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DOMESTIC.

From the Western Carolinian.

AGRICULTURAL NOTICE.

The Legislature of this State, at its session of 1822, passed an act "to promote Agriculture and family domestic manufactures in this State;" by the 10th section of which, a Board of Agriculture was incorporated, with means to accomplish certain specific objects; among these objects, one is the annual publication of a volume on subjects of agricultural and rural economy: fifteen hundred copies of which are to be printed at the expense of the State, and gratuitously distributed among the farmers of North-Carolina, through the agency of the county agricultural Societies.

The Board of Agriculture, at its meeting last winter, appointed a committee for the purpose of carrying into effect this liberal act of the Legislature: the duties of that committee are prescribed in the following extract from the "Regulations" of the Board:

Article 6. The Committee of Selection and Publication shall select from the archives of the Board, and from such other sources as they may think proper, the materials for a volume on agricultural subjects; which shall be published under the direction of said committee, according to the intention of the 6th section of the act of incorporation; and, when so published, shall be distributed, under the direction of the Board, among the good people of North-Carolina, by means of the County Societies.

The Committee thus appointed and instructed, are desirous of entering on the discharge of the duties assigned to them. To enable them to do so, they take this method of calling on the officers of the county societies to select from the archives of their respective institutions, such original articles as they may deem worthy of examination, and to transmit them to some one member of the committee.

The committee take this occasion to remark, that they will likewise gladly receive, from practical farmers and other intelligent persons, original communications on subjects connected with Agriculture, or on the physical resources of the State.

The attention of the gentlemen composing the committee of correspondence, is in a very particular manner, called to this notice. It is desirable that they should transmit, at as early a day as possible, the result of their correspondence and investigations—more especially on the subjects to which their labors were directed by a resolution of the Board.

Committee of Selection and Publication, with their place of residence.

Charles Fisher, Salisbury.

Daniel M. Forney, Beattie's Ford, Lincoln county.

Rev. Jno. Muskat, Statesville.

James W. Clark, Turborough.

Denison Olmsted, University N. C.

Internal Improvements.

The Board for Internal Improvements met at Fayetteville on the 13th inst. agreeably to appointment. Present his Excellency Gov. Holmes, Duncan Cameron, John D. Hawkins, John Owen and Thomas Turner, Esqrs. At this meeting Mr. Fulton, the Engineer of the State, was authorised to enter into contracts for the lumber necessary to form the contemplated Jetties in the Cape-Fear River between Fayetteville and Wilmington, and for erecting the same, and to employ such overseers and hands as may be necessary for removing the logs which at present obstruct the navigation of the river, with the necessary flats and machinery for effecting this object. So that we are in hopes, in the course of the summer and fall, the river between Fayetteville and Wilmington will not only be cleared of obstructions, but that the flats below Wilmington will be also completely removed, as we are pleased to learn that since the Engineer has obtained the assistance of the Henrietta steam boat, the Mud Machine which had been made for the purpose (but which, for want of sufficient power to work it, had not been brought into use) has been very effectual in deepening the channel over the Bulkhead.

Application being made to the Board by the Commissioners appointed to clear out Lumber river, for instructions, they are directed to lay off the river into convenient lots and let it out to contractors, and if the work can be effected for the sum appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose, they are to lose no time in having it done.

Stark Armistead, Esq. is authorised and requested by the Board to lay off the road from Plymouth to some point on Pungo river, in pursuance of the several acts of Assembly incorporating the Plymouth and Pungo river Turnpike Company.

John P. Daves, Esq. having declined to accept his appointment to supply the vacancy in the Board occasioned by the resignation of Durant Hatch, Esq. Gen. Wm. A. Blount, of Beaufort county, was chosen in his stead.

The Board adjourned on Saturday, to meet at Raleigh, on the first Monday in October next, or sooner, if the President of the Board deems it necessary.

Raleigh Reg.

Gas Lights.—To enable any one to form some judgment respecting the illuminating gas afforded by Cotton seed, Mr. Olmsted proposes the following simple experiments:

Exp. 1. Stick a pin into a single seed, and hold it with the tongs near hot coals, or in the flame of a candle. The oily vapor being set on fire as it issues from the seed, will burn with a white and pure flame.

Exp. 2. Put five or six seeds into a tobacco-pipe, and close the orifice with a clay stopper. When this is quite dry, place the bowl of the pipe among hot coals, and speedily raise it to a low red heat. The gas will issue at the stem, when it may be set on fire.—The stopper may be made of brick-dust, beaten up with water sufficient to make it into a paste. If a little quick-lime be added, it will dry the sooner.

An ounce of cotton seed is capable of affording more than

1000 cubic inches of gas; and the quantity of seed, that annually results from that portion of the cotton crop which is imported, would afford a quantity exceeding 2827,000,000 cubic feet of gas of a high illuminating power.—*ib.*

President, Vice-President, and Governor elected.—We understand that *Wolf*, who made his escape some time ago from Franklin jail, has again left his place of confinement, leaving behind him a note, in which he has appointed the Sheriff and the Clerk of the Court, President and Vice-President of the United States, and the Jailor Governor of the State.

Raleigh Star.

Fayetteville, May 13.—We are informed by a gentleman, who was present, that at the late term of the Superior Court of Lincoln county, *Collins*, the celebrated counterfeiter, who has so often evaded the claims of justice, was convicted of making and passing counterfeit dollars. His moulds, which were of steel, and very ingeniously made, together with a quantity of counterfeit coin, finished, half finished, and rough, were exhibited on the trial. The sentence of the court we do not precisely recollect, but it consisted of fine, imprisonment and whipping. He is now in Lincoln jail, with his distinguished coadjutor, *Twitty*, who was convicted at a former term of a like offence.

Observer.

Edenton, May 11.—On Monday night, the 3d inst. the old Jail in Washington county, was set on fire by some person unknown, and entirely consumed. Two prisoners (*Asa Davenport* and *Jesse Swinson*) narrowly escaped with their lives, the latter was considerably singed. They were however taken into custody, and safely lodged in the jail at Plymouth.—*Gaz.*

Negroes *Fed* and *Peter*, who were found guilty of Burglary at our last Superior Court, and sentenced to be executed, have been pardoned by his Excellency the Governor. They were immediately released.—*ib.*

Slave Trade.—We are gratified to learn, that a Treaty with Great Britain has been received and laid before the Senate, in which a *mutual right of search* has been provided for, by the commissioned vessels of the two nations, with proper regulations to prevent abuse. This measure has been pressed by Great Britain, as being indispensable to the entire suppression of the Slave Trade. The United States have condemned the trade as *piracy*; and a bill has been introduced, in the British Parliament, which no doubt has been adopted, having the same object in view. Each nation, therefore, has adopted the favorite measure; and their fleets will operate in concert to suppress the iniquitous Slave Trade. It is necessary, however, to the complete success of the measure, that the consent of other maritime nations be obtained. There is reason to believe, as Mr. Canning suggested, in the

House of Commons, that "since the two greatest maritime nations in the world have adopted these measures, they may, with great power and no small grace, invite the concurrence of other nations."—*Columbian Star.*

Fire.—We are very glad to learn that the damage occasioned to the public property, by the late fire at Harper's Ferry, Va. by which one of the workshops of the Armory was destroyed, has been greatly overrated by Madam Rumor. Instead of fifty or a hundred thousand dollars, as reported, five or ten thousand dollars will cover the whole loss. Arrangements have been made, also, by the Superintendent, with his usual benevolent consideration, so that few, if any, individuals, will suffer by being thrown out of employ, in consequence of the destruction of this part of the works.—*Nat. Int.*

Look at this, ye cruel fair ones!—Had Mr. Wood been treated with that kindness which a man of his years should always receive at your hands, he would not have taken a dose of arsenic:—"John Wood, of Castleton, Staten Island, N. Y. aged about forty years, in a state of mental derangement, owing to a disappointment in a love affair, destroyed himself on the 4th instant, by taking a dose of arsenic.—*ib.*

Slander.—At a court of Common Pleas, lately held in Harrisburg, Pa. in an action of slander, between John Perkey and wife, plaintiffs, and Emanuel Cassell, defendant, the jury gave a verdict in favor of plaintiffs for \$500. The case was of the most aggravated kind. We hope that in future it may serve as a bridle to the tongues of the evil disposed.

Suicide.—It is stated in the Hartford papers that Mrs. Salina Tredwell, the wife of Mr. Ebenezer Tredwell, of Weston, aged 28 years, lately committed suicide, by hanging herself. On the day of the fatal act, one of her sisters had spent several hours with her, and Mrs. T. was much exercised in mind on the subject of religion and her soul's salvation—she urged her stay, but it was inconvenient, and soon after her departure Mrs. T. was found suspended by the neck in the garret, life being extinct.

Died, in Quincy, Mass. on the 28th ult. Miss Caroline Matilda Smith, aged 16. This young lady came to her death in the following manner:—a few evenings before her death, while sitting at a window, a person unobserved touched her arm suddenly and caused her to start. Her involuntary effort was so great as to cause a rupture of a blood vessel, which terminated her life. How much mischief has arisen from want of due consideration.

Awful Casualty.—Mr. Justus Warren, of Phillipstown, N. Y. was killed on the 30th ult. in a most shocking manner. While in a state of intoxication, he started from Cold Spring

Landing in a wagon in company with two other men, determined, as he said, to drive by every thing he saw. He started from the Landing with great speed, but had not proceeded far before those that were with him perceiving some danger, cautioned him against driving so unreasonably; at which he replied, "I can steer them through hell."—These words had scarcely escaped his lips, before one of the wheels of his wagon, while descending a hill, came in contact with a stone with such great force as to throw him from the wagon, on a sharp stone, which entered his head and instantly deprived him of life. One of the others had his shoulder dislocated, and received some external wounds, tho' not incurable, the other escaped wholly unhurt. This man has left a wife and family to mourn their dreadful bereavement.

Steamboat without a boiler.

—The *Columbian Observer*, of Philadelphia, states that a small steam vessel, the machinery of which, furnace and all, occupied only three feet in length and two and a half in width, and without a boiler, was witnessed on Monday, at Philadelphia, driving a common ferry boat, with 12 passengers, at the rate of eight miles an hour. It is the invention of Mr. Hawkins; and if the cylinder, which is only 7 inches in height, had been a foot high, it is said that the power would have been doubled. It is proposed to call this mode of navigation "the Steamboat Safety"—not being liable to bursting or scalding. It must speedily supercede all other boats.

Canals.—There is now a force of about 600 men, actively engaged at work upon the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal. The sub-contractors are advertising for 400 additional laborers, "not addicted to profanity or intemperance."

Pet. Int.

Increase of Domestic Literature.

—Messrs. Carey & Lea, of Philadelphia, have in press and announce for publication no less than eleven American works:—several of them possessing not only great interest but value:—among the number we notice the *Memoirs of Richard Henry Lee*, of Virginia:—*Notes on Mexico*, and *Major Long's second expedition*, all of them looked upon as valuable additions to our domestic literature.

Incendiaries.

—Three persons have been arrested in Philadelphia for the late attempt to fire the State-house. One of the men turned state's evidence, and during the examination before the Mayor it was stated that a combination was formed to murder the late Mayor Wharton, for having required of them what they were pleased to term *excessive bail*. The pistol was produced in court, and was found loaded with slugs:—their intent was to way-lay him on his way to Gray's Ferry.

Fire.—Eight buildings were burnt down at Columbia, S. C. on the 2d inst.