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THE VERY LATEST BY LAST NIGHT'S MAIL.

EXECUTION OF CHAMP FERGUSON—HIS LAST HOUR.

Nashville papers of the 21st, received by last night's mail, bring us full particulars of the execution of Champ Ferguson, the guerrilla. The Gazette gives the following account:

At half-past 10 o'clock yesterday morning, we took our place among the spectators—probably about two hundred—that had assembled to witness the execution of Champ Ferguson.

He was dressed in a suit of plain black. His arms were bound tightly behind him, but his carriage was erect, firm and elastic. Had he been the experienced actor, mounting the rostrum to address a great and friendly assemblage, his manner as he ascended that ladder to eternity could not have been more thoughtfully proud, cool or impressive.

At some of the well developed form gave evidence of a man of immense muscular strength and physical endurance. There was a proud compression of the lip, and a high scorn of the eye, which, while fully alive to the dread solemnity of the occasion, showed he was determined in death not to belie his character while living. His whole appearance was suggestive of one who

"On each glance of thought Decision followed, as the thunderbolt Pursues the flash."

The coffin, draped in white, was placed in front of the scaffold. The prisoner took his stand under the fatal beam, and the charge and specifications were then read, in a clear voice, by Col. Shafter. Ferguson's manner during the reading was that of haughty indifference. Several times he bowed to a chance acquaintance, whose upturned face he recognized in the crowd. At some of the specifications he nodded assent, at others he shook a scornful denial.

A brief and eloquent prayer was then offered by the Rev. Dr. Bunting. Ferguson's attitude during its delivery was that of solemn thought and reverent attention. His limbs were then bound together, the rope adjusted around his neck, the cap pulled over his face, and as the beautiful day was forever closed to his view, he only murmured, "The Lord God have mercy on my soul."

At twenty-five minutes of 12 o'clock the trap was sprung, and the prisoner dropped heavily on the extended rope. Two very slight convulsions were the only signs he gave of life or of the struggle in death, until his heart had ceased to beat. After hanging twenty-four minutes the cord was cut, and the earthly remains of Champ Ferguson were closed to the sight of man in the coffin awaiting their reception.

GENERAL KIRBY SMITH. The telegram which reported the killing of General Kirby Smith in Texas, was only the way that very mendacious thing, the telegram, had of stating the following:

New Orleans, Oct. 21.—Colonel Kirby, a prominent citizen of Texas, and a relative of Kirby Smith, was killed recently by the former's employes at Hempstead.

General P. Kirby Smith was, at latest accounts, in Cuba. Permission has been granted him to return to this country, and he is expected to arrive soon in Lynchburg, where his family are.

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GENERAL ITEMS.

The negro laborers in Jamaica are on the verge of starvation, owing to high taxes and other causes. They blame the Governor and his officers, who, fearing an outbreak, have dispatched two gunboats to that locality.

In Mobile a man has been buying C. S. \$1,000 bonds for a New York house for \$2 in gold.

A speaker at a recent Fenian meeting in Worcester mysteriously intimated that a Fenian on board the Great Eastern purposely damaged the cable, because he was determined that informers should not have the use of the cable until Irish independence is achieved.

A man named Harris has just walked one hundred hours in New Orleans—from Monday night to Friday night.

Brigadier General Jos. R. Hawley, chief of staff to General A. H. Terry, has just been breveted by the President.

A Montreal dispatch states that the Hon. J. M. Mason is expected to arrive in that city by the next steamer. On the books of the Don-gana Hotel are the following entries: Mrs. J. M. Mason, Miss V. Mason, Miss Ida Mason, Dr. and Mrs. H. Howard, and Governor Blair, of Michigan.

The oyster trade of Norfolk is getting to be quite an item. The Boston steamers on their days of departure take from twelve to fifteen hundred barrels, the New York steamers quite as many, and the Philadelphia steamers several hundred barrels. The two lines of Baltimore steamers take daily about one thousand barrels upon a fair average.

The Internal Revenue receipts Monday at Washington amounted to \$1,219,838 88.

The Montgomery Mail, of the 13th instant, says cotton was selling in that city for forty cents per pound, with a prospect of a further advance.

A lad who recently died in Goshen, Indiana, from the kick of a horse in the abdomen, lived twenty-six days without taking food of any kind.

Lieutenant Maury, recently naturalized as a Mexican citizen, has, by a decree dated the 19th of September been appointed an honorary Councillor.

We learn that the Richmond and Danville Railroad company intend as soon as possible, building a permanent and substantial bridge across the Staunton River, in the place of the one so recently washed away. A good idea.

THE CITY.

Persons in city and country are requested, at all times, to furnish us verbal or written information of any events of public interest which may transpire in their neighborhoods, or of which they may have knowledge.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.—Raleigh, October 25, 1865.—A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held Wednesday evening.

Present—C. B. Root, Mayor pro tem; Messrs. W. H. M. K. P. Overby, J. J. Overby, A. Creech, H. Mahler, W. R. Richardson, H. Poole, commissioners.

The committee appointed at the last meeting to devise ways and means to create a fund to pay the city watch and other expenses of the city, reported as follows:

We, the committee appointed by the Board of Commissioners to devise some way in which to raise a fund to defray the expenses of the city watch and other incidental expenses of the corporation, have had the matter under consideration and beg leave to report—

That they have had an interview with Gov. Holden and the City Attorney, and they give it as their opinion that the Board has the power to levy and collect a city tax in accordance with the charter of the city of Raleigh, for the year 1865. We therefore recommend that the Mayor pro tem. be authorized and requested to advertise by hand-bill and notice in the city papers, calling on the citizens to render a list of their city taxable property (with) and that the city collector proceed to collect said tax without delay, and that it is to be hoped that the tax payers will come forward and pay up promptly.

Which report was received and the committee discharged. A number of accounts were presented, read and allowed.

The following persons applied to be recommended to the county court as suitable persons to have license to retail spirituous liquors by the small measure at their respective places of business in the city, which was granted, viz:

E. Besson, near N. C. Railroad depot; Chas. L. Johnson, George Tenoskie, Alvin Upchurch, E. W. Hilliard, Wilmington street; Jas. Exum, Hillsboro street; F. C. Hunt & O'Daniels, N. Jolly & Co., Hargett street; G. W. Crockett, P. Donaghey, B. Golden, David H. Graves, Fayetteville st; Randall & Co., Exchange Hotel; Alonzo Fowler, Hargett and Wilmington sts; John Gallagher, Way Side hospital.

Dr. McKee offered the following ordinance, which was adopted: Be it ordained by the Board of Commissioners of the city of Raleigh, That all dealers in spirituous liquors shall close their houses at 10 o'clock, p. m., (duggists excepted) and no one of them shall be allowed to sell on the Sabbath; and any one failing to comply with this ordinance, on conviction before the Mayor, for the first offence shall be fined ten dollars, and for the second offence his license shall be taken from him.

On motion of Dr. McKee, C. B. Root, Esq., was appointed Mayor pro tem.

On motion, Messrs. W. H. & R. S. Tucker were appointed auctioneers for the city.

Freedman's Savings Bank.—We observe that in various portions of the South the freedmen are establishing savings banks under the auspices of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company. It is not our purpose to recommend any particular institution as a place of deposit; indeed it is no necessary to do so, the most and only important point being that the colored people exercise proper caution by making deposits only with responsible concerns. Really desirous of seeing this class of our population become prosperous and happy, we advise them to deposit their surplus earnings in some safe interest-paying bank. By such a system they may not only attain positions of comfort, but pecuniary independence. Besides, every step they advance in worthiness will elevate them in the estimation of the white race.

CLOSE OF THE SEASON.—The Opera Troupe, which has been performing at Market Hall under the successful management of Mr. O'Daniels, announce their farewell entertainment to come off next Saturday night. This is positive, and as the interval between this and that time is to be devoted exclusively to rehearsals of novelties, we presume their last will be the best entertainment. There is a heavy per centage of home artists in the troupe and concert folks ought to encourage them by filling the hall to overflowing.

From Raleigh the company will visit Louisburg, Oxford, Henderson, Warrenton, Weldon and many other points, and we promise our friends at the different points mentioned rare sport and fine music.

TO BE SUCCESSFUL.—We take it for granted—is the wish of every candidate in the present campaign. They must therefore supply the ammunition promptly to the scouts and we inform them that election tickets, in any quantity, from one to fifty thousand, can be printed at this office on the shortest possible notice. Price, one dollar per thousand.

Circulars, book work and all other jobbing done with dispatch.

A MATCH FACTORY.—By an advertisement to be found in another column, it will be seen that an enterprising firm, Messrs. Keenan & Welch, have established in Petersburg a factory for the manufacture of matches. It is a southern establishment and should be encouraged by the merchants and tradesmen of Raleigh, as well as others who favor domestic enterprise.

FOR THE COMMONS.—We unintentionally omitted to call attention, yesterday, to the fact that our distinguished fellow-townsmen, Kenneth Rayner, is a candidate for a seat in the House of Commons, from Wake.

UP AND AT 'EM.—D. A. Wicker appears in a card this morning as a candidate for the superior court clerkship of this county. He is very explicit as to whom he favors in the present knotty contest.

BRUISING.—Two negroes engaged in a bruising match in the vicinity of the market house, yesterday, but no damage was sustained by either belligerent.

The Mayor of St. Martha, Canada, was murdered recently in a house of ill fame there.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. GREAT SALE AT AUCTION.—BY B. P. WILLIAMSON & CO., AUCTIONEERS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS.

To close our consignments, we will offer at auction, in front of our store, on Friday next, the 31st instant, at half past ten o'clock, the following valuable articles: 1000 pounds prime Bacon Shoulders, 200 do do Lard in Kegs, 1000 do Superior Glass in Barrels, 500 do Rice in Sacks, 100 bush Rice White Meal, 150 do prime of Corn, 40 new Cast Steel Axes, 36 do polished Steel Spades, 10 dozen Padlocks, 50 do Tea Kettles, 5 do Wagon Boxes, 5 do do Kegs, 20 pounds No. 25 White, 10 dozen Carpenter's Pencils, 5 do Franklin Gridirons, 20 do Irons, 10 do Locks & Knives, 3 do Chest Locks, 10 do pairs Scissors, 3 do pairs Nippers, 2 do Coffee Mills, 1 cast-iron Hand Grind, 2 do Sherry Wine, 2 do Old Apple Brandy, 2 do Kizer Whisky (pints), 2 do Allsops Ale (quarts), 15 do Old Bourbon Whisky, 2 do Stoughton's Bitters, 2 barrels Bright Sorghum Syrup, 53 Grecian Goblets, 77 do do, 65 Tumblers, 4 Bowls and Pitchers, 4 Pitchers, 10 Sugar Dishes, 8 Cream Pots, 3 Gravy Tureens, 13 Lip Bowls, (yellow), 49 Shallow do, 11 Spit Pots, 27 W.G. Dishes, 38 B.E. do, 8 Salt Stands, 20 W.G. Bowls, 21 Steak Dishes, 6 Pickle Dishes, 4 do do White, 4 small Deep Dishes.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

TO THE VOTERS OF WAKE COUNTY.—I announce myself as a candidate for the office of Superior Court Clerk of Wake County, at the ensuing election on the 9th of November, and I respectfully solicit the support of the friends of the free press, and of the friends of the free press, and of the friends of the free press.

BAUGH'S RAW BONE SUPER-PHOSPHATE OF LIME. BAUGH & SONS, MANUFACTURERS AND PROPRIETORS, STOKES NO. 20 SOUTH DELAWARE AVENUE, Philadelphia.

MATCHES MATCHES. The subscribers desire to call the attention of Southern Merchants to the fact that they have just established in the city of Petersburg a factory for the manufacture of a superior article of

FOR NEW YORK DIRECT. MURRAY'S SEMI-WEEKLY U. S. MAIL LINE. THE FIRST CLASS MAIL STEAMSHIPS LOUISA MOORE, CHARLES BENTON, LUCY.

THE STEAMSHIP LOUISA MOORE, WOOSTER, Captain. Is now receiving freight at foot of Craven Street, and will sail on THURSDAY, October 26th, at 6 P. M.

GOODSPEED'S STEAMSHIP LINE. BETWEEN NEW YORK AND NEWBERN, NORTH CAROLINA. FOR NEW YORK DIRECT, The A No. 1 Steamship ELLEN S. TERRY.

E. A. WHITAKER, COMMISSION MERCHANT AND DEALER IN GROCERIES AND LIQUORS. KEEPS CONSTANTLY ON HAND A LARGE AND WELL SELECTED STOCK OF

Butter, Flour, Cheese, Tea, Lard, Coffee, Bacon, Sugar, Fish, Molasses, Wines, Liquors, Tobacco, Segars, Spices, &c. &c. &c.

He is constantly receiving consignments of goods from New York and other principal markets, and has excellent facilities for purchasing at the lowest rates at the articles enumerated.

EVERY NECESSARY. AS WELL AS THE LUXURIES OF LIFE. QUICK SALES AT SMALL PROFITS.

LADY'S OWN S. ORE, T. R. FENTRESS, OLD BRAND. No. 15 Fayetteville Street, Raleigh, N. C.

These goods were purchased during the recent fall of prices in Northern markets and consequently will be sold cheap.

SEE FOR YOURSELVES. COME ONE! COME ALL!