He goes on to say:—

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SCRAPS OF HISTORY.

THE VANGUARD.—We spent most of our time, while under arrest, at a small village, 3 or 4 miles from the cantonment. A number of officers said there also, and formed a joyous and mischievous set, as officers know how to be, quite as well as privates.

It will be necessary to a proper understanding of the impressions expressed in the matter that follows, that we inform our readers of the exercise of our mind at this juncture. From the teachings of our childhood we had imbibed the morality of the Christian Religion.

Several of the officers were Freemasons, and a Lodge held occasional meetings in the village.—From the representations made of the character of the Institution, by its friends, and its claims to be a religious order, as insisted upon by many of its members, even at the present day, we were weak enough to imagine that the masons held a secret of importance to the future destiny of man.

The decision of the Court Martial had not been promulgated, though a month or more had elapsed since the trial. Our mind became exceedingly oppressed with the dread of an adverse decision. So intolerable had become our mental sufferings, that we decided on committing suicide to escape "the ills" of such a result.

We had advanced but a few rods, apparently, in the pursuit we had undertaken, when on our left stood Mrs. Waldo—the excellent christian wife of the gentleman with whom we boarded.

A thousand volumes could not add force to the holy and lovely truth the questioner taught, in regard to the exercises of our mind, above alluded to. But sublime as it was, it had no effect upon our thoughts or sentiments till some years afterwards.

We will not venture those who have adopted the notions above spoken of, in regard to the character of the masonic Institution—because we also embraced it, with all the ardor of a warm imagination, when we became a member of the order.

It will be a digression, but justice to ourselves in the task we have undertaken, and a respect for the public judgment, compel us to make reference to the sentiments of an address we delivered some years ago at the request of St. John's Lodge, before that organization and Concord Chapter.—Our views have not changed since then, on this subject.

But the mistake which we and others of the order have made in our day, is that we have been imbued with brilliancies that "play around the imagination" but do not touch the heart.

Think of it! A religion in which woman is not a participant. A religion in which is not found the heart of woman. We quote: "Oh! woman's heart is like the rose,

"That glows beneath the tropic's flame, "That blooms as sweet 'mid northern snows, "Forever lovely—and the same."

THE LONDON TIMES ON MR. BUCHANAN.

The following is from the London Times relative to the election of Mr. Buchanan. In proportion to the dislike of the Times to the approbation of the American people.

Mr. Buchanan was elected President of the United States. So ends the long struggle which commenced in the Union during the administration of Mr. Taylor.

It cannot be forgotten that Mr. Buchanan was a Minister to this country, gave but little assistance to a peaceful settlement of the questions that had arisen between America and England.

Another fire in Canada. Montreal, Dec. 8.—The American Hotel, situated at St. Catherine's, was entirely destroyed, with its contents, on Sunday evening last.

Another failure. Boston, Dec. 5.—The firm of Samuel Henshaw & Sons, Bankers failed this morning.

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FREMONT AND TOOMBS. A New York correspondent of the Albany Argus says that Col. Fremont has challenged Toombs of Georgia to a duel.

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DECLINING FREEDOM.

Mrs. Mary E. Carter, who died a few days since in Albemarle county, Va., liberated a slave woman, 22 years of age, and left her \$200 per annum as a support.

THROWN-OVERBOARD. Pennsylvania, Dec. 6.—Mary Danny, 16 years old, was thrown overboard on Thursday, at Pier No. 30, New York, by two men who had enticed her on the pier with the intention of violating her person.

ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMER ARAGO. New York, Dec. 6.—The steamer Arago, from Havre, with dates from that port to the 19th, and dates from Cotes to the 20th ult., arrived here at noon.

A GOOD ONE. The Boston Traveller tells the following story relative to the chirography of J. W. Brooks the great Railroad Agent.

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The Northern Mail is due daily, at 10 A.M. The Southern Mail is due daily, at 4 P.M. The Eastern Mail is due daily, at 10 P.M.

DEATHS BY CONSUMPTION. Would perhaps be a small estimate for the ravages of this dreadful disease in a single year, than that of the cholera in the same period.

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WHOLESALE PRICES.

BACON, per lb. 12 00. Hams, N. C. 10 00. Shoulders, 10 00. Lard, 10 00.

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CHARLESTON MARKET.

Dec 6 - Cotton. There was a moderate inquiry for this article to-day the market being at 1700 bales at prices ranging from 10 1/2 to 11 1/2.

BALTIMORE MARKET. Dec. 4 - Flour. It is at 65 1/2. Wheat at 100 cents per bushel, but unchanged.

SUNDRIES. Bags ground Alum. Salt. Bright. Heavy Bags, 2 bushels each. 50 cts. Light, 40 cts. 5 b-l-Sm. Empty 50 lbs barrel contains on hand 1000 bushels.

BANGS' ORANGE. To be drawn in the City of Mobile, Ala. Tuesday Dec. 30 1856 on the following SINGLE NUMBERS.

CAPITAL \$80,000. 3,250 PRIZES. MORE THAN ONE PRIZE TO EVERY TICKET. NOVEL SCHEME!

APPROXIMATION PRIZES. 4 prizes of \$200 approx to \$400, viz: \$400 4 " 125 " " 1,000 4 " 75 " " 2,000 4 " 45 " " 300 300 " 45 " " 200 " 120,000

PLAN OF SWAN & CO'S LOTTERIES. 30,000 Numbers corresponding with those on the Tickets are placed in a ball. The Balls are placed in another Wheel. A number is drawn from the number Wheel, and at the same time a Prize is drawn from the other Wheel.

HEALTH OR SICKNESS? CHOOSE THEM. THE ILLIUM FORMULAE the material of every bone, muscle, blood and fibre in the human frame.

ALARMING DISORDERS. Dropsical, and derangement of the liver the source of many of the most dangerous diseases.

DELICATE FEMALES. All irregularities and ailments incident to the delicate and sensitive organs of the sex are relieved.

CHEESE! CHEESE!! Borden's Condensed Milk. Borden's Eagle Brand Condensed Milk.