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FRANKLIN, N. C.

FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 16, 1860.

James M. Smith is our authorized Agent for the sale of all kinds of... Call on him and get a supply...

Club Rates! Club Rates! Desiring to increase our subscription list, and as an inducement to those who may wish to subscribe...

Notice Patrons. One of the Editors will attend the Spring Courts of Jackson and Haywood Counties...

We call attention to the advertisement of H. W. Nolen. He has received and opened a new assortment of Spring Goods...

Mr. Nolen is one of our most enterprising business-men, and is not only engaged in mercantile, but also in mechanical pursuits...

Some Short! Neighbor, W. A. McCoy, killed a pig, which weighed 418 lbs. neat. Right smart pickin' on them bones.

Mr. Woodfin's Address. On Tuesday, of this week, John W. Woodfin, Esq., delivered an Agricultural Address before our people...

Public Meeting in Franklin. We are gratified to learn, that at a meeting of the Union Party held in the Court House on Tuesday last...

AGRICULTURE. The prospects of the wheat-crop in Cherokee are by no means flattering, though we noticed several wheat fields that were much revived by the recent rains and warm weather...

OUR ROAD. Our trip to Murphy was attended with some pleasant incidents, and some hazards. The weather was fine and the roads firm until we reached the head of Valley river...

By way of illustration we relate a rather hazardous escape we had during our return home. We were riding with three other gentlemen, just after dark, and while crossing the bridge ten miles east of Murphy...

The Kentucky State Senate has appropriated \$2,000 towards the erection of a monument at the capital of the State, to the memory of Daniel Boone, the pioneer, and the first settler in Kentucky.

Cherokee Court. We attended Court in Cherokee last week and during our stay witnessed much to reflect upon. There is a good deal of litigation in that county—much more than is profitable to any people...

We did not learn the extent of civil business on the docket at Murphy; but we learned that there were over sixty State cases docketed, about three fourths of which are assaults and battery cases...

Another instance of its effects occurred a week or ten days before the Cherokee Court. A drunken beast committed an assault upon his wife, striking her with his gun and making several unsuccessful attempts to shoot her...

On Tuesday of Court Col. Bibbo of Nashville Tenn, who was at Murphy, proposed to deliver a Railroad speech to the people of Cherokee. He advocated the extension of the North Carolina central road to Duck Town...

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that it is to the interest of the State of North Carolina and the Rail Roads already constructed within her borders, that the State should extend the Western North Carolina Railroad through the counties of Haywood, Jackson, Macon and Cherokee...

Resolved, That the lands and lime—the soil produces red clover well, and with a judicious system of agriculture will yield remunerative crops of wheat, corn, rye, oats, peas and potatoes.

Resolved, That we now proceed to organize an Agricultural Society, under the name and style of the "Macon County Agricultural Society."

Resolved, That the officers of the Society shall be a President, Secretary and Treasurer, and an Executive Committee, consisting of seven persons.

Resolved, That any citizen of this or any other county, desiring to become a member may do so by signing his name and paying a sum of ten cents.

Resolved, That when this meeting adjourns, that it adjourn to meet on next Friday afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

Resolved, That we reaffirm our long cherished opinions in favor of the distribution of the public lands, or their proceeds, among all the people of the Union...

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Opposition Convention. We insert this week, as an item of news, without expressing an opinion of our own, the resolutions of the Opposition Convention of this State...

1. There should be an honest and faithful administration of the general government, separating its appointments and contracts from political bribery, and arresting the present profligacy and corruption.

2. The control of the Senate over the treaty-making power of the President ought to be ever carefully preserved by that body as well in substance as in form, and the public treasury and the war power of the government ought with the just jealousy of a free people to be kept in the hands of Congress.

3. The appointments to office should be of faithful and efficient men, and not of mere partisans who, for years past, have occupied some of the most prominent stations, to the dishonor of the nation and the imminent danger of our cherished institutions.

4. The rights of American citizens, whether native or naturalized, should be protected from aggression, and the national honor preserved, by fulfilling all our obligations to other governments, and by demanding and enforcing a fulfillment of theirs to us.

5. New States should be admitted into the Union without regard to the establishment or rejection of slavery in their constitutions.

6. The present laws of Congress on the subject of slavery should be adhered to—and all further agitation of the question withdrawn from the arena of national politics, and the whole subject left to the uninterrupted control of the people among whom it exists.

7. Feelings of fraternity and good neighborhood should be encouraged among the States, and the aggressions of one upon another should be repulsed and punished. That notwithstanding the recent outrage in the invasion of a neighboring State by a band of fanatics, with the intent to excite a servile insurrection, and the delinquencies of certain Northern States, in not fulfilling the covenants of the Federal Constitution...

8. That we yield to no portion of our fellow citizens in our determination to maintain our common rights in slave property, and this can be better effected within the Union than by its destruction. When aggression upon these rights are committed within our own borders...

9. That in our opinion much relief may be obtained against such injuries by a revision of the police laws of the Southern States, and that whenever these frontier States shall find annoyances to their proper enjoyment of this species of property calling for redress by force, they shall be ready to hearken to their voice, and to make their cause their own.

10. That in States which have violated the Federal Constitution by statutes designed to nullify the laws of the United States for the arrest and return to their owners of fugitive slaves, the Federal law should be maintained, and the vigorous punishment of all persons who violate, such State laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

11. That we reaffirm our long cherished opinions in favor of the distribution of the public lands, or their proceeds, among all the people of the Union, as more than ever desirable as a relief to the people of this State against the present burdens of taxation.

12. The internal improvements of North Carolina should be fostered and prosecuted rapidly as the resources and financial condition of the State will permit, without burdening the people with taxation or injuring the public credit.

Crime seems to be greatly on the increase all over the country. We can scarcely take up a paper without finding accounts of murders committed. The reader has before this learned of the death of young Mr. Reese at Emory and Henry College, by J. B. Brownlow...

It should be a source of pride to North Carolinians, to know that their State is more extensively engaged in cotton manufactures than any other in the South. From the statistics it appears that in 1859 about 29,090 bales of cotton were manufactured into cloth in North Carolina, while in Georgia, the number of bales was 26,000.

WHEAT CROP.—The Greenville (Tenn) Democrat says: In our recent trip to Rogersville, we must have passed near one hundred fields of wheat, and without exception, we do not think; we passed a field but what now promises to make a fair crop. Three years ago we made the best crop ever made in the country, and the present prospect so far as we have seen, is about the same as that was, at this season of the year. Gen. Lowry was with us during our trip to Rogersville. We were both very particular in our observations so that we might be able to give something that would be reliable. We must say, that our opinion is that of a failure of the wheat crop, this year.

Washing-ton, March 5.—The National Executive Committee of the Union party have decided on the 9th of May as the time of holding the National Convention at Baltimore.

New Orleans, Feb. 28.—The steaming Arizona brings intelligence from Brazos to the 26th inst. Tobin and Tomlinson's Rangers have been disbanded and have returned home. Cortinas is in possession of the west bank of the Rio Grande, and continues his depredations on Texas.

Stoneman's cavalry and Ford's rangers are guarding the border to the extent of their ability.

Washington, March 5.—Mr. Miramon, the Vera Cruz with ample authority to protect American citizens and their property in case of an attack by Miramon's party.

Washington, March 6.—House.—The Rev. Mr. Stockton, of Philadelphia, was elected Chaplain by 15 majority.

Sherman's bill reducing the mileage of members to twenty cents per mile in a straight geographical line passed by a vote of 154 against 21.

Richmond, March 5.—Gov. Letcher, on Saturday sent to the Legislature a communication from Mr. Starke, the Mississippi Commissioner, urging a speedy action in favor of a Southern conference for self-preservation.

Washington, March 3.—It is announced in well informed circles that the President disapproves of the act of Gov. Houston, of Texas, in calling out the Texan volunteers. The President has ordered a large federal force to the frontier. No unconditional order has been issued for our troops to cross into Mexico, but permission to do so is shortly expected by virtue of pending negotiations.

Washington, March 5.—In the Senate today, Mr. Latham (California Senator) was qualified and took his seat.

The Florida claim bill was made the special order of the day, for Monday the 10th inst. The bill amending the act establishing the court of claims was taken up. Messrs. Iverson, Benjamin and others discussed the merits of the bill.

Mr. Rengan introduced a resolution to place five millions of dollars at the disposal of the President to suppress hostilities on the Rio Grande. It as reported to the Military Committee.

Washington, March 3.—The United States Attorney General, the Hon. J. S. Black, is now lying dangerously ill.

Mr. Edmund Ruffin proposes to give one of John Brown's Pikes to each Southern State.—We understand that the Old Virginia Nestor of State Rights—the clear-headed sound-hearted, patriotic farmer-statesman, Edmund Ruffin, has procured fifteen of the pikes that old Brown took to Harper's Ferry, and proposes to send one to the Legislature of each Southern State, labelled thus:

Sample of the favors designed for us by our Northern brethren: Out of this nettle, danger, we pluck the flower Safety.—Waverley (Pa.) Democrat.

MARRIED. On the 11th of March, 1860, by M. Rhodes, Esq., Mr. Jackson Prady to Miss Caroline Scroggs, all of Macon county.

This marriage may be worthy of note from the fact that it is the first licensed marriage that has ever been solemnized among the Cherokees East. Under an Ordinance passed some months since, by a full council of the nation, a marriage to be made legal, must be licensed by a native Clerk, appointed for that purpose. This is the first marriage under it. The same ordinance abolished bigamy.

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REVIVAL.—Extensive revivals of religion are in progress at Salisbury and Goldsboro.