

### A Touching Incident.

I went one night to see a comedy.—The chief actor was a favorite one, and the theatre, a small provincial one, was very crowded. The curtain drew up, and amid a burst of applause, the hero of the piece made his appearance. He had hardly uttered twenty words, when it struck me that something strange was the matter with him. The play was a boisterous comedy of the old school and required considerable spirit and vivacity in the actors to sustain it properly; but in this man there was none; he waddled and talked like a person in a dream; his best points he passed over without appearing to perceive them; and altogether he appeared quite unfitted for the part. His smile was ghastly, his laugh hollow and unnatural; and frequently he would stop suddenly in his speech, and let his eye wander vacantly over the audience. Even when, in his character of a silly husband, he had to suffer himself to be kicked about the stage by the young rake of the comedy, and afterwards to behold that careless individual making love to his wife, and eating his supper while he was shut up in a closet from whence he could not emerge, his contortions of ludicrous wrath, which had never before failed to call down plenty of applause, were now such dismal attempts to portray the passion, that hisses were audible in various parts of the theatre. The audience were fairly out of temper, and several inquisitive individuals were particular in their inquiries as to the extent of the potatoes he had indulged in that evening. A storm of sibilant and abuse now fell round the ears of the devoted actor; and not content with verbal insult, orange-peel and apples flew upon the stage. He stopped, and turned to the shouting crowd. I never saw such misery in a human countenance. His face was worn and haggard, and large tears rolled down his painted cheeks. I saw his lips quivering with inward agony—I saw his bosom heave with convulsions of suppressed emotion, and his whole mien betokened such depth of anguish and distress, that the most ruthless heart must have throbbed with pity.

The audience was moved, and by degrees the clamor of invective subsided into a solemn silence, while he stood near the foot-lights a picture of dejection.

When all was calm, he spoke, and in a voice broken with sobs that seemed to rend his bosom, proceeded to offer his little explanation.

"Ladies and gentlemen," said he, "though in my acting to-night I am conscious of meriting your displeasure, in one thing you do me wrong. I was not intoxicated. Emotion alone, and that of the most painful kind, has caused me to fulfil my allotted part so badly—my wife died but a few short hours ago, and I left her side to fulfil my unavoidable engagement here. If I have not pleased you, I implore of you to forgive me. I loved her, grieve for her, and if misery and anguish can excuse a fault, I bear my apology—here!"

He placed his hand upon his heart, and stopped, and a burst of tears relieved his momentary paroxysm of grief. The audience were thoroughly affected, and an honest burst of sympathy made the walls tremble. Women wept loudly and strong men silently; and during the remainder of the evening, his performances were scarcely audible, through the storm of applause by which the crowd sought to soothe the poor fellow's wounded feelings. There was something very melancholy in the thought of that wretched man's coming from the bed of death to don gay attire, and utter studied witticisms for the amusement of a crowd, not one of whom dreamed of the anguish that lay festering under the painted cheek, and the stage smile. And in the great theatre of life how many are there around us like that poor actor, smiling gaily at the multitude, while at home lies some mystery of sorrow, whose shadow is ever present with them in busy places, and in solitude reveals upon their hearts like a ghoul among the tombs.

**The State manufacturing her own Arms for Defence.**—As in the manufacture of materials for domestic consumption, so also in that of Arms for her own defence, the State of South Carolina is gradually paving her way to that career of independence which will yet conduct her to prosperity and wealth. With the construction of a Powder Magazine and Depot for the reception of arms, on the Citadel Square, the Ordnance Department have taken another step which will be hailed with more general satisfaction than the location of the Magazine appears to have given. They have ordered to be cast within the State, two Batteries of Field Artillery, consisting of eight 6 pounders, and four 12 pound Howitzers—the material to be bronze—the pattern the same as used in the United States Army—carriages for these 12 pieces are also to be furnished with all requisite implements—the contract to be completed, and the work ready for delivery by the 15th of June next. Here is a fine opportunity for the enterprising proprietors of our foundries to come out and show what they can do, under State patronage, and in a good cause. It would be inconsistent to call upon our neighbors or foes to furnish us with sticks to break their own heads with, and there

is no earthly reason that we should be reduced to this extremity. We can make our own cotton bags, (which were once made to serve the same purpose at New Orleans,) or our own clothing and daily food. We have already shown that we can, with our various factories, clothe ourselves, eat ourselves, physic ourselves—and now we have a chance to shoot ourselves without calling on the Yankees to supply the material.

### Luck in California.

The following from a New England paper, shows some of the chances in the gold region: "One hundred and twenty gentlemen of Hartford organized themselves into a company, and went to California, in September, 1849. At the end of twelve months, twelve had died, twenty-six returned home with an average of \$1,280; seventy-seven remained in California. Of those who returned home, the greatest amount possessed by one man was \$5000, while nineteen had nothing at all! Another instance: The Fremont Mining Company, consisting of 87 members, arrived out at the same time as the above; at the end of a year 7 had died, eighteen had returned home, and 81 remained in the "El Dorado," the average gains of each man being \$710. One man had \$5000, and nineteen made their bare expenses. Not a very flattering picture, truly.

### Workmen should Study.

We respectfully counsel those whom we address (the workmen of America,) we counsel you to labor for a clear understanding of the subjects which agitate the community, to make them your study instead of wasting your leisure in vague, passionate talk about them. The time thrown away by the mass of the people on the rumors of the day, might, if better spent, give them a good acquaintance with the constitution, laws, history and interest of their country, and thus establish them on those great principles by which particular measures are to be determined. In proportion as the people thus improve themselves they will cease to be the tools of designing politicians. Their intelligence, not their passions and jealousies, will be addressed by those who seek their votes. They will exercise not a nominal but a real influence in the government and destinies of the country, and at the same time will forward its growth and virtue.

**PAINE'S GAS—Reason why not made Public.**—A brother of Mr. Paine writes as follows to the Boston Transcript:

Every thing that has been stated with reference to this discovery in its favor, (the hydro-electric light) as far as my knowledge extends has been correct, with the exception of its safety. The water is decomposed or resolved into its gaseous state in abundance, and at a cost of the interest of the machine only; but it cannot be safely done as the testimony of nine severe explosions, in as many months, will amply prove. The great difficulty is found in governing the electric currents in their accumulations and discharge in the, or at the electrodes—the continuous varying electrical state of the atmosphere baffling all mechanical skill that has yet been brought to bear on the discovery.

With the certain electrical state of atmosphere, the apparatus has been known to work for weeks without any difficulty; but, immediately that a change of excess would occur, repulsion would take place at the electrodes, and they would melt like so much wax. Last spring my brother was certain that he had overcome the difficulty, and he commenced lighting and warming the house. For a few weeks all worked well; but one clear, cold morning, the family was roused by a report like a six pounder, and in a moment after he appeared, drenched from head to foot. The decomposing jar had exploded. He then ceased to evolve the gasses for purposes of heating the house, and worked the apparatus by hand only sufficient to generate enough for lighting purposes. It was at this stage of affairs that the "Scientific Committee" made their report; and you will perceive that I had sufficient cause to be backward in experimenting, beside the order of my brother to the contrary.

For eighteen months past he has been incessantly employed in removing this only obstacle; and, although he is sanguine that he has now accomplished it, I fear a disappointment; nor do I hope to witness his success to such a time as a mistaken, tho' just, press has ceased to harass a mind ever sensitive to ridicule.

**Charlotte and S. C. Rail Road.**—At the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Charlotte and South Carolina Rail Road in Winnboro, on the 19th instant, the following Resolutions among others were adopted:

**Resolved,** As the sense of the Board of Directors, that it is highly expedient that such a force be put on the Railroad as will insure the completion of the superstructure to Chesterville by the first of October next.

**Resolved,** That no further payments from the funds of South Carolina be made on contracts in North Carolina and that the President be, and he is hereby directed to bring suit against all defaulters in the State of North Carolina.

**Resolved,** That the President be authorized to call in two additional instalments from the Stockholders in North Carolina.

**Resolved,** That the President be directed to bring suit against all Stockholders now in arrears in South Carolina.

Not a mail received last night.

### COMMON SCHOOLS.

The following is a list of the School Committees, for 1851, which we publish, by request, for general information. They have been kindly furnished us by the Clerk of the County Court, R. WILLIAMSON, Esq.—

- District No. 1. Capt. Sam'l Glenn, Thos. Williams, George L. Falls.
- Thos Sprat, Lawson Hill, Esly Rhyne.
  - Geo. Coon, Logan Lowrance, Daniel Hoke.
  - Ezekiel Sullivan, Alex. Ramsour, G. S. Ramsour.
  - J. P. Craft, Peter Baxter, Jas. Boggs.
  - John Hoover, Robt. H. Brown, Noah Dellinger.
  - David Crouse, Jos. Shuford, George Mauney.
  - L. D. Childs, Wm. Jenks, Dan'l Hines.
  - W. W. McGinnas, Seth Connor, J. C. Stroup.
  - Christian Eaker, David Aderholt, Wiley Rudisel.
  - Newman Alexander, Jacob Mauney, John Vicker.
  - Jacob Coaster, Jacob Plank, Joseph K. Rhyne.
  - J. J. Smith, John Mauney, John Rutledge.
  - John Fronbarger, Moses Stroup, J. Hagar.
  - Lawson Mauney, David Paysour, Frederiek Summitt.
  - Jonas Deck, Henry Setzer, Smith Jenkins.
  - James White, Samuel Torrence, Jacob H. Ramsour.
  - D. W. Fronbarger, Jacob Fronbarger, J. W. Clark.
  - James H. White, Joseph Gamble, Wm. Jenkins.
  - J. F. Smoyer, E. S. Weathers, Peter Hoffman.
  - Robt. Johnston, John Oates, Joseph Adams.
  - James Carson, James McNair, Sam'l Wilson.
  - Wm. D. Hanna, W. S. Dickson, I. Holland.
  - James Reed, W. M. Compton, James M. Ford.
  - Andrew Love, E. B. Wilson, Wm. Ferguson.
  - F. H. Holland, John Oates, Jr., Andrew Falls.
  - Robt. Wilson, John F. Glenn, Eph. Torrence.
  - Larkin Stowe, Saml. Craig, H. N. Gaston.
  - J. A. Ramsour, Abner McCoy, Dr. D. W. Scheuck.
  - A. J. Causler, T. Sherrill, Cephas Quickel.
  - David Summeour, S. Rudisel, Daul. Dellinger.
  - Valentine Heisterman, John Bradshaw, Henry Koevel.
  - R. H. Abernathy, John Nixon, J. W. Moore.
  - R. Burch, Isaac Nixon, John P. Freeman.
  - G. Mosteller, Moses Carpenter, A. G. Harral.
  - David Dellinger, L. Dellinger, Moses Stroup.
  - S. T. Abernathy, A. Carpenter, J. A. Sadler.
  - G. W. Cox, R. H. Morrison, Wm. Johnston.
  - S. X. Johnston, W. McLean, Wm. Nantz, Jr.
  - Lee A. Moore, Benj Stroup, John N. Friday.
  - F. M. Reinhardt, John Clonigher, Valentine Derr.
  - Richard Rankin, Jas Abernathy, Jas Rutlege.
  - Wm F. Cannon, Eli Linebarger, John Farrer.
  - Benj. Smith, T. M. Hanna, Sam'l Jarrett.
  - A. W. Davenport, L. B. Gaston, S. Johnston.
  - J. D. Hall, M. H. Rhyne, Lewis Linebarger.
  - Andrew Leper, Sam'l L. Ewing, Andrew Neagle.
  - Alfred Linebarger, M. Hoffman, John Bullinger.

The School Committees are required to report the number of children in their School Districts by the first of April.

### River and Harbor Bill.

This bill is doubtless in perfect keeping with previous legislation of Congress. It profits one section by plundering another. Three-fourths of the money raised, comes from the South, as she furnishes mainly the exports, upon which are based the imports, that pay the government duties.—More than three-fourths of this money is expended in the favored regions; so we infer from the discussion on the bill. We quote from the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means:

Mr Bayly said he had examined the bill, and found that it appropriated for Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, Texas and Kentucky, \$312,500, and there is appropriated for New York alone, \$340,000. He considered such appropriations to be unconstitutional, partial, unequal, and contrary to the design of the Constitution.

Yet, why should it not be so? The North has the power, why should she not exert it for her own benefit? She has, by the admission of California, and by refusing to remove obstacles in the way of carrying slaves to New Mexico and Desert, taken to herself all the lately acquired public territory. Having got this, what is left for her to do in the way of appropriating, but to seize upon the treasury? This she has the power to do, why should she not do it? But the Constitution, some good easy man will say, is a check in her way. Constitution! The Constitution is just what a majority, with a President of their own,

choose to make it. And it will become just what it pleases that majority that it should be.

This bill is no doubt the result of a most outrageous scheme of bargaining and corruption: the fruit of an agreement between the river and the harbor men of the Northwest and the high Tariff men of the Northeast. Lavish upon rivers and harbors the money in the Treasury, and there results at once an excuse for an increase of the Tariff, nominally to supply money for the Government, but really to pour it into the pockets of the manufacturers. All the whole South is swindled. A pittance is doled out to her now and then to keep her quiet, or seduce if possible, her representatives from their fidelity.—Savannah Georgian.

### Scraps for the Million.

Wanted to know, what kind of Queens Ware is used on Crowder's creek to hold beefsteaks.

Cabbage, says the Edinburgh review, contains more muscle-sustaining nutriment than any other vegetable whatever. Boiled cabbage and corned beef make fifty-two as good dinners in twelve months as a man can eat.

The Marquis of Hastings, a youth of nineteen, has recently died. He was the heir of numerous titles and vast estates.

The income of the Wesleyan mission for the year 1850, was one-half a million of dollars.

Whenever you see a small waist, think how much health is wasted.

The Boston Journal seized with a sudden spasm of wit, relieves itself thus:

**A Smashing Business.**—A New Orleans paper, in eulogizing a new steamboat, says she is destined to do a "smashing business," both in passengers and in freight! The steamboats at that quarter are getting to be rather two notorious lately for doing this kind of business.

A GROCER advertises in the Burlington Sentinel in the following manner: "Hams and segars, smoked and un-smoked, constantly on hand and for sale by A. S. Dewy."

N. Ranieri, a painter of some reputation, died lately at Guardingrele, in Abruzzi, at the advanced age of 141. He never drank wine, and his diet was extremely simple.

In the church of Bommel, near Nimegen, in Holland, a form on which some persons were standing, having given way, a cry was raised that the Church was falling. A rush being made to the doors eleven persons were trampled to death and about a hundred others seriously injured.

The apprehensions entertained recently in Europe about the scarcity of silver seem entirely to have subsided.

The verdict of the Court Martial upon Commodore Jones is disclosed; he is suspended for five years; half that time without pay, chiefly for speculating with the public money in California gold dust. The President approves the judgment.

**Cheap Blacking for Harness.**—Melt two ounces of mutton-suet with six ounces of bees-wax, and six ounces of sugar-candy, two ounces of soft soap, and one ounce of powdered indigo; melt and mix well; add a gill of turpentine. Lay it on with a sponge and polish with a brush.

**Wadesborough Bank.**—We learn from the Wadesborough Argus, that in five days after the books were opened, more than \$70,000, were subscribed to the stock of this Bank, (more than enough to set the bank a-going,) in Wadesborough alone.

A new cotton mill, 231 feet long, to run 2000 spindles, and go into operation in January next, is in course of erection at Winchester, Tenn.

The Legislature of Indiana have nominated Gen. Joseph Lane for President.—Maysville Flag has hoisted the name of Wm. O. Butler, for President, and D. S. Dickinson, of New York, for Vice President.

**Religious Education.**—James, recite your scripture lesson.

"John the Baptist was forty days and nights in the wilderness, clothed in camels hair, with a leather girdron round his neck, and his meat was locos and wild onions."

That's a good little boy, you can take your seat.

A London paper says that the Pope is about to establish an order of married preachers, so as to employ married English perverts. This is truly "an age of progress."

The Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, after denying a place in heaven for all actors and actresses, is down on tobacco-chewers, and reminds them that there are no spit-boxes there.

Cheap as printing is here, the Appletons alone have imported upwards of a million of Bibles from England during the last few years.

In Paris a new style of pocket has been improved—"ours is without change," says a candid contemporary.

Sam was asked what he thought of the effects of hot drinks on the system? "Hot drinks, sir," said he, "are decidedly bad.—Tea and coffee, sir, are hurtful. And even hot punch, when it is very hot—very hot indeed—and taken often, and in large quantities, I suppose is slightly deleterious."

Information has just been received from Montreal, that Shadrach, the fugitive, had arrived there safe.

A new post office has been established at Peach Tree, Cherokee county, J. R. Ledreth post master, in this State.

The last "case of conscience" is that of a surgeon who refused to furnish a sling for a man who had broken his arm.

Com. Stockton, Democrat, has been elected U. S. Senator from the State of New Jersey for six years, from the 4th of March inst. He is the first Commodore ever elected to the Senate.

A man out West thus advertises his wife:—"On the 6th of July, on the night of a Monday, eloped from her husband the wife of John Grunday. His grief for her absence each day growing deeper, should any man find her he begs him to keep her."

The Spring Term of the Superior Court in the Sixth and Seventh Circuits, will be held this year as follows:

### SIXTH CIRCUIT.

Surry	3rd March and 1st Sept.
Ashe	10th " 2th "
Wilkes	17th " 15th "
Davie	24th " 22nd "
Iredell	31st " 29th "
Catawba	7th April 6th Oct.
Lincoln	14th " 13th "
Gaston	21st " 20th "
Cabarrus	28th " 27th "
Union	5th May 3rd Nov.
Mecklenburg	12th " 10th "
Rowan	19th " 17th "
Alexander	26th " 24th "

### SEVENTH CIRCUIT.

Cherokee	10th March and 8th Sept.
Macon	17th " 15th "
Haywood	24th " 22nd "
Henderson	31st " 29th "
Buncombe	7th April 6th Oct.
Yancey	14th " 13th "
Burke	21st " 20th "
Caldwell	28th " 27th "
McDowell	5th May 3rd Nov.
Rutherford	12th " 10th "
Cleveland	19th " 17th "



### LINCOLNTON:

SATURDAY, MARCH 8th, 1851.

### The "Little" Courier

Will spread itself in about four weeks from this time, when the present volume will be out. In increasing our size, we have incurred considerable expense, the remunerating of which we look confidently to our patrons. As the paper will be among the largest, and neatest printed of the State, we hope to secure a generous support. We shall issue a new prospectus shortly.

We neglected to state in our last, that Mr. J. C. JENKINS, of the firm of RAMSOUR & JENKINS, had also gone North for their Spring supply of Goods. It does not make much difference, we presume, but we do not like to make distinctions in a community all of whose members are our friends.

**Municipal Election.**—The following gentlemen were elected a Town Council for the ensuing year, viz: L. E. THOMPSON, Intendant, B. M. JETTON, J. T. ALEXANDER, C. C. HENDERSON, Dr. E. CALDWELL.

**Sons of Temperance.**—A charter has been granted to Beattie's Ford Division, No. 227, located in Lincoln County.

### The Small Pox.

We have every reason to hope that no disease is now prevalent in Charlotte, from the reports of the Board of Health, and the press, as will be found on the first page of this paper. We hope by next week to learn that communication can be resumed without danger.

In connection; we regret to learn that "a disease" has broken out in Salisbury, of an eruptive kind, no doubt the same as that heretofore in Charlotte, which has been dignified with the title of "Rose," and which has proved fatal in 7 out of 11 cases, negroes.

We had hoped our State was entirely rid of it—and it is, we believe, with the above exception.

**I. O. O. F.**—D. G. M. WM. LANDER, organized Howard Lodge, in Shelby, on the 21st ult. The officers are,

A. W. BURTON, N. G.  
H. DEK. CABANISS, V. G.  
THOS. WILLIAMS, Sec'y.  
W. P. ANDREWS, Treas.

The remains of a pistol what wouldn't go off, is to be interred in Barnum's Museum shortly. The ceremony will be an impressive one.

As usual, of late, St. Swithin visited us again with several ungrateful showers, beginning on Thursday, and ending no one knows when. As Touchstone says

"The rain it raineth every day,"

especially Fridays—the river will doubtless be "up" and the mails "down," as Capt. George says in his music school.

Clearing up to-day.

The Census table on our first page should be laid by for reference—it will prove invaluable, hereafter.

The Asheville News says Judge SEXTON left Asheville this morning in good health, for Cherokee Court. We were sorry to learn from him that "Old Ball," whose reputation has been co-extensive with that of the Judge himself, for the last ten years, and who has sustained and carried the Judge through every emergency, expired near Statesville, on his way to the West. *Requiresat in pace.*