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DOMESTIC.

From the Farmer's Register.

On Suckering Corn.—I had the pleasure, a few years ago, to spend a day in company with old Mr. Macon, of North Carolina, when our conversation was principally on subjects of agriculture; and among others, the cultivation of Indian corn. After having inquired, whether I had the suckers which grew from the roots of the corn pulled off, as is the common practice, and received my answer in the affirmative, he informed me that he had suffered them to remain, having from repeated experiments, ascertained that they did not injure the corn; but on the contrary, the suckers more frequently than otherwise produced good ears of corn; and that if they failed to do so, there was an increase of fodder. I have since tried the experiment and witnessed the following results: That after carefully examining the ears of corn on the stalks producing suckers, they were found to be as good as the ears on the surrounding stalks not producing them—that a large majority of the suckers produced good corn, though the ears generally were smaller than those on the mother stalk, and that (of course) there was an increase of fodder. Without entering into an inquiry, whether corn ought not to be planted so thick as to prevent its producing suckers, (if thick planting will prevent it, of which I am not sure,) or whether the pulling them off may not injure the corn, by inflicting wounds on the stalks, I can now safely recommend Mr. Macon's practice, as saving the time and labor of pulling off suckers, and what is of more consequence, as producing an increase of the crop of corn and fodder. I ought to add, that none but the suckers growing from the root ought to be suffered to remain.

W. M. WATKINS.

Charlotte Co., March 4.

Senate of the United States.—It does not appear to be generally known that the terms of the following United States Senators expire at the end of the approaching session of Congress.

Mr. Sprague,	of Maine,
Mr. Bell,	New Hampshire,
Mr. Silsbee,	Massachusetts,
Mr. Knight,	Rhode Island,
Mr. Frelinghuysen,	New Jersey,
Mr. Clayton,	Delaware,
Mr. Leigh,	Virginia,
Mr. Brown,	North Carolina,
Mr. Calhoun,	South Carolina,
Mr. King,	Georgia,
Mr. Bibb,	Kentucky,
Mr. White,	Tennessee,
Mr. Waggaman,	Louisiana,
Mr. Poindexter,	Mississippi,
Mr. King,	Alabama,
Mr. Robinson,	Illinois.

Besides the above, there are three vacancies by resignations to be filled, viz. from Pennsylvania, in place of Mr. Wilkins; from Georgia, in place of Mr. Forsyth; and from Maryland, in place of Mr. Chambers. The elections now in progress, therefore, are more than usually interesting, for they are to decide the complexion of the next Senate.

The frequency of balloon ascensions lately in our city, has occasioned numerous inquiries as to the rapidity with which balloons can be carried through the air. The experiments witnessed

here, have generally been performed in calms, or with light winds, so that no trial was made of speed. That, of course, depends upon the magnitude of the balloon, the strength of the wind, the weights, &c. attached to it. The highest velocity yet attained by any aeronaut, is, we believe, that of *M. Garnerin* at London, in 1802, and at Paris in 1807. In the latter case, the circumstances were singular, and the peril of the voyager great. He ascended at night, and going up with unusual rapidity, soon found himself at an immense distance above the clouds. When he attempted to arrest his upward progress, he found that the apparatus for discharging the gas was, from some accident, unmanageable. The rarefaction of the air caused the gas in the balloon so to expand, that there was danger of its bursting. To relieve this pressure he cut a hole in the silk to allow the gas to escape, but the consequence was that the balloon began to descend with fearful velocity. To counteract this he threw out ballast, and rose again. This alternated for some time, during which he encountered a thunder storm in the clouds, and after rising and sinking for eight hours, was dashed against the mountains. He landed at Mont Tonnerre, 300 miles from Paris. Taking into the estimate the direction in which he went, and the risings and sinkings of the balloon, the velocity is considered to have been about *eighty miles an hour*.

The velocity of *M. Garnerin's* balloon in 1802, when he ascended in London, and landed at Colchester, was 6492 feet the minute, or about seventy miles an hour, a rate that would carry it round the world in a fortnight.

At the second ascension of our townsman, *Mr. Mills*, he was driven across the Chesapeake Bay, a distance of fourteen miles, in seventeen minutes—not much short of a mile per minute...*Balt. Amer.*

We learn that an affray occurred in Richmond, on Thursday last, between *J. H. Pleasants*, Senior Editor of the *Whig*, and *Peter V. Daniel*, of the Executive Council, in which the latter is reported to have been severely handled. *Mr. Pleasants* suspected *Mr. Daniel* of being the author of an article signed "Stafford" in the *Enquirer* of that day, and made an attack upon him accordingly.—*Fredericksburg Arena*.

Horrid Murder.—A most horrid murder was perpetrated in this place on Thursday night last by a negro man, the property of *Mr. Richard Chilton*, of this vicinity, on the person of *Mr. Edward Jones*, one of our most respected fellow citizens. The facts are briefly these: *Mr. J.* as was his habit on retiring to bed, went into his yard, for the purpose of seeing that every thing was safe and secure, when he encountered a negro fellow armed with an axe. We understand that the negro told him that he absconded from his master, and that he was resolved not to be taken alive. A rencontre commenced between them, of the precise particulars of which we are not informed, but which resulted in the death of *Mr. Jones*, his head being nearly severed in twain by a blow from the axe on the posterior region, immediately below the crown, besides other wounds on various parts of the body. The negro almost immediately and voluntarily surrendered himself into the hands of justice, and is now in jail, awaiting his trial.

Lynchburg Vir'n. Aug. 13.

The Rail Road.—The provisions of the law authorising a subscription by the State, of two-fifths of the stock of the Portsmouth and Roanoke Rail Road Company, having been fully complied with on the part of the company, the President has applied for and obtained an order for the payment of the same. It is scarcely necessary to add, that this will

give such an impulse to the work as to insure its completion within the shortest period of time contemplated.

Norfolk Herald.

The Comet of 1759.—It would seem, from an article, published in a Dutch paper, in the city of Philadelphia, that the Comet, which we heard so much talk about some time since, is to make its appearance during the present summer. The wise men and astronomers, have only missed their calculations one year, and *Davy Crockett's* services will yet be required to perform the duties for which he was appointed by the President—to stand upon the Allegany mountains and wring off its tail.

Melancholy Occurrence.—A rencounter took place on the 14th ult. at Jackson, the seat of Government of Mississippi, between *Gen. Augustus Albert Allen*, and *Alexander McClung, Esqrs.* in which the former was shot in the chin. *Gen. Allen*, it was expected, even as late as Saturday morning, would recover; but before night Death claimed his victim.

At Mechanicsburg, Penn., a most awful scene, the effect of a stroke of lightning, was lately exhibited at the house of *Mr. Poorman* of that village. It appears the family were sitting together in a room when the house was struck, and a part of the fluid entering the room, struck his daughter, aged 22, and a son, about 17, and deprived them instantly of life. They were sitting very near each other when struck, and so immediate was their death that they moved not from their seats, but retained their position in their chairs, the head of the young man reclining on the shoulder of the sister. The unfortunate event had cast a gloom over the whole village. The bodies were interred in one grave, and were followed by a number whose countenances spoke their sorrow.

Fayetteville, (Tenn.) July 3.

Distressing.—Seldom, if ever, have we been called upon to notice a more distressing visitation of Providence, than our worthy citizen, *Wm. Edminton, Esq.* of this county, has been called upon to experience. On Saturday last, about 4 P. M. just as his hands had housed the last load of an exuberant wheat harvest, and were probably rejoicing that it was saved from an approaching shower, the barn was struck with lightning, it was consumed with all its contents, and melancholy to relate, his third son, *Thomas*, a promising youth about ten years of age, three of his servants, a negro man, woman, and boy, were killed by the electric fluid—the man and boy were consumed with the building.

Suicide!—The following is an extract of a letter from a gentleman in Franklin county to a friend in this place, dated 29th of July, 1834:

"A party of gentlemen went out deer driving on yesterday, amongst whom was *Mr. John Wade*, one of our worthiest citizens. After they had taken their stands, *Mr. W.* tied a string to his foot and then to the trigger of his gun, and placing the muzzle to his forehead, blew off the whole of the upper part of his head. In this situation he was found by his wife, who, knowing that he had fired before the hounds had started, dashed off to the stand, (which was near his house,) to see what was the matter—and what must have been the horror and the anguish of that best of women when she saw her husband, you can readily imagine. *Mr. Wade* had been in a state of partial derangement for some time."

Danville Va. Observer.

As exaggerated accounts have gone abroad respecting the disturbances of the peace which have occurred in our bor-

ough, we feel called on to give a statement of the actual extent to which they were prosecuted. On Saturday, Sunday, and Monday evenings last, the first outbreaks of a riotous disposition were exhibited, and the windows of the houses of several of the colored people were broken partly through the prevalent spirit of jealousy and animosity which pervades the country respecting that class of the population. On Tuesday night, however, the disorder broke out more violently; the passions of the persons who took part in the mob, and who generally consisted of minors with some older not more reflecting heads among them, having been fired by a disturbance in the early part of the evening, represented by some as an attack by the blacks on a white man going to watch a lot on the outskirts of the town, and by others as defence of their property when assailed by violence. A band of persons consisting in all of not more than fifty, then collected, and marched to that part of the borough generally occupied by the colored population, attacked and injured a number of the houses with stones, disturbed the quiet of the place by shouting, and fired off guns occasionally, though without any serious result. After thus keeping the citizens in consternation, and preventing them from retiring to rest before one o'clock in the morning, they at length dispersed. On Wednesday evening a town meeting was held, and measures taken by organizing a special police to put an end to all violations of order and quiet from every quarter. This body of men have since their appointment patrolled the streets, and we are happy to say that this borough is again restored to its usual peace and tranquility without any other violent occurrences.—*Columbia, (Pa.) Spy*.

An Incident.—The following particulars have been related to us. On Saturday night last, about eleven o'clock, a watchman was decoyed by the cry of murder, into the residence of a colored family in Apple street, in the northern part of the Liberties. As soon as he entered the house, he was knocked down and attacked in the most furious manner by the inmates. The alarm was immediately given, and several persons who happened to be in the neighborhood hastened to his assistance. The blacks effected their escape, and have not yet been arrested. The watchman was severely injured. On Sunday evening a large crowd assembled in the neighborhood of the dwelling, but owing to the exertions of the police, no attempt at riot made. We presume the cause of the outrage on the part of the blacks, was a spirit of revenge for the wrong inflicted on their brethren during the recent disgraceful riots. We are not surprised at such a feeling, but we again solemnly urge upon the colored people of Philadelphia to remain quiet, especially while the excitement continues. Any other course will greatly disadvantage them. The present feeling on the part of the public is one of deep commiseration and sympathy for the unoffending sufferers, and if this feeling is not checked or changed by imprudent conduct like that referred to above, ample compensation will be made to those whose houses were broken into and property destroyed during the recent disgraceful riots...*Philadelphia Inquir.*

Nose Pulling, a Dollar a Pull.—In Boston, the city of steady habits, not long since, *Mr. L. Crane*, took the liberty of pulling the nose of a *Mr. Callender*, a schoolmaster. *Mr. Callender* straightway prosecuted *Mr. Crane*, and the court directed the nose-puller to pay the nose-pullee the sum of one dollar.—Thus a decision has been given that a pull at a man's nose is worth just one dollar.

The Ohio Tobacco crop of the present year will be upwards of 10,000 hhd.