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## DOMESTIC.

The Episcopal School of North Carolina was opened on Monday last, in the spacious stone building just erected for the purpose, under the most flattering auspices. It is situated in a delightful grove, about half a mile west of the capitol, on decidedly one of the most desirable and commanding sites any where to be found in the environs of the city; and the advantages it possesses, the healthfulness of its locality, and the high reputation of the gentlemen entrusted with its management, will no doubt ensure for it a very extensive patronage.

Ral. Star.

The 227th anniversary of the landing of Capt. Smith, with the first colonists of Virginia, at Jamestown, was celebrated at that place on the 24th ult. It is estimated that about 2000 persons were present. Among the visitors who attended at the special invitation of the committee, were Mr. Tayler, Mr. Poin-dexter, and Mr. Tipton, of the United States Senate. The proceedings of the day were appropriate; and in the evening the committee escorted their invited guests to Williamsburg, where they terminated the festivities of the day with an elegant supper.—ib.

The U. S. frigate *Potomac*, bearing the board pennant of Com. Downes, arrived at Boston on the 23d ultimo, from the Pacific Ocean. Col. Philo White, Navy Agent in the Pacific, came passenger in the *Potomac*.—"The *Potomac* (say the Boston Gazette) having circumnavigated the Globe, and crossed and recrossed the Equator six times, she has encountered dangers of Navigation unknown in ordinary voyages,—the men have been exposed to disease and pestilence in the most insalubrious regions of the earth, and shared besides the risks of war, in the assault and capture of the Malay Forts; yet the ship has been safely navigated throughout, no casualty of any moment having occurred during the cruise,—and the degree of mortality has been even less than usual on board vessels of war, only twenty seven having died, (including those killed in battle at Quallah Battoo) out of about five hundred souls on board."

A young man at Pollstown, Penn., completely broke in two the cap of his knee by the exercise of too much muscular exertion in a foot race. The accident was attended by a loud crack, which was distinctly heard by the spectators.

The N. Orleans Bulletin publishes a letter from Texas dated May 4, which states on authority, believed to be unquestionable, that Gen. Santa Ana had declared that "As soon as the war in the South is finished, I will send 4 or 5000 of the troops to Texas and chastise those turbulent and insolent North Americans, and should the smallest resistance be made, the whole of their property shall be confiscated and I will convert Texas into a desert."

Providential Escape.—On Friday evening the 16th instant, Gen. Jos. W. Winston directed his negro boy to de-

scend into a well on the premises, in order to loosen a bucket, which was confined at the bottom. When the boy had reached the water's edge and was in the act of effecting the object of his descent, a rock, on which he stood, suddenly gave way, and immediately the whole wall tumbled in upon him! The family on reaching the spot discovered that the boy was alive.—The neighbors soon collected, and after laboring ten hours in removing the rocks to the depth of something like thirty feet, succeeded in taking out the boy, who, with the exception of some slight bruises, was measurably uninjured.—Salem Reporter.

Two females, named Caroline and Susannah Crush, residing near Fincastle, (Va) poisoned themselves by eating of the *Wild parsnip*, or *Hemlock*—having mistaken it for *Angelica*. They were interred in the same grave.

A prosecution was some time since instituted by the proprietors of the New York Daily Sentinel against a subscriber for the amount of his subscription to that paper.—He pleaded that he had not ordered the paper, that it was sent to him without his requesting it. The plaintiff however recovered the amount claimed, for it was decided that persons receiving a newspaper, without ordering it to be discontinued, are liable in every instance for the price of subscription.

The Clerk Law.—At the last Term of the Guilford County Court, a mandamus was served upon their worships to appear at the bar of the next Superior Court, to shew cause why the old clerk should not be restored to his office, &c.—whereupon the Justices agreed by a considerable majority to reinstate the old clerk, and have no more fuss about it—which was accordingly carried into effect. Ox. Exam.

The American Peace Society of Massachusetts offer a prize of a thousand dollars, for the best treatise on a Congress of Nations, for the prevention of war. The time has been extended to the 20th of June next.

The unfortunate man who drowned himself in the Schuylkill, at Philadelphia, as noticed in our last paper proved to be Mr. John A. Stone, the author of the tragedy of *Metamora*, and other productions, which stamp him as a man of genius.—He was laboring under an alienation of mind.

We have received from Baltimore, a copy of the Report of the Trustees of the Bank of Maryland. The facts disclosed by this Report are of an extraordinary nature. If we rightly understand it, not only is the whole capital stock of the Bank sunk, but its assets fall short of paying its notes, debts, and deposits by several hundred thousand dollars! Some of the particulars of this statement are, indeed, almost incredible.—Nat. Intel.

Fatal Occurrence.—The Lexington Reporter, says:—"On Saturday night last, between the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock, Mrs. Williamson killed her husband, Rich'd Williamson, by shooting him with a musket, loaded with shot, the contents of which passed through his heart. She was arrested the next day, and tried before the Mayor, at a Court of Inquiry; and the evidence being that she was pursued by her husband with a knife, and had reasonable ground of apprehension for her life, she was discharged."

Mysterious.—We understand that a gentleman who resides west of this place, discovered in his orchard a 40 gallon oil cask, contiguous to the bank of the canal, and on knocking in one of the heads, to his astonishment, the contents proved to

be the body of a female, approaching a state of decomposition: it was entirely divested of every article of clothing. Doubtless this was an expedient adopted to elude a recognition of the body. We also understand that the body was immediately interred without examination, or without calling a jury of inquest, and that these hasty proceedings were by the advice of one or more physicians, who were called on the occasion.—We are surprised to hear that so awful and suspicious a circumstance should have been suffered to pass without more scrutiny, and indulge the hope that a farther examination may yet be instituted, that something may be discovered about the cask or body by which the whole transaction may be exposed.—Rochester N. Y. Dem.

In return for the services rendered by a Dr. Cartwright, of Mississippi, during the prevalence of Cholera in that section of the country, and particularly on Pine Ridge, a number of the Planters have combined, and presented him with a splendid vase, the cost of which was six hundred dollars. On it was inscribed, in addition to the usual complimentary expressions:—"In 361 cases, no deaths." His practice consisted in attacking it in its incipient state, with a combination of Camphor, Calomel, and Cayenne pepper. A suitable address and reply were delivered on the occasion of the presentation.

Look out.—An ingenious Yankee has contrived to copy a bank note on a stone, and then lithograph the notes to any quantity by a chemical process. It is impossible to detect them from the original.

A gentleman of Washington county, Maryland, while travelling through the state of Ohio, lately discovered, near Newark, a man by the name of Dean breaking stones on the road side, whom he immediately recognised as an individual who had fled from the county in which he resided, fourteen years ago, to escape a prosecution for murder. He was forthwith arrested, and has since been identified by another person, though he entirely denies any knowledge of the cause of his imprisonment. He was to be removed to Maryland for trial.

On Sunday night, 11th inst, John F. Loretz, of Lincoln county, and his negro boy, were both killed in the neighborhood of Yorkville, S. C. by the falling of a tree. They were on their way from Columbia whither they had been with a wagon, when the melancholy accident happened.

A gentleman writing from Cumming, Forsyth Co. Geo. to the Editor of the Milledgeville Times, says, "the locusts in countless millions cover the land, though at this village there are none, within one mile and throughout the north and west sections of the country, their deafening notes remind one of the plagues of Egypt. So numerous are they, the swine have become fat upon them; the native Indian gathers them by the quart, and pronounces them the richest dainties."

A petit juror recently appeared in his seat in the Supreme Court at Augusta, Geo, in a state of intoxication. Judge Holt immediately fined him twenty dollars, and ordered that he should be imprisoned three days.

A Judge in Kentucky recently decided, in effect, that the "Bank of the Commonwealth," a Bank owned chiefly by the State, in unconstitutional, being in contravention of that clause of the Constitution which prohibits the States from issuing bills of credit. The National Intelligencer says, that this case "is precisely similar to one which was argued before the Supreme Court of the United States

at its last term, in which Mr. J. M. White and Mr. Wilde with great ability took the ground said to have been affirmed in Kentucky State Court. The case was held over for advisement by the Supreme Court, whose opinion upon it, will, it is presumed, be delivered at the next term of the Court.—Pet. Int.

The day before yesterday, the Cashier of the Consolidated Association, and two of the clerks of the same Bank, were arrested. Large deficits have been discovered, the cause of which has been traced to those individuals. They gave security, each in the sum of \$25,000, for their appearance, at trial, and have since decamped. Our city has been singularly unfortunate of late. Counterfeiters, &c. &c. have been playing their pranks among us, at a great rate. What next to expect, we cannot divine; but we fear that the pinching times have squeezed too tight upon the honesty of many yet undiscovered.—New Orleans Paper.

A New Continent Discovered.—A pretty authentic account is published in a paper printed at the Cape of Good Hope, of the discovery of a New Continent in the South Pacific Ocean, by two English whalers, the *Tula* and *Lively*. The details, however, do not go beyond the fact of the existence of such a continent; as Capt. Briscoe of the *Tula* states that he approached no nearer to it than the distance of 30 miles, owing to the obstructions which he met with from the ice and the state of the weather. Capt. B. discovered the land on the 28th of February, 1832, and during the following month, remained in the vicinity. He clearly saw the black peaks of the mountains above the snow. It is supposed that this land forms part of a vast Continent, extending from about longitude 47, 31 East, to longitude 69, 29 West, as far as the longitude of Cape Horn. The stormy Petros was the only bird seen, and no fish. It has been named Enderby's Land, longitude 47, 31 E. latitude 63, 30, S. An extent of about 300 miles was seen. The range of mountains E. S. E.

Dreadful Shipwrecks.—By the mails of Thursday and yesterday we have received intelligence of the loss of fourteen square rigged vessels, accompanied by the loss of not probably less than six hundred lives!!! All the vessels, we believe, were British, and nearly all bound to Quebec with emigrants.

N. York Journal of Commerce.

We are happy to be able to contradict the report of the ravages of the Cholera among the troops at Fort Mitchell, Alabama. We learn from the Adjutant General, that an official report, dated the 22d of May, was received on the 2d inst. from Captain Fraser, the commanding officer of Fort Mitchell, in which he says not a word of sickness of any kind whatever. If the Cholera had been among the troops, or even prevalent at or near Fort Mitchell, it is believed that Captain Fraser would certainly have reported the circumstance.—Globe.

Another Suspension.—The Mechanics Bank at Patterson, (N. J.) closed its doors yesterday at 12 o'clock; and for the information of those who came knocking for admittance, posted on the door a notice, signed by the Cashier, announcing that the bank had suspended specie payments! This bank was incorporated but a year or two ago, and from the want of age, or something else, has tottered very much in its movements, for some months past.—Baltimore Patriot.

The bridge over James River, at Cartersville, and the Pomonkey bridge on the great Northern Mail route, have been carried away by the freshes, caused by the late heavy rains.