

THE ROANOKE NEWS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 1880.

The House committee has agreed to report bill appropriating \$600,000 to pay United States Marshals as desired by the Attorney-General and suggested in his annual report to Congress.

In his charge to the grand jury in Auburn New York, Judge Dwight instructed the jurors that under the statute railroads and trolleys at church fairs are justifiable as well as other lotteries.

The Mississippi legislature has had twelve ballots for United States Senator to succeed Senator Bruce, but has come to no choice. Barksdale is first, Wadsworth second and Singleton third.

SENATOR LAMAR who has been in Jackson Miss., in the interests of Gen. Washburn who is a candidate for Senator, was stricken with paralysis Sunday night. His condition is not considered critical.

We publish today the first of the three articles on the late Thomas G. Lowe, taken from the *Wilming Star*. The others will appear in due course. The fact that these articles are written by T. B. Kingsbury, will commend them to our readers.

It is so far that a desire to have a short session is almost unanimous among congressmen, but at the same time there is little hope entertained by the more experienced members that an adjournment will take place before late in the summer.

FRANK LEIGH SR., whose name is so well known from the numerous pictorial papers that he has in the course of time published in New York, died Saturday. He was born in Ipswich England in 1821. His father's name was Joseph Carter, and he was himself named Henry Carter. During his youth he became fascinated with the arts of designing, drawing and engraving and connecting himself with the engraving department of the London *Illustrated News*, signed his work "Frank Leigh". He came to this country in 1848.

A bill has been introduced in Congress to establish several return letter offices in different parts of the country. The business of the dead letter office has increased so much it is necessary to make some provision for it. Besides it would greatly facilitate the return of undelivered letters. For the year ending June 30, 1879, 2,893,800 letters were forwarded to the dead letter office. In these there were 37,122 incases, and \$1,266,319 in draft checks &c. The aggregate sum is \$47,797, most legal fees &c \$2,472.

Board of the classes of articles enumerated there were an immense number of great importance in their text as well as enclosures in both a business and social sense. Many contained wills, dispositions, business proposals &c., the latter affected in the highest degree by the time consumed in transmission to the persons interested.

On the 12th a new Legislature was formed by the Republicans in Maine, Gen. Chamberlain who has military control of the State was asked by them to resign and leave the State. He told them plainly he would not. This broke up their government. They then held a convention and decided to take possession of the capital which they did, and organized the new government being only partly organized. The Fostons are in high spirits over the situation, and think they will be able to hold the fort. What the result will be we can tell. Gen. Chamberlain says he will be satisfied with whatever decision the court's render. In our opinion Gen. Chamberlain has the power and he should be careful how he uses it. We of the South do not fancy anything military in connection with Legislatures and State houses.

COOKED ALIVE.

One of the most sickening affairs, if indeed it is not the most horrible, which has been our duty to chronicle, happened Saturday on the promises of Mr. S. S. Kelley, about eight miles from Halifax. There was a midnight meeting, and two exiled men, Dumas and Davis, the brothers, got into a dispute about each other's slave in the pitch dark. A long kettle filled with water was kicked in the sides of the iron pots and cauldrons, but was flying hot—so powerful a medium, possessed a soul full of passion, and commanded all with the language of Nature. His slaves were very grateful, were very deeply wrought out of pure white marble, but then they were lifelike. He took the divine off his—then the glories of winged works!—that went to the masters to the last bit the morning sun's bounding shaft from the archer's bow! Patrick Hall, on the other hand, knew his master very well, and was neither harmed nor excessively beat. He was a skilful and courageous speaker, and elicited fine productions with a certain pleasing smoothness that I well remember. But surely he was no great orator. His slaves were very grateful, were very deeply wrought out of pure white marble, but then they were lifelike. He took the divine off his—then the glories of winged works!—that went to the masters to the last bit the morning sun's bounding shaft from the archer's bow!

Mr. Everett was a highly accomplished gentleman. His speeches were very charmingly. He was a delightful orator, and elicited fine productions with a certain pleasing smoothness that I well remember. But surely he was no great orator. His slaves were very grateful, were very deeply wrought out of pure white marble, but then they were lifelike. He took the divine off his—then the glories of winged works!—that went to the masters to the last bit the morning sun's bounding shaft from the archer's bow!

Witness, John T. Gregory, Clerk of the Superior Court of Halifax, at office in Halifax town. This the 2nd day of December 1879.

A NORTH CAROLINA NATURAL ORATOR.

By T. B. Kingsbury.

PRELIMINARY.

The South has been prolific in men of rare oratory. It is the land of eloquence not of song. In the saloon, at the bar, in legislative halls, in the tribunes of the people there have been from time to time striking and splendid exhibitions of powers that control that persuasion, and win converts. North Carolina has had her share of men gifted with genuine eloquence. Whilst some of her lawyers and statesmen have achieved high distinction in the courts and the public assemblies, as at Boston, Gaston, Butler, Fredell, Archibald Henderson, Graham, and others of the gifted dead, for oratory of a surpassing of an imposing, not enthralling kind, she stands in and out of the pulpit were the sons of men who displayed a commanding eloquence which ought to have placed them among the greatest orators of our times or of the century. This may appear extravagant to many, and yet I am writing quite deliberately, and after a considerable acquaintance with those masterpieces that have given to Boston, Fenlon, Massey, Robert Hall, Melville and a dozen others the reknown of all biography.

Two more numbers I will endeavor to introduce many of my readers to a great natural orator who has been at rest in the spirit world for more than a decade—Wilmington Star.

The New York correspondent of the Philadelphia Ledger writes: "The most important political event, for the moment, is the certainty now that this is to be no division among the New York democracy on the presidential question; in other words, that John Kelly and the Tammany Hall faction have informally committed themselves to the support of whomever may be nominated by the national convention. Assurance to that effect have, within the few days past, been given to prominent democratic leaders from other States, who have come here expressly with a view of bringing about a pacification between Tammany and the Kelly faction. I have reason to believe that a double-headed announcement to this effect will appear in the course of a day or two in Mr. Kelly's newspaper organ. The significance of this proceeding consists in the fact that John Kelly and his followers have emphatically declared that under no conceivable circumstances would they support the nomination of G. W. Tilden. It is difficult just now to ascertain what in finance has been existing to bring about this change of mind, but the effect of it must be to immensely strengthen Tilden's position in the national convention. The strong point of the Bayard men and other democrats in secession against Tilden has been that he could not unite the party in his own State with such practical suppression or capture of Tammany Hall that strong point obviously is not worth anything to them."

I do not know how the printed sermons of the elder Kerr or of H. Z. Leigh, G. Leigh, or of Lovick Pierce would have read, but I do know that men of much intelligence—some of them of much distinction and ability—after hearing famous preachers in this country and in Europe, have said that they heard none who surpassed those great preachers. I have but little doubt that this is true. Christian orators were equal in a rich, powerful, moving, animated eloquence to any yet born on this continent. Because they are not recognized as such in Boston or New York, or their names may have never been heard of by those who have delighted in the maxims of Chapman, or the compact logic of Edwards, or the originality and variety of Henry Ward Beecher, or the high eloquence and rich diction of Storrs, or the sound and elaborate eloquence of John Mason, does not in the least detract from their real greatness or dispense the correctness of my judgment. Dr. Deems told me that he had never heard a greater preacher than Lovick Pierce. Dr. Deems is a McLander boy, D. J. of Richmond, says John Kerr was the greatest pulpit orator he ever heard in this country or in Europe. Dr. Jeter is a Virginian. H. Zekiah G. Leigh was the most tremendous preacher I ever heard, and I never heard him when at his best by a great deal. Indeed I did not hear him until his magnificent powers were waning. Mr. Leigh once drew his congregation to their feet in one of his great sermons at No. 109, Dr. Orlin's Grayson, in his interesting sketch of Robert Hall, says this was never the case when the incomparable Hall probably the greatest preacher since the Apostle Paul filled the pulpit pulpit at Bristol, England.

I have been perplexed somewhat to know if I should place the name of Francis L. Hawks beside those of Kerr and Leigh and Pierce. Dr. Hawks was a decidedly able man, a fine writer, a spiritual preacher, and when at the bar was considered a skillful and admirable lawyer. I heard him preach but once, and he did him deliver but one address. He never impressed me as being an orator of the first order, for although he bore a fair name I never heard him exhort, and I can not therefore judge him fairly. He made a great reputation before the House of Bishops in his own defense. Such was the power of his speech an adjournment was effected that the members might have time to recover from the bewitching influence of the master. The noble three to whom I have referred more particularly spoke fair to me with many fine qualities, without notes or manuscript. They spoke as the great orators of the world have always spoken when with intense emotion, letting every sentiment they uttered, they poured forth in rapid succession their thoughts in words that burned."

Let us consider for a moment what eloquence is. We can do this briefly, and more satisfactorily by a reference to examples. Mr. Webster said: "True eloquence does not consist in speech. Words and phrases may be marshaled in every way, but they cannot comprise it. It must exist in the man, and in the occasion." And Mr. Webster was right. An orator is born, just as much as a poet. True eloquence must exist in the man." The schools cannot impart it; neither study nor practice can bring it about.

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HALIFAX COUNTY—SUPERIOR COURT.

Joseph R. Pope, as administrator with the will annexed, of Rosa Pope, deceased and in his own right.

Agnes William E. Aaray, Thomas Eure, Rufus H. Shaw and wife, Ann E. Shaw, the heirs and legal representatives of Joseph P. Johnson, and friends, and S. Pendleton.

The heirs and legal representatives of Joseph J. Pope and the children of Mary S. Pendleton are hereby notified that an action has been begun by the plaintiff as administrator with the will annexed of Rosa Pope, deceased, against the legatees of said Rosa for an account and settlement of the estate of said deceased.

They will the 1st appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Halifax at office in that court house in Halifax town, on the 1st day of February, 1880, and answer or demur to the petition filed therein else the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed in the petition.

Witness, John T. Gregory, Clerk of the Superior Court of Halifax, at office in Halifax town. This the 2nd day of December 1879.

JNO. T. GREGORY,
Clerk Superior Court,
and Probate Judge,
R. O. Burton, Jr., proffetor, dec 464.

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