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ATHENS, FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 1858.

The April Term of the Circuit Court for McJinn county, will commence on Monday, the 12th.

The communication handed in this week is too long. The author must reduce its length before we can give it a hearing.

SAVE THE RECORDS.—Twice since the organization of this county, the Clerks' offices have been destroyed by fire and many valuable papers lost.

CLEVELAND AND CHATTANOOGA ROAD.—We noticed as we came up last week, that the work of track-laying on this road had commenced in the neighborhood of Cleveland.

The vote upon the final passage of Lecompton, in the United States Senate was as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Bayard, Benjamin, Biggs, Bigler, Bright, Brown, Clay, Evans, Fitch, Fitzpatrick, Green, Gwin, Hammond, Henderson, Houston, Hunter, Iverson, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Tennessee, Kennedy, Mallory, Mason, Pearce, Polk, Seaboard, Sidel, Thompson of Kentucky, Thomson of New Jersey, Toombs, Wright, Yulee.—33.

INDIGNATION MEETINGS.—Some of the democratic presses are suggesting indignation meetings against JOHN BELL, for his vote on the Kansas question.

HARRISON, HAMILTON COUNTY.—Having spent a day or two recently at the flourishing and attractive county seat of Hamilton, we must ask the indulgence of a few remarks in relation to the town, location, &c.

CHATTANOOGA.—Some years ago Chattanooga was regarded as a pretty hard spot of town—one of the places which the visitor was always anxious to leave as soon as possible.

Like all other places, Chattanooga is feeling the effects of the "hard times," but when we reflect that it is the centering point and terminus of some half-dozen railroads, besides having the advantage of such a stream as the Tennessee, there is no reason to doubt that it will continue to grow and rapidly attain to be a place of large business importance.

AGUSTA PROVISION MARKET.—The Augusta Dispatch quotes Beef on foot at 7 a 8 cents; Hogs 74 to 80.

JOHN BELL.—There appears just now to be a very general disposition to pitch into JOHN BELL for his vote against the "Bill for the Admission of Kansas."

RAIS! RAIS!—It has been raining heavily for several days. This (Thursday) morning the wind is from the North. About Easter look out for frost.

"KENTUCKY HARVESTER"—Persons who have used this Improved Grain and Grass Cutter, speak of it as far excelling any other invention of the kind.

THE GROWING WHEAT.—The growing wheat, in every direction, looks well and promising—more so than usual at this early season.

Six hundred people have been converted in New Bedford, Mass., during the present revival of religion there.

A NORTHERN VIEW OF SLAVERY.

Belle Britton alias Col. H. Fuller, for so many years editor of the New York Mirror, and of wide literary distinction, has been for three months traveling through the Southern States, in company with Dr. Charles Mackay, of London.

"Thus far in my rambling notes I have not touched upon the 'peculiar institution' and ticklish subject of slavery. But I can no longer refrain from expressing the opinion I have long entertained, and which has now settled into a conviction, that the master is a far greater sufferer under the system than the slave."

"I have witnessed more unkindness, more suffering, more inhumanity, in the city of New York in one day, than I have seen in the South in three months. In fact, I have seen here no suffering at all; no evidences of hunger, or cold, or destitution, or wretchedness, of any description among the blacks.

"In connection with the subject, we find an article in the Knoxville Whig, over the signature of the editor of that paper, a portion of which we subjoin:

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"While at Chattanooga we had the pleasure of hearing two sermons, or rather lectures, by the Rev. Mr. Graves, of Nashville—one, on the interminable subject of Baptism; the other, Church History.

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THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD.

This Great Southern Enterprise, which many persons supposed would be impracticable and had been projected as a mere speculation, it seems in a fair way to be built, and that at a much earlier day than was anticipated by its most enthusiastic friends.

"The Southern Pacific Railroad.—This great undertaking, in which the whole country is so interested, and the South so vitally; which must, at a date not far removed, be an accomplished fact—the attained result of a necessity; can now, by its managers, report gratifying progress.

"We presume there are few who conceive that it is the policy of the company to depend upon the resource of subscription to meet the needs of carrying out their gigantic undertaking. The amount of stock issued will be comparatively small, and its proceeds, of course, altogether inadequate; but the immense and valuable real securities which the land grants enable the company to offer, will ensure successful negotiations, and this donated means will pay off the bonds for construction.

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THE MISSOURI COMPROMISE.

The Washington Union has taken occasion, more than once, of late, to denounce the passage of the compromise resolutions by the Congress of 1820, as illegal, unconstitutional, and prompted more by fear than by any just consideration for the welfare of the country.

"We are sure, that with our present opinions, had we been in Congress, we should have voted against the Compromise. We think we could have foreseen that the great struggle between the two opposite principles at work in the constitution, must one day be brought to a crisis.

"Another HALL.—On Monday morning and Sunday forenoon the Post Office five hundred and forty letters, containing a large amount of money and orders to send on jewelry to the writers, which they had drawn as gifts in the Gift Enterprise Concern lately suppressed in Broome street.

"The Mayor invited the Reporters to the private office to view the batch and said that reflections in a Sunday paper in relation to his causing letters to be taken from the Post Office were very ill chosen, and that he had positive authority from the parties to whom they were directed to take them out.

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THE GREAT SOUTHERN ROAD.—The New Orleans Bulletin says:

The anticipation of a new and speedy communication between New Orleans and New York, may now be entertained with the prospect of being soon realized. On the New Orleans and Jackson Railroad, a gap of 23 miles remains to be completed between Jackson and New Orleans, and it is believed that it will be closed up by the middle of this month.

"We are sorry to have to correct the Bulletin in one particular. The gap on the East Tennessee and Virginia Road is not the 'only break' between New York and Memphis—but there is another between Lynchburg and Charlottesville, which, however, we hope soon to see closed up.

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CRASHING A HAT.—The Worcester Bay State draws the following life-like picture of dignity chasing a hat. It is capital:

"By the way, what is there so derogatory to dignity as chasing a hat? We saw a gentleman proceeding up a street the other day in a most magnificent manner. A beautiful upon his brow. Had he been in the interior of Africa he would have been set up for a deity, hat and all. The wind is so up for a person. It bloweth withersome as it is. It caught beneath the well-tanned brim of the 'Leary.' Magnificence felt it going, and tried to prevent it with both hands. But 'twas gone. Away over carbons, gatters and pavements it flew, on grown and brim. Magnificence immediately gave chase. Did you ever see the grace with which a dignified individual flies in a run? A sort of genteel skip and a polished hop. Once or twice his hand was almost on it; but fresh breezes wafted it away. At last it met a horse drawing a job wagon, daggled beneath the animal's fore feet, but was arrested by one of his hind feet striking plump into it. With this novel shove the beast made a few rods, when a vigorous kick sent it flying over the driver's head with a resounding in it the size of a horse's hoof. Then it was that magnificence stood still and 'smused.'"

"The New York Express says: There is no abatement of the religious interest in this city, Boston, Philadelphia, or in any part of the country. Every day new houses of prayer are opened, and the numbers enlarged. Great sobriety, and even a deep solemnity, are apparent at these meetings; and they have finally enlisted the interest and sympathy of many who have hitherto rather frowned upon than approved of such unusual demonstrations.

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IRON MAKING IN NORTH CAROLINA.—The resources of North Carolina for iron making, are thus set forth in the American Railway Times of the 6th ult., in an article on the iron production of the United States:

"North-eastern Tennessee and North-western North Carolina have nine and forty-one bloomery furnaces in a compact area. Along the base of the Cumberland Mountains, five furnaces and fourteen forges are the Deystone fossil, upper Silurian era. In the South-western corner of North Carolina are five forges, and through the middle of the State runs a belt of five furnaces and two forges. The whole country possesses incalculable resources for iron making, and must become at some distant day one of the great centres."

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