

THE PROSPECT BEFORE US.

From almost every quarter of the Union we have intelligence, speaking in the most decided terms as to the success and prosperity which attend the business transactions of our common country.

We have thrown out these hasty hints not as politicians, but in order to excite reflection in the minds of the business men, our readers, who sometimes take too little interest in a subject, which, at this time, is agitating a large portion of the public mind.

The Polish Commander-in-Chief.—General John Skrzynecki was born in Galicia, in 1787, and studied at Leopold. When the French armies entered Poland, in 1806, Skrzynecki, then nineteen years of age, left his father's house, and enlisted in the 1st regiment of infantry, commanded by Colonel Kasimer Malachowski, now General of Division, who lately covered himself with so much glory.

Diebitsch.—We have somewhere seen it remarked that Marshal Diebitsch's name when translated into plain English, means nothing more nor less than Thievish!

Subterranean Forests.—Professor Jameson has published a notice of a subterranean forest discovered in the coal formation near Glasgow. Trees were discovered several feet below the surface, vertically embodied in a stratum of sand stone.

An earthquake has taken place within 200 miles of Pekin; from 500,000 to one million of beings are represented to have perished; twelve towns or cities are destroyed.

Amongst the most singular of the strange events of the day, is the fact, that, while nearly all the crowned heads of Europe are making exertions to smother the flame of Liberty, the Grand Turk is introducing many of the reforms of civilization into his dominions.

Destruction of Fayetteville.

The Editors of the North-Carolina Journal and Carolina Observer unite in giving to their readers the following account of the awful catastrophe of Sunday, the 29th ultimo.

About 15 minutes after 12 o'clock M. on Sunday last, the citizens of Fayetteville were alarmed by the cry of FIRE, and the other signals usual on such occasions. The roof of a Kitchen belonging to Mr. Jas. Kyle, near his elegant brick building lately erected at the N. W. corner of Market Square, was found to be in a blaze, but to so inconsiderable an extent, that it was believed the efforts made to extinguish it would certainly be successful.

Furnished with the foregoing outline, imagination can form its own resources, fill out this picture of wretchedness with more truth, than by adopting the cold suggestion of any recital. It seems that those who were best able to lose, were most successful in saving.

The day on which it occurred was unpropitious. The citizens had just returned to their houses from their several places of worship, in that state of mental calm and composure, which the day and their late employment were so well calculated to inspire; and which however propitious to the attainment of spiritual strength, is perhaps not the most favorable state of feeling for suddenly and unexpectedly engaging in any temporal strife or labor.

Besides many others not yet ascertained. The entire loss is estimated at one million and a half of dollars.

The great heat of the weather was also very unfavorable; the sun's rays had heated the roofs of the houses almost to inflammation, and rendered them fit to be ignited by the smallest spark; added to this, was its relaxing and oppressive effect upon those engaged in endeavoring to extinguish the fire, and thus diminishing their ability nearly one-half.

Language is entirely inadequate to the description of the sublime and awful scene of Sunday, or to convey an adequate idea of the appearance of ruin and desolation which our town now presents.

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Foreign Intelligence.

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TOWN MEETING.

J. W. Wright, Esq. M. P. called to the Chair, W. J. Anderson, appointed Secretary.

Resolved, As the sense of this Town Meeting, that the Commissioners of the Town of Fayetteville, be authorized to borrow from the banks in this place a sum not exceeding Four Thousand Dollars, to the security and payment of which, the taxes, property, and faith of the town is hereby solemnly pledged.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Town be authorized to receive all donations that shall be made from any quarter, to be placed in the coffers of the said Town, to be appropriated to such public exigencies and purposes as may be deemed most proper and necessary.

Resolved, That the Commissioners be recommended to appoint a Committee to assist them in the distribution of such provisions as they may purchase in pursuance of the first resolution, and they are further recommended to build a market, as near as possible to the old one.

Further, that these proceedings be published in the papers of this Town, Raleigh & Wilmington.

J. W. WRIGHT, Chairman.

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List of Sufferers in Houses, Goods, Furniture, &c.

John Eccles, John Kelly, Hugh Campbell, Jas. H. Hooper, Jas. Seawell, Dillon Jordan, Jr., R. Cochran, Simon Belden, Mrs. Bowen, Judge Strange, T. J. Curtis, D. McNeill, Mrs. Wilson, Estate of Mrs. Barge, Do. of Halliday, Do. of Winslow, P. I. Tillinghast, John Selph, Wm. McIntyre, E. Sedman, A. McLaughlin, John Mullins, K. T. Morgan, Duncan McRae, G. W. McDonald, Mrs. E. McIntyre, E. W. Wilkings, H. L. Jones, I. Blake, Jr., Hiram Robinson, Mrs. Shackelford, J. W. Wright, J. D. Eccles, Estate of D. McLeran, Do. J. McRae, Do. of D. Smith, Lewis Brown, James Baker, D. McQueen, D. McCall, Jos. Aray, Miles Blake, John McArn, R. Donaldson, L. D. Henry, James Kyle, Estate of M. Pearce, Bank of Cape Fear, Bank of U. States, T. Fuller & Co., A. Graham, A. Torrence, Mrs. England, O. P. Stark, Mrs. Perry, Mrs. McQueen, J. Carman, J. Dickson, J. Murchison, R. T. Goodwin, H. W. Ayer, Mrs. Armstrong, D. Smith, D. Murchison, A. Bailey, C. McAllister, C. Stuart, J. Burklow, Dr. B. Robinson, D. B. Salnon, Arch'd. Campbell, Nelson & Russell, Steam Boat Company, Horton & Hutton, G. Deming, G. W. Hutton, H. Embert, R. McIntyre, Dr. Gilliam, T. L. Hybart, J. Crusee, J. Van Vagencen, E. Hammonds, John W. Baker, A. Laman, D. L. Evans, J. Suiday, Frizzel & Douglas, W. Cade, C. B. Jones, F. Lain, T. Cochran, D. Shaw, Hugh McLaurin, J. McLeran, Jr., S. T. Hawley, W. Whitehead, E. L. & W. Winslow, Jas. Cook, W. L. Hawley, P. Dalry, S. Ferguson, J. Howell, Neil Shaw, I. Blake & Son, Arch. McLean, Henry Horn, Geo. McNeil, J. M. Dobbin, Nott & Starr, C. T. Haigh, Nott & Sumner, Mrs. Barge, Mrs. Gass, Z. Burroughs, A. Brown, T. Foster, Dr. Dickson, Dr. Cameron, Joseph Baker, A. McLean, Jr., D. A. Ray, Wilkings & Co., Geo. Hall & Co., T. Sandford, J. Hadlock, G. Hurlbutt, S. W. Tillinghast, John Campbell, Reuben Hall, Anns Kimball, Mrs. McMillan, T. West, School of Industry, Jas. Hart, W. F. Strange, T. R. Ransom, J. Birdsall, Mrs. Fennell, E. J. Hale, Hybart & Strange, Jas. M. Wright, D. & O. Saltmarsh, Abner Branson, John Crow, W. S. Latta, C. P. Malfett, J. Waddill, Jr., Hamilton Mitchell, Thos. J. Jordan, Robt. McRae, A. Smith, J. Munn, G. W. Ragland & Co., J. W. Sandford, B. Beach, Sunday & Hartman, D. Jordan, Sen., W. Cook, Williams & Fenn, C. Cason, Arch'd. Black.

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The insurance from the Poles is still favorable. The utmost that the Russian General has attempted is to concentrate his forces, and to pursue a system of cautious defensive warfare.