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## DOMESTIC.

At the late term of the Superior Court for Pasquotank county, Judge Martin presiding, *Mark W. Jones* was tried and convicted of the murder of *James Williams*, in October last, and sentenced to be executed on the second Friday in June. It appears, from the report of the trial given by the *Elizabeth City Star*, that the murder was committed at the house of the deceased, and the only witnesses to the act, were his widow and son, a youth about 17 years of age. The deceased had called his neighbors together to assist him in moving a house—that they had all left his premises except Jones, who remained till after night, took supper and drank with him, apparently in perfect friendship; and it was not until Jones professed some knowledge of the art of juggling, that the deceased called him a liar, and ordered him from his house, at the same time going to the door and opening it.—Jones walked peaceably towards the door, and as he passed out, stabbed the deceased in the right breast, of which wound he died in a few hours.

On Thursday, *Levi Bright* was tried and convicted for an assault and battery upon *Ephraim Madren*. The defendant, in a state of intoxication, fell upon and beat his unoffending neighbor, who lived but a few hundred yards distant, because he rebuked him for swearing when the thunder was rolling over their heads and the lightning flashing around them. He was sentenced to six months imprisonment which was afterwards reduced to three.

On the same day, *Benjamin Davis* was tried and convicted for receiving stolen property, and sentenced to receive fifteen lashes on his bare back and pay a fine of ten dollars. The defendant has taken an appeal to the Supreme Court. This case was tried under a late act of Assembly, making the accessory liable before the principal is detected. The punishment is as severe as it is upon the conviction of the principle—a fine not exceeding \$50, and whipping not exceeding 39 lashes, or standing in the pillory not exceeding two hours.

**Suicide.**—We are credibly informed that *George Pool*, an old man 70 years of age, in good circumstances, who resided near *Pattonsville*, in *Burke county*, committed suicide, on the 30th of March last. Mr. P. until within about a month previous to his disease, retained the health and activity of youth; but for the last few weeks, had been delirious, at times. On the morning of the 30th, just before dawn he arose from his bed, rushed out of the house and ran into the woods, before the family were aware of his design. As soon as daylight appeared his family, apprehensive that he might injure himself, commenced searching for him. He was at length found hanging to a sapling by a hickory withe, with his knees touching the ground. No cause is known to have led him to commit the act of self destruction.

*Rutherfordton Spectator.*

**Milton, April 30.**—A serious accident occurred in this place on Saturday morning last. As the Stage from *Danville*

was descending the hill on the street from the bridge, the driver's foot board gave way, and a passenger, *Jacob T. Coles*, Esq. of *Pittsylvania, Va.* who was sitting on the driver's seat and who had the reins in his hands driving at the time, was thrown from the seat and became entangled in the gear of the hind horse, and in that situation was dragged some distance before he became disengaged. He was, in consequence, dreadfully bruised and mangled, particularly about the head. He was taken to *Mr. Owen's Hotel*, where medical aid was immediately procured and hopes are entertained of his recovery.—*Spectator.*

The *Lowell (Mass.) Mercury* states that two lads in that town, something like seven or eight years old, undertook, on the 22nd ultimo, to make a display of fire works, in imitation of *Dr. Divine*, the *Fire King*. Having secretly obtained 8 or 10 pounds of gunpowder, they hid it carefully in their mother's garret; and in her absence, they commenced the experiment by igniting small particles; but becoming tired of this wearisome mode of proceeding, the oldest boy hurled a lighted match into the general magazine, and sung out "every boy take care of himself." Every window in the apartment was instantly blown into atoms, the roof badly shattered, and the whole tenement shaken to its foundation. The large boy was picked up on the chamber stairs, and the smaller one picked himself up in the street in front of the house, having been blown through one of the windows, both of them perfectly safe and sound.—*Ral. Star.*

An attempt was made not long since to poison Judge *Wallack*, of *Lawrence county, La.* and all his family. The family all sickened soon after taking the food containing, as was supposed, arsenic. But the quantity administered, was probably too much defused and of course too little of it taken to cause death. The principal cook in the family was under suspicion, for having made this atrocious attempt to destroy life, and is now lodged in jail to await her trial.

**Cincinnati Troubles.**—We learn from the *Cincinnati Gazette* that considerable excitement prevailed in that city on Monday last, in consequence of the appointment by the Court of *Mr. Samuel H. Goodin*, to the office of Clerk of the Court of *Hamilton county*, which had been filled by a *pro tem.* appointment for the last two years, in consequence of a disagreement between the Judges, respecting a suitable person to fill the vacancy. The election finally took place on Saturday last. Judges *Goodenow*, *Cilley*, and *Burgoyne*, voting for *Mr. Goodin*; and Judge *Henderson* voting for *Samuel R. Miller*.

On Monday morning, previous to the assembling of the Court, a meeting of the Bar, and another of the citizens, took place at the Court House; each of which resolved against the appointment. On the opening of the Court, the Journals of Saturday were read as far as entered; but there being no entry made of the election of Clerk, a scene of confusion occurred which ended in an abrupt and instantaneous adjournment. A private correspondent thus describes the transaction:—

"Since I have known this sweet city, it has not been, with few exceptions, (say six) in such uproarious condition as to day. Handbills were posted this morning, calling the citizens to meet at the Court house, to decide the fate of the Clerk elected on Saturday. The house was full; and *Ex-Judge Woodruff* stated to the meeting, that the brother of the Clerk elect, had offered him, while Judge, one thousand dollars to gain his vote for his brother. The offerer, pronounced the accusation false, amid a shower of hisses, curses, &c. The meeting passed

resolutions against the new made Clerk, and adjourned. The Court proceeded to business. President Judge *Goodenow* ordered the election to be put on record. Associate Judges *Henderson* and *Burgoyne* dissented. The Clerk *pro tem.* hesitating, Judge *Goodenow* ordered him to hand up the book, and he would himself make the entry. *Henderson* dared him to do it; and assuming the warrior, drove the President from his measure; on which he said indignantly, "I adjourn the Court," and made a quick retreat amidst cries of "Let him go" and peals of applause. *Henderson*, at the suggestion of the Bar, adjourned regularly.

*Ohio State Journal.*

**Atrocious Act.**—Yesterday evening, about 6 o'clock, as the steamboat *Splendid* was leaving the landing, a shot was fired from a house near the wharf from which the boat started, and killed one of the passengers. The boat immediately returned and the corpse was brought on shore. This is the third time, and from the same house, that persons have been shot on board of boats leaving this place. In the former cases, two persons were wounded.—Three persons are now in jail, taken up on suspicion, and the Coroner's inquest is yet investing the matter. We shall therefore say nothing more on the subject at present. The citizens of *Natchez*, we have no doubt, will take care that no more atrocious acts of the kind be perpetrated, at least from the same house. The man who was killed was from *New Orleans*, in which city he had been working at his trade—blacksmith. His name is *Barney Norman*, and is said to have been a man of good character. He was formerly of *Little York, Pennsylvania*, but previous to going to *N. Orleans*, had resided at *Yellow Banks, Kentucky*, to which place he was about to return when he was killed. He was about 30 years of age. We shall endeavor to be well informed concerning the whole transaction, and the causes, from first to last connected with the death of *Mr. Norman*.—*Natchez Paper.*

**Dreadful Accident.**—By an arrival from *Upper Mississippi*, we learn, that the steamboat *St. Louis*, bound for *Gallena*, collapsed one of her boilers on the 12th inst. by which twelve or fourteen persons were either killed or seriously wounded. The accident happened while endeavouring to pass the *Des Moines Rapides*.

**A pretty good Haul.**—The *Darien Bank Agency* at *Auraria*, a few days since entrusted to a merchant of that place between 60 and 70 lbs. of Gold, to be conveyed to *Savannah*. The last news from him, in a letter from himself, was, that he was in *Charleston* and intended to take shipping for some foreign port. This was at first believed to be a hoax, played off by himself, but is now believed to be "too true to make a joke of." We think the Agent is not to blame, as the *absentee* stood high in this community, and the purse of several other of his friends have sustained damage. We understand he had gold and money to the amount of twenty two or three thousand dollars!—*Western Herald.*

**Novel Feat.**—The *York Pa. Republican* of Wednesday mentions a novel feat, performed by a Yankee at that place a few days since. Early in the morning an argument took place between a Yankee stranger and a resident of the borough, in relation to the merits of masonry and anti-masonry. At last the opponent of the Yankee being somewhat irritated, offered his antagonist five dollars, if he would sit upon a post at the door of the Hotel, in the open street, and lecture upon anti-masonry from that time until the setting of the sun. The Yankee met the proposition at once; the money being

staked, he mounted, not the rostrum, but the post, and there he sat reading anti-masonry to a multitude of boys, and now and then to a passing adult. Towards noon he was offered one dollar and a bottle of wine if he would get down, which he refused. About noon he was offered two dollars and a half if he would descend, but he stuck to his bargain until the sun had entirely descended the horizon, and he obtained his five dollars before quitting his post.

**Important law Suit.**—On Wednesday last, the action brought by *Elder Charles Giles*, against *Dr. D. L. Malison* for criminal conversation with the Plaintiff's wife, came on to be tried before the *Hon. Ezekiel Cowen*, Circuit Judge, at *Whitesboro.* The trial lasted twenty hours. The high character sustained by the plaintiff, the peculiar character of the defendant, the length of time the suit had been pending, and the excitement it had produced, all conspired to produce a deep feeling in this community, and to call together a vast multitude to witness the proceedings. The evidence produced on the part of the plaintiff was a chain of circumstances extending through a period of 18 months. The plaintiff's wife was forty five years of age, and yet appearing like a lady of thirty two, and the defendant was about thirty. He was a boarder in the plaintiff's house, for a part of the time, and was his family physician. The plaintiff resided at *York Mills*, and was necessarily absent a part of the time. Under such circumstances, the defendant began to practice his seductive arts upon the wife, which were continued unknown to the unsuspecting husband, until the unhappy victim was entirely ruined, and the peace of the plaintiff forever destroyed. It appeared that the defendant was poor. On Friday morning, the jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff for two thousand five hundred dollars damages.

*Utica N. Y. Elucidator.*

**Dreadful Accident.**—We learn from *Andover* that a dreadful accident occurred at *Poor & Blanchard's Saw Mill*, on Thursday morning. *Mr. Samuel Upton* rose before daylight to attend to his business of sawing lumber. The logs were drawn to the mill as usual by water power—a vertical shaft being set in motion, from which a rope is attached to the log. It is presumed that after the shaft was in motion, he attempted to arrange the rope, and his hand was caught between the rope and the revolving shaft. His body was thus drawn towards the shaft, and the rope passed round his body and the shaft several times, compressing the abdomen and chest into the least possible compass. A more dreadful death can hardly be imagined—although it is presumed that his sufferings were not of long duration. The person who had been in the habit of assisting him in his labor, is supposed to have entered the mill about fifteen minutes after the accident happened—the log was then drawn up to the shaft, and its revolutions of course had ceased. *Mr. Upton* was a worthy man, of about forty years of age, and has left a wife and four young children.

*Mer. Jour.*

**Extraordinary Death.**—In *New York*, a few days since, an infant only six months old was killed by a cat having sucked its blood from the nose of the child, while asleep in the cradle. The child was found with the blood in its nose, warm, but lifeless. The cat remained in the cradle with its mouth and nose immersed in blood, and so gorged as to be unable to leave the place. A medical examination took place, and the result was, from the loss of blood by the child, and the great quantity found in the cat, which was killed, that the life of the child was taken by the cat.