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DOMESTIC.

Another removal of the Deposites.—A letter, mailed at Chapel Hill, addressed to a gentleman of this city, and purporting to contain \$105, reached our post office on Sunday morning last, with the seal broken, and the contents missing. The person for whom the letter was intended, immediately proceeded to Chapel Hill, and found, on examination, that the letter had been broken open and rifled of its enclosure by a lad, who had, on the night preceding the departure of the mail, by some means or other, gained access to the place where the mail was deposited. The gentleman recovered his money; but the thief effected his escape.—*Raleigh Star.*

Cherokee Emigration.—We learn from the Auraria (Geo.) Recorder, that upwards of a thousand Cherokee Indians, chiefly from that part of the nation which lies within the limits of North Carolina and Tennessee, took up the line of march a few days ago for their new homes west of the Mississippi.—*ib.*

University of Pennsylvania.—At the Commencement held in Philadelphia on the 27th ultimo, the Degree of Doctor of Medicine was conferred upon the following gentlemen from North Carolina, viz: Wm. A. Armistead, Robt. M. Bouchelle, John W. Bond, Samuel C. Bellamy, Richard Coleman, John A. Cotten, Joseph A. Drake, Benjamin W. Gordon, John R. Gilliam, Benjamin J. Hicks, Benjamin R. Norcum, Thomas J. Pitchford, Lemuel B. Powell, James S. Robinson, Joseph A. Smith, Richard Scales, George Stokes, Z. R. Wall and David M. Wright.—*ib.*

Tragical Event.—The following tragical story of a Mormon preacher is given by the editor of the Independent Messenger, on the authority of a gentleman from the western part of the State of New York:—

In a town where the delusion had made numerous converts, the disciples were summoned to assemble in a wild place, circumjacent to a pond, on the water of which, a gifted Elder announced that he should walk and preach. The believers notified their doubting friends, and great things were anticipated. But it seems there were a few wicked Lamanites, who secretly set themselves to make mischief. Choosing their opportunity, just before the appointed day of miracles, they ascertained by means of a raft, that the pond to be traversed was extremely shallow; a thin sheet of water covering a common swamp mire. This mire was found to be of a consistency nearly strong enough, except within a small central space, to sustain the weight of a man. They soon discovered a line of plank laid in a particular direction across the pond, sunk about four inches under the surface of the water. These were so fastened down, and locked together, and so daubed with mud, as to be quite imperceptible from the neighboring declivities. They resolved on preventing the miracle by sawing the concealed bridge in pieces, just where it crossed the deepest and most dangerous part of the pond. This was done, and left seemingly as they found it.

The expected day arrived, the congregation placed themselves as in an amphitheatre on the surrounding slopes, and the preacher appeared at the edge of the water. Presently he raised his stentorian voice, and as he paced his invisible bridge with a step apparently unearthly taught and warned the people. All ears were open, and every eye strained from its socket with astonishment. But alas! just as the miracle worker seemed to have wrought conviction of his divine power in the wondering hearts of the multitude, lo! he stepped upon one of the detached pieces of plank, sallied sideways, and instantly plunged, floundering and sinking in the deep water mire: mingling shrieks, screams and shouts of the spectators, all in a rush of commotion were appalling. The scene was indescribable. Even those who had spoiled the miracle, were filled with horror when they actually saw the unfortunate impostor disappear. They had not dreamed that the trick would cost him more than the fright, discomfort and disgrace of being submersed and afterwards struggling ashore; all along taking it for granted, that his plank would enable him to swim, however it might treacherously fail him to walk. But the tale closes with the close of his life, and the consequent close of Mormonism in that vicinity. He sunk, and long before the confounded assembly were in a condition to afford him relief, perished, a victim to his imposture.

Mr. Martin Nissly, *Menonist* preacher, [what is that!] hung himself lately in his own barn in Donnegal, Penn. He was in good circumstances. His mind was not, however. So much for fanaticism.—*Ev. Star.*

Unexamined Depravity.—A young girl of Philadelphia, of only 14 years of age, during the temporary absence of her mother, rifled the chest of the latter of \$336 in silver! She had the money placed in a band-box upon a cart, and took lodgings at the foot of Chesnut-street on her way to New York. On being arrested, and the money recovered, she evinced the most hardened remorseless indifference. No cause for it is assigned, nor were any accomplices discovered.—*ib.*

Murder.—We are shocked to learn that John R. Wiggins, Esq. a talented and promising young gentleman, residing near this place, was on the 16th inst. basely assassinated at Montgomery, Ala. The cause, we understand, was a rivalry in courtship. The account we have learned is, that the murderer, whose name we have not heard, invited the deceased to a friendly walk, conducted him to a lonely place in the outskirts of the town, where, suddenly drawing a pistol, he shot him dead; and mounting his horse, previously stationed near the spot, made off.

P. S. We have since learned that Mr. W. lived several hours, but could not speak. That after three days pursuit, the murderer has been caught and committed to prison, and proves to be Aug. Glover, late of Jasper county.—*Geo. Jour.*

[The Montgomery (Ala.) Advertiser of the 26th, states that an investigation of the above case took place, and Glover was committed to jail to await his trial at the next September term of the Circuit Court, and further adds: We learn that the gentlemen were nearly related to each other, and likewise to two of the most respectable families in Georgia.]

Riding on a Rail.—The *Westerfield* (Massachusetts) Journal gives the following among a series of scraps historical of that town in the year 1761: October 21. A number of persons in Turkey Hills in conjunction with some in the south part of this town, (Southwick,) violently took Mrs. Phelps, and carried her on a rail, blowing horns and ringing cow bells. The pretence was, criminal

conduct and ill treatment of her husband!"

Singular Marriage.—The Bridgeport (Conn.) Farmer mentions a marriage which took place on Friday week at the old Pequonnok meeting house—neither party being over ten years of age! It was understood that the parents of both parties had given their consent.

Colleges and Family Matters.—Some time since, Bowdoin College, in Maine, had a quarrel with its President, and tried to dismiss him, leaving the management of its studies to the Professors. All went on so well, that the party against the President insisted that such an officer was unnecessary—the College could go on as well without as with a President. We were struck with a coincidence of argument a few evenings since. A widowed lady of our acquaintance, whose daughters were old enough to be sought after, was holding forth in their presence and ours, in a very edifying manner, upon the advantages and comforts of a single life. 'A husband is by no means necessary,' said she, 'to the regulation and support of a family. I manage mine, for example, as well as a husband could do.' We sat silenced, knowing the art of management which our female friend possessed; and we accordingly looked across the fireplace to see how the argument operated with our younger friend, for whose special behoof we were sure it had been made. 'Mamma may be right, and I dare say she is,' said the young lady; 'we see in her, how well a lady may manage and maintain a family without a husband; but it appears to me a husband would be necessary in getting the family together.'—*U. S. Gaz.*

The Philadelphia Commercial Herald of the 5th instant, relates the following thrilling incident which had just taken place in that city:—The cry of murder was heard! It proceeded from a building in Race street, near 3rd, which arrested the attention of our informant and others who were passing by at the moment, and many within the neighboring buildings threw up their windows to ascertain whence the cry came. At the moment, a man in his linen was seen to rush from a window, and course his way rapidly along the very eaves of six three story buildings, crying as he went—murder! murder!! murder!!! Every eye that beheld him, snapped and flashed with horror, and every bosom was heaved with agony! On reaching the parapet he fell, heels over head, over upon the roof of a second story house, and from thence to the pavement. As he fell a shriek from hundreds of voices announced the awful catastrophe; when instantly on striking the pavement, his fall on which sounded like the cracking of bones and the crushing in of the skull, he sprang upon his feet, and wildly ran, still crying, murder! murder!! He was overtaken, and found to be in an extreme state of nervous agitation, and still impressed with the belief that he was pursued, and that his life was to be taken. After awhile he became a little composed, when he begged to be taken to the Hospital, saying he had always heard Philadelphians spoken well of for their kindness and the Hospital especially as a place of great excellence. He was taken there. It is said this unfortunate person is from Long Island, and that he came into Pennsylvania to seek employment. Failing to procure it in the country, he concluded to return to New York; took lodgings and requested to be awakened at 5 o'clock in the morning, in time for the Steamboat. This extraordinary occurrence happened about 9 o'clock on Thursday night last. Not a bone was broken.

David Crocket and Henry Clay were recently both in Baltimore. David

said he could grin the buttons off from Mr. Clay's coat as easy as he could the bark off from a sycamore tree in Tennessee; but he declined, because he didn't want to make a Quaker of him.

Dreadful.—A tobacco chewer, in twenty years, throws from his mouth more than 4 hogsheds of fluid—uses a wagon load of the weed, or 10 wheelbarrows full of quids.

We learn through a correspondent of ours, from Ashe county, that, at the late Superior Court, Judge Strange presiding a prosecution for *Assault and Battery*, committed on a girl, by *hugging her too closely!!!* resulted in the conviction and imprisonment of the defendant.—*Salem Reporter.*

A Dutch Magistrate in New Jersey lately fined a young lady five dollars for wearing man's apparel, contrary to the statute. She was on a visit from New York, and wore panta-lettes, which the unfashionable vandal mistook for pantaloons.

Monticello, the late residence of Mr. Jefferson, was offered for sale, on Tuesday last according to notice previously given. There were but few persons present, in consequence of which, a public sale was not effected. It was, however, afterwards sold privately to Lieutenant Levy, of U. S. Navy—the same gentleman who lately presented to Congress, the Statue of Mr. Jefferson. We are happy to learn that Lieut. L. intends to commence immediately such improvements and repairs, as will fully restore the buildings, &c. to their original condition; after which it will be accessible to visitors once a week.—For the present however the proprietor does not wish the public to visit the premises. Due notice will be given of the completion of the repairs, &c.—*Advocate.*

An act abolishing imprisonment for debt has passed the legislature of Massachusetts by large majorities in both branches. It consists of but two sections, and, is to take effect on the 4th of July next.

The New Orleans Bee states that the "Citizens Bank" of that place will go into operation, notwithstanding the failure of the bill in the legislature to pledge the faith of the State, for the repayment of the capital to the amount of twelve millions. According to the Bee a loan of the whole amount of capital has been negotiated in Europe, on the bonds of the subscribers alone.

The Canadas.—We should not be surprised if Lower Canada should, ere long, shake off its allegiance to England. The Parliament in the Lower Province, led by the speaker, seems to go all lengths against Lord Aylmer, the governor, and the majesty of the mother country which that arrogant functionary presumes to be centered in his own person.

Seven thousand and eighty illegitimate children were born in Paris, during the year 1832. This amount is not far from the average rate of natural births in that splendid but profligate city.

A Balloon Ascension at Baltimore, on Wednesday last, by Mr. Mills, a young Baltimore Mechanic, excited much admiration from the multitudes who witnessed it. The ascension took place at 10 minutes before 5 o'clock, P. M.—the balloon was visible for about half an hour. The adventurous aeronaut descended safely at six o'clock, at a point about 16 miles from his place of departure; his greatest elevation having been about a mile and a quarter from the earth.