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March 17, 1857. tf

Notice.

HAVING returned to Charlotte, I am again at the disposal of those who may require my services in the practice of Medicine and Surgery.

ROBERT GIBBON, M. D.

Feb. 3d, 1857. 31-tf

K. M. MURCHISON. A. J. HOWELL.

MURCHISON & HOWELL,

COMMISSION MERCHANTS,

No. 104 Wall Street, N. Y.

Feb. 3d, 1857. 1y

DR. R. WYSONG,

Charlotte, N. C.

HAVING located in this place, respectfully offers his Professional Services to the citizens of the town and vicinity.

☞ OFFICE in the new brick building, opposite the burnt district, Main Street.

April 28th 1857.

BREM & STEELE,

Wholesale and Retail Dealers

IN

Dry Goods,

Hardware, Hats, and Shoes,

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

May 5, 1857. 44-tf

LAND FOR SALE.

The subscriber offers for sale the plantation upon which he formerly lived, lying on the waters of McMichael's Creek, on the Providence Road, six miles from Charlotte, containing about

250 or 300 Acres.

The Land is well improved, about one-half cleared and in a good state of cultivation, and the wood-land well timbered; with a good Dwelling House, three good Kitchens, Barn and Stables, all in good repair; also, a first rate Gin House and Screw; Cotton Gin, Thresher and Fan; also, a

First rate Saw Mill

in good repair, all of which I offer with the land. The Land can be divided to advantage to suit purchasers.

Any person wishing to purchase would do well to call and examine the Plantation, as I am determined to sell. They can call on Mr N. Boick, who lives adjoining, on the main Providence road, where Mrs Hutchison formerly lived; he will show the premises with pleasure and direct any information about said land to the subscriber in Statesville.

JAS. H. KENNEDY.

May 5th, 1857. 44 6m

DR. B. CHERAS

Having located at MONROE, tenders his professional services to the citizens of the Town and surrounding country, and respectfully solicits their patronage.

☞ Office at J. Bickett's.

April 28. 43-3m

Notice.

HAVING obtained Letters of Administration upon the estate of W. P. Trotter, deceased, I give notice to all persons indebted to the late firm of **T. Trotter & Son**, by note or book account for the last four or five years, to come forward and pay the same without delay, and thereby save cost, as the concern must be settled up.

THOS. TROTTER, Adm'r and Surviving Partner.

Feb. 3d, 1857. 31-tf

The Watch and Jewelry business will in the future be conducted by the subscriber, who will spare no pains or expense to give general satisfaction. Watch repairing done in a superior manner, and at the shortest notice.

THOS. TROTTER.

W. R. BRAILSFORD,

COMMISSION MERCHANT

AND AGENT FOR

BALTIMORE AND PHILADELPHIA PACKETS.

CHARLESTON, S. C.

LIBERAL advances made on consignments of produce to my address for sale.

Sept. 11, 1855. 71y.

☞ For the Cheapest stock of Clothing you ever saw go to the Emporium of Fashion of FULLINGS & CO.

State of North Carolina.

WHEREAS, THE LAST GENERAL ASSEMBLY, by an act entitled, "A supplementary act to take the sense of the people of the State relative to the proposed amendment of the Constitution," did enact as follows:

Whereas, a bill to amend the Constitution of the State of North Carolina, has been read in each house of the present General Assembly on three several days, and agreed to by two-thirds of each house respectively, in the precise words following: "A bill to amend the Constitution of the State of North Carolina:"

Whereas, at the session of the last General Assembly, begun and held in Raleigh, on the third Monday of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, a bill, entitled "a bill to amend the Constitution of the State of North Carolina," was read three times in each house of the said General Assembly, and agreed to by three-fifths of the whole number of members of each house respectively, And whereas, the bill so agreed to hath been duly published six months previous to the election of the members of this present General Assembly, according to the clause of section one of article four of the amended Constitution, and the directions contained in the second section of the said bill; and it is the intention, by this bill, to agree to the preamble and first section of the bill aforesaid, containing the said alteration of the Constitution of this State: And whereas, a large number of the people are disfranchised by the freehold qualification now required of voters for members of the Senate; therefore, *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, two thirds of the whole number of members of each house concurring,* That the second clause of the third section of the first article of the amended Constitution, ratified by the people of North Carolina, on the second Monday of November, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty-five, shall be amended to read as follows: "*Every free white man of the age of twenty-one years, being a native or naturalized citizen of the United States, and who has been an inhabitant of the State for twelve months immediately preceding the day of any election, and shall have paid public taxes, shall be entitled to vote for a member of the Senate for the district in which he resides.*"

And whereas, it was further provided by the said act, "that the foregoing amendment to the Constitution of this State, as embodied in the preceding section, be submitted by the Governor to the people on the first Thursday in August, 1857, sixty days notice having been given in ten newspapers":

NOW, THEREFORE, I do hereby give notice to all persons entitled to vote for members of the House of Commons, that polls will be opened on the first Thursday in August next, by the Sheriffs of the respective Counties, at the election precincts within the same, to take the sense of the said voters as to the ratification of said amendment to the Constitution of the State; those for ratification to vote with a written or printed ticket—"*Approved;*" those opposed thereto to vote with a similar ticket—"*Not Approved.*"

Given under my hand, as Governor of the State of North Carolina, at the Executive office in the City of Raleigh, on the 18th day of May, A. D., 1857.

[L.S.]

By the Governor: THOS. BRAGG.

PULASKI COWPER, Pr. Sec'y.

May 26, 1857. 2m

BOOKS

For Sale

AT THE

CHARLOTTE BOOK STORE.

THE AMERICAN SPORTSMAN: containing hints to Sportsmen, notes on shooting, and the habits of the Game Birds and Wild Fowl of America, by LEWIS.

THE GOLDEN LEGACY: a story of Life's Phases.

RILLS from the FOUNTAIN OF LIFE, or Sermons to Children, by Rev. R. NEWTON, D. D.

THE DAISY CHAIN or Aspirations: a Family Chronicle.

SHOEPAC RECOLLECTIONS: A Way-Side Glimpse of American Life, by WALER MARCH.

KATHIE BRANDE: a Fireside History of a Quiet Life, by HOLME LEE.

HOUSEHOLD MYSTERIES, by Lizzie Pitt.

EL GRINGO, or New Mexico and her People.

PAUL FANE, by N. P. Willis.

VEVA, or the War of the Peasants and the Conscript: two interesting Romances bound in one volume.

THE NAPOLEON DYNASTY, or the History of the Bonaparte Family: an entirely new work, by the Berkley Men, with twenty-two authentic Portraits.

Call at P. J. LOWRIE'S Book Store.

March 31, 1857. 39-tf

H. B. Dowler & Co's

CELEBRATED

WHEAT FANS.

The subscribers are now engaged at Monroe, Union county, N. C, in putting up the above named Fans. In their manner of construction and operations and entire adaptation to the purposes for which they are designed, these Fans are unequalled by any that have heretofore been offered to the public. They are constructed of the best materials, and none but the best workmen are employed. An experience of five years in the business justifies the belief that entire satisfaction will be given.

All our work is warranted.

☞ All orders will receive prompt attention and the machinery delivered according to order.

References:

D. A. Covington, J. P. Houston, Monroe, N C. James B Robinson, Benj Morrow, Mecklenburg county.
Wm G Smith, Dr Wadkins, Anson county.

ROSE & STEEL.

MONROE, Union county, March 20th. 6m

SOMETHING NEEDED.

A New Tailoring Establishment.

JAMES BRIANT informs his friends and former patrons, that he has reopened his TAILORING ESTABLISHMENT in the up-stairs of the Building next to the Bank of the State, where he will be happy to see all those wanting any thing done in his line. All work warranted.

Oct. 28th, 1856. 17-tf

Ready-Made Clothing

AND

Furnishing Establishment.

SPRINGS & HEATH

RESPECTFULLY inform their friends and the public generally that they have received and are receiving an extensive assortment of Ready-Made Clothing at their old stand on the north side of Mint street, to which they invite attention.

Gentlemen's COATS;

Among their stock may be found Black Cloth Coats, single and double breasted; black and drab Alpacca in Sacks, Frocks and Raglans; French and English Drap-d'Ete; plain and fancy Cassimeres, gotten up in nice suits; plain and fancy Linen Marseilles, in suits; white Linen Drill and Linen Duck; each style embracing the different cuts, Sacks Frocks and Raglans.

PANTALOONS;

Pants of French and American Cassimeres, black and fancy; black and fancy Alpacca, steel cloth and French and English Drap-d'Ete; plain and fancy Linen and Marseilles of all grades.

They would call especial attention to their lot of

VESTS,

both single and double breasted, embracing black and figured Silk, black Satin, and the prettiest lot of Marseilles Vests ever offered in this market.

Gents Furnishing Goods,

The largest lot in this market, consisting in part of plain and fancy Linen and Cotton

SHIRTS;

Collars, Byron & Bishop; linen and cotton Drawers; plain and fancy Hosiery; Gloves, silk, kid, &c.; a variety of Cravats, silk and linen; Handkerchiefs, silk and linen; Suspenders, &c., &c.

ALSO,

A fine lot of HATS for the Summer wear, embracing all the latest styles of the Silk, Cassimere and Felt Hats; Straw, Leghorn, and Panama do.

They offer the above Goods

VERY LOW FOR CASH,

or to punctual dealers on time, with the express understanding that accounts are due when they want the money.

They return their thanks to their customers for the liberal patronage heretofore bestowed upon them, and hope to merit a continuance of the same by diligence in business and untiring efforts to please. Call and examine their Goods.

SPRINGS & HEATH,

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

April 7, 1857. 40-tf

FOR THE LADIES

TOILET.

A large assortment of Fancy Hair and Tooth Brushes of every quality; French, English and American Pomades for the hair; Lubin's Extracts of Jockey club, violet, marechale, tea rose, cedar, heliotrope, rose, new mown hay, sweet scented shrub, sweet pea, mouseline, bouquet Napoleon, summer, bluebells, millefleurs, upper ten, jasmine, caroline, musk.

Cologne, Verbena, Jasmine, and Geranium Waters, &c. Just received at

SCARR & CO'S

April 14th. Drug Store.

Soap Potash.

Just received a fresh barrel of Potash, at

SCARR & CO'S

April 14th. Charlotte Drug Store.

Temple of Fashion

IS NOW OPEN.

Something Entirely New.

GENTLEMEN, one and all, young and old, who wish to wear Good, Fine Clothes, go to

J. W. COLE'S

NEW CLOTHING EMPORIUM,

First Door above Kerr's Hotel,

formerly occupied by Lowrie's Book Store, where you can get the best fits and the finest clothes for the least money than anywhere else in the State. The goods are all made up to order expressly for this market. Everything is gotten up in the very latest and neatest styles, and the making of every piece is

Warranted

to last, or otherwise made good. Let all go and look at his well selected stock of Ready-made Clothing, and be sure to examine his prices; he will put you up a suit so low that you will be compelled to wear fine clothes.

Gentlemen wishing any particular suits, by leaving their measures, can have them in 12 days. **Warranted to suit or no sales.**

He intends to sell very low and conduct a strictly Cash Business. The purchaser will certainly find the Cash System at least 20 per cent. in his favor. His motto is "quick sales and small profits," for CASH ONLY. Yes, if you want the worth of your money come to me.

J. W. COLE, Ag't.

Charlotte, April 28, 1857. 6m

DR. H. M. PRITCHARD'S

DRUG STORE

IS REMOVED to the Stand on the North corner of Public Square, known as Irwin's Corner, where he will be glad to see his friends and customers

May 12, 1857. 45-tf

Cigar, Tobacco,

AND

FRUIT STORE.

THE subscriber respectfully informs the citizens of Charlotte and surrounding country, that he has just received a splendid assortment of

SPANISH CIGARS

of the choicest brands. Also, a fine article of CHEWING TOBACCO,

FRUITS & CONFECTIONERIES.

JAS. D. PALMER.

Opposite Boone & Co.'s Shoe Store.

Charlotte, April 7, 1857. 40-tf

A Rare Chance

To get Bargains at Flint Rock, Catawba county, N. C.

The undersigned, not having sufficient water-power to drive all their machinery profitably, are determined to sell the articles named below, and therefore offer them at the very low prices annexed:

A complete sett of Carding Machines, $400. Power Loom $40, and Cotton Gin $40.

Apply to T. & M. M. MOSER.

Flint Rock, N C, April 7. 6m-pd

FASHION:

Fashion!! Fashion!!!

Well, Who Cares About Fashion?

WHY, EVERY BODY,

AS A MATTER OF COURSE.

Well, Where do You get the Fashion?

Why, at

FULLINGS & CO.'S

EMPORIUM OF FASHION,

As Hundreds can testify who have been there the past week and fitted themselves out in

A FASHIONABLE SUIT

at less prices than at any other house in the State. Now kind reader if you want to see the neatest, prettiest, cheapest, most fashionable and largest Stock of

Clothing

you ever saw call at FULLINGS & CO'S

EMPORIUM OF FASHION,

next door to the Mansion House, Charlotte, N. C., where one look will satisfy you that it is the place for good and fashionable Goods at low prices. We could go on and tell you about the different styles of Goods on hand, but our Stock is so large, with such a variety of styles that we will just say to you all come and take a look and satisfy yourselves as our goods will be freely shown and prices given. We know it has been a subject of great astonishment to a great many how it was that we were enabled to sell such

Fashionable GOODS

at such

Very Low Prices.

Well, it is simply because we import our own Goods, manufacture them ourselves and sell them to our customers at the same prices that other dealers pay for them in Philadelphia or New York, and then we give them an article better made and

WARRANTED

to give satisfaction or money returned.

We return you our sincere thanks for the liberal patronage bestowed upon us, and if selling good and fashionable Goods at very low prices will insure a continuance of the same it shall be done at the EMPORIUM OF FASHION by

FULLINGS & CO.,

TRYON STREET.

May 19, 1857. tf

☞ For the Largest stock of Clothing you ever saw go to the Emporium of Fashion of FULLINGS & CO.

BELTS! BELTS!! BELTS!!!

India-Rubber Belts from the Boston Belting Company, at manufacturer's prices.

3 inch,	3 ply	17	cents per foot.
4 "	"	22	" "
5 "	"	27	" "
6 "	"	32	" "
7 "	"	38	" "
10 "	"	60	" "
12 "	"	73	" "
12 "	4 ply	92	" "

BOONE & CO.

Charlotte, April 14, 1857. 3m

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

UNION COUNTY.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions—April Term, 1857.

Ferington Little and others vs. A. J. Little, Executor of George Little, dec'd.

Petition for Settlement.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that Nancy Little resides beyond the limits of this State It is therefore, ordered by the Court, that publication be made for six weeks in the Western Democrat, notifying the said Nancy to be and appear at the next term of this Court, to be held for the county of Union, at the Court House in Monroe, on the first Monday of July next, to plead, answer or demur, or judgment *pro confesso* will be taken against her, and the prayer of the petition heard, &c.

Witness, J. M. Stewart, Clerk of our said Court, at office, in Monroe, the 1st Monday of April, 1857. J. M. STEWART, Clerk.

May, 1857- 6t-47—(Pr's fee $6)

State of North Carolina,

UNION COUNTY.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions—April Term, 1857.

Jacob G. Long vs. John Cuthbertson.

Original Attachment.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that the defendant, John Cuthbertson, is not an inhabitant of this State, but resides beyond the limits of the same. It is therefore oidered by the Court, that publication be made for six weeks in the Western Democrat, notifying the said defendant to be and appear at the next term of this Court, to be held for the county of Union, at the Court House in Monroe, on the first Monday in July next, then and there to plead, answer or demur, or judgment final will be entered against him, and an order of sale granted.

Witness, J. M. Stewart, Clerk of our said Court, at office, in Monroe, the 1st Monday of April, 1857. J. M. STEWART, Clerk.

May, 1857. 6t-47—(Pr's fee $6)

State of North Carolina,

UNION COUNTY.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions—April Term, 1857.

Joel Rushing vs. Samuel Pounds.

Original Attachment.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that the defendant, Samuel Pounds, is not a citizen of this State, but resides beyond the limits of the same. It is therefore, ordered that publication be made for six weeks in the Western Democrat, notifying the said Samuel to be and appear at the next Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, to be held for the county of Union, at the Court House in Monroe, on the first Monday of July next, to plead, answer or demur, or final judgment be taken against him and an order of sale granted.

Witness, J. M. Stewart, Clerk of our said Court at office, in Monroe, the 1st Monday of April, A. D., 1857.

J. M. STEWART, Clerk.

May, 1857. 6t-47—[Pr's fee $6]

Leather! Leather! Leather!

Hemlock Sole 28 to 31 cents, Oak Sole from 35 to 42; Heavy and Light Upper; Kip Skin, fine French and American Calf Skins, Linings and Bindings of every description, for sale FOR CASH. BOONE & CO.

Charlotte, June 2, 1857. t

WESTERN DEMOCRAT.

CHARLOTTE.

MORE OF THE FAMINE IN MICHIGAN.—*Distressing scenes.*—The Michigan famine is sadly pictured by a writer from Detroit, who says that in Gratiot county he saw a woman who sustained her sick husband and two children on maple sugar and leeks several days before she could get other relief; she then had to carry the provisions several miles on her back. This woman had taken care of her sick husband since last August, and her family of two children, beside which she made 100 pounds of maple sugar, cleared the ground and hoed in two acres of spring wheat, and planted some corn and potatoes. She was habited in tattered garments.

Another family of a father and three daughters, aged fifteen, twelve and ten, said they lived on milk, maple sugar and leeks for a week after they could borrow nothing more, before supplies reached them. Two other families, consisting of four grown persons and seven children, and who considered themselves well off, had no breadstuffs except two bushels of spring wheat, and a like quantity of oats, which they had got for seed. This they mixed together and ground in a coffee mill. Milk, and a few fish they had caught, constituted their supplies.

QUARTERLY REPORT OF COLPORTAGE IN NORTH CAROLINA.

During this the first quarter of a new year in Colportage, God has given me greatly increased success and encouragement in my toils. In the 19 counties visited this quarter, I found the doors and hearts of the people of all denominations open to this work of God for the salvation of His poor; and such a cheerful readiness to help it forward by their prayers and contributions as I have never seen surpassed.

In these counties, as I visited the poorer class, I found great need for the work. Besides 21 public addresses, and getting men to act as Colporteurs, recommended by ministers and christians of different denominations, and receiving money for support of the work; I visited, talked on religion or prayed with 545 families; of whom 107 neglected church; 45 destitute of the Bible; 120 without all other religious books; 247 never had a religious visit or prayer at their houses before; and distributed over 144,000 pages of gospel truth free of sectarianism; also talked to upwards of 800 Sabbath School Scholars, and aided in organizing 7 of these schools where such never existed before. Thus the work serves as an auxiliary in turning the people from darkness to light.

That every laborer and friend in this humble work may be stimulated to greater diligence and faith, I would here state that diffierent Ministers of this city (Raleigh) say that they believe the Tract work done here has contributed much to the promotion of the recent extensive revival in Raleigh, during which about 150 have been hopefully converted. I feel it due to say that Ministers, and Female Tract Distributers, and other active persons here, have voluntarily done a great part of this work. May God continue to bless the gospel seed sown here by every one for the salvation of the souls of old and young, rich and poor.

In a country neighborhood, accompanied by two friends, I visited, talked and prayed with 33 families, only 4 of whom ever had a religious visit before, and only 7 of them ever owned a page about Jesus. In these families we began to teach 7 fathers, 19 mothers and 29 children, the alphabet, who never knew a letter before—also engaged three suitable persons to visit them every week and continue this instruction around the firesides of these humble poor. This course is preferable to a Sabbath School for such persons at first, because they are less intimidated, and the social influence thus brought to bear upon them at their own homes, is most powerful for good.

In another neighborhood I found all the poor families supplied with the Bible and some tracts, which I was unable to account for, as there had been no Colporteur in that county. The explanation given was, that a pious lady near by had visited them all to instruct and give them these books and tracts, most of which had been furnished by her father, who had been a member of the American Tract Society 20 years, and who has been a firm and active friend in the cause, buying thousands of pages annually to give away, which God has greatly blessed in the reformation of a dark section. Although he is near 80 years old, yet he continues to act as a voluntary Colporteur; and gave me half of his annual contribution of $100. His interest was enlisted in this work by the influence of the late Hon. Duncan Cameron of our State, who was Vice President of the Society until his death.

I visited another prominent gentleman who expressed himself with great decision and interest, that State pride, together with the privilege of doing so much good for the souls of the poor and all, should prompt every North Carolinian to a readiness in giving to the support of this work at home. He agrees to give $50 three times a year—a Colporteur's Salary.

Yours truly,

WM. J. W. CROWDER.

INTERESTING EXPERIMENT.

Can a Child live without Clothing?

The following account of an extraordinary experiment recently made by a parent with his infant child, for the purpose of ascertaining whether he can dispense with clothing, is taken from the Dublin Evening Mail:

"The subject of the costume of the ancient Britons has often been discussed; it has been asserted that they were naked.—Those who opposed that view adduced as reasons the coldness and variable nature of the climate. The question has been set at rest by an experiment which has recently been made on a child at St. Anne's Blarney, near Cork. The child is fourteen months old, and is the son of Mr. ——, who determined to ascertain what the human frame would bear. The child is perfectly naked night and day; he sleeps without any covering, in a room with the thermometer at 38 degrees; from this he goes in a bath at 118 degrees; he sometime goes to sleep in the bath; he is perfectly indifferent to heat or cold; is lively, active, cheerful, and intelligent; his appearance constantly reminds the observer of the best efforts of our best painter and sculptors.—Therein is the *beau ideal;* he is the reality. His simple, natural, easy, graceful and ever-varying postures, are charming. He arrests the attention and commands the admiration of all who see him. The peculiar character of his skin is very striking; it is exquisitely healthy and beautiful. It may be compared to the rays of the sun streaming through a painted window.

During the progress of the experiment he has cut three teeth without manifesting any of the disagreeable symptoms usual to children in that condition. He appears to be quite insensible to pain. Occasionally he has an ugly fall, but not a sound escapes from his lips. His manners, demeanor and general behavior, are equally striking. His mode of saluting a person is to take the hand in a graceful manner and kiss it. He is under the complete control of his father, and is perfectly quiet during meals, and also whenever he is told to be so. He goes about all day, amusing and occupying himself in a quiet way. No one accustomed to children would know there was a child in the house. So incredible are these results, that some of the residents at St. Anne's regard the whole matter with mingled feelings of horror, amazement and wonder. Those who have made a careful observation for themselves and prefer the evidence of their eyes rather than their ears, see nothing but to admire and respect. No doubt some of them would even go so far as to repeat the experiment on their own children, were it not for the fear of that terrible question, "What will Mrs. Grundy say?"

☞ The citizens have agreed to celebrate the 4th of July with the usual ceremonies.—The Odd Fellows, Masons, Sons of Temperance and the Rifle Guards will appear in procession on that day. B. R. Moore, Esq., will deliver an address on the occasion, and L. Brown, Esq., will read the Declaration of Independence. Dr. M. Whitehead has been requested to read the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. —*Salisbury Banner.*

A SCORE OF PRINTERS.

In our office, says the Cincinnati Unionists, are twenty printers engaged. Only look at them! In ages ranging from twenty to thirty; in size and complexion, from the ordinary stout (we never knew a fat printer) to some that might crawl through a greased flute, as white as Circassians, and others brown or rosy—as your "Georgia cracker," or Pennsylvania publican.

Some bearded like the Pard, others smooth-faced as the Greek slave. One has traveled all over Arkansas, and seen the wild horse in the Pampas of South America; another has been out on the broad ocean, and has seen life before the mast; another graduated at West Point, served in the army, and accompanied Col. Doniphan in his Xenephonic grand campaign all over New Mexico. What a book he can write. Another has kept tavern, sold goods at auction, traveled over the United States several times, been well off and broken—often.—Two have been "on the stage," a profession printers are much addicted to, for about half the actors on the American board are printers. One we believe has preached sermons, another has lectured to crowded houses. Another has served in Mexico with Gen. Scott. A sixth has been a stump orator, member of the Legislature "out West," and fought a duel, we believe.—Three have practiced medicine, kept store and dealt in horses, cotton and negroes.—Two have held municipal offices. Four or five have been officers or privates in various military companies. One served with Gen. Houston in the Texas revolution, and one in the Canadian rebellion. Six or eight have edited and published newspapers in various parts of the United States. One has been officer of a packet on the "raging canawl." One was wounded—leg off—at the storming of Monterey. Another has clerked it on a Mississippi steamer; was blown up and slightly killed. Some are or have been married; some are old bachelors. All have seen more or less of life and its changeable scenes. They are all live men, good practical printers, speaking various languages, and form a newspaper corps hard to surpass or equal.

HOW TO AVOID FAT.

It will scarcely be credited that, in the country filled with Pharoah's lean kine, a book has made its appearance, setting forth the causes and the remedy of inordinate fat. The book is by Dr. Dancel of Paris, and has already reached its third edition in a country, where the human race appears to be dwindling away both in numbers, rotundity and stature. We have heard of Falstaffian Englishmen and of fat Germans, but it was long ago a conceded fact—in England—that on one pair of English legs do march three Frenchmen—that is, a Frenchman is but one-third part of an Englishman in blood, muscle and pluck. Such, at any rate, used to be the opinion in England, and, though the Crimean war may have produced some modification of it in regard to valour, it certainly showed that the French soldiers are very diminutive specimens of humanity. With due deference, therefore, we think Dr. Dancel would better write a work: "How to become fat," instead of "How to avoid fat," and it will be equally useful and popular in France and America.

In lieu of such a volume, the next best thing is to take Doctor Dancel's rules for avoiding fat, and reverse them, so as to enable lean persons to become corpulent.—According to the doctor, a sedentary life promotes obesity; so also, a great fondness for farinaceous, starchy and sugary diet, want of thought, a great absorption of fluids by drinking much, by frequent tepid baths, or even by constantly breathing damp air. The chief cause mentioned, however, is eating and drinking more food than enough. Almost every one takes more food than is requisite for the support of the system; such as have good digestion, says the learned writer, convert the surplus into fat, while those who have not, transmute it into pains, cramps and headaches.

To diminish fat our physician directs the patient to live principally on meat, eating little else, and drinking as little as possible. Vegetables, soups, puddings, tarts, fruits, breads and cakes, in their protean forms, have carbon and oxygen for their principal bases, and water is the protoxide of hydrogen; all of which substances are the elements of fat. The principal base of meat is azote or nitrogen, which does not enter into the composition of fat; hence lean meat is a good diet for the aspirant after leanness. Carniverous animals are never corpulent, and pigs are fattened by meal, vegetables and milk, rather than meat.—The smallest possible quantity of liquid is an indispensable condition.

In addition to these counsels of Dr. Dancel, we are told that soap pills and alkalis are administered to aid in relieving the system from fat, though, with the caution that the remedy is sometimes worse than the disease. It is stated that some terrible cases of fat have been cured through reading this book, and that, among others, a monster baker, so fat he could not walk or lie down, was enabled to loose forty pounds in three months, and to diminish his abdominal equator about forty centimeters.—The treatment prescribed for him was—for breakfast a beef steak or cutlets, a cup of coffee and a very small quantity of vegetables—for dinner, plenty of meat and little else; and a bottle or a bottle and a half of liquid per day.

We think, then, we cannot be far wrong in recommending our lean and shadowy countrymen to take the doctor's directions to fat people, and violate every one of them. Eat farinaceous food; think as little as possible; delight in bread and vegetables, and devour little meat—especially while the weather is so hot and the prices so high—and only use soap pills on the surface of the body. Then shall we have men about us that are fat, and women, substantial and genuine, like the solid dames of our early history, from whom sprang the giants of '76.

DESPERATE FIGHT WITH ROBBERS.—The San Antonia (Texas) papers of the 30th ult., are filled with the most exciting accounts of a recent dreadful encounter with a band of ruffians, in that city, during which five persons were killed, and one wounded. It appears the Sheriff, with a posse, surrounded a house in which a party of well-known thieves and other desperadoes were found concealed, and a desperate fight ensued. The Texan says:

"A man named Fieldstrop killed one of the desperadoes, and was shot through the head by another. At this awful juncture, Jim Taylor, than whom a braver man never lived, gave orders to some three of his comrades to follow him, and at the same moment he broke through the window into the darkened room. As he entered, Bill Hart, a notorious character, shot him through the breast, and at the same moment a gun was pointed at Bill Hart by another person, when Taylor exclaimed, "he has shot me, let me shoot him," and fired. Both fell.—Citizens commenced rushing in well armed, as well as many of the desperadoes, and the shooting became general. The gang of rowdies broke from the room by a back door; many of them who came up after the melee commenced, immediately fled, finding that they were coming to close quarters.—By this time at least three hundred citizens had collected, all well armed—for it was well known that this gang of rowdies could have at their command seventy-five or one hundred men within fifteen minutes. Many of them came in sight, but very wisely withdrew. Five persons were killed, two citizens and three of the desperadoes.