

Miscellaneous.

MODERN ENTERPRISE.

If in the course of the last twenty or thirty years, (says the Baltimore American) we have seen much folly and wickedness, we have also seen great virtue and talents displayed in almost every rank of life.

This spirit of enterprise has surprizingly extended itself in our quarter of the world. A man of business may now travel from Baltimore to Quebec, a distance of eight hundred miles, in about 8 days.

Nor is this noble spirit of enterprise dormant in Europe. It must be known to some of our readers, that about twenty-five or thirty years ago, the Hon. Mr. Phipps, in a voyage to Greenland, boldly penetrated to the 81st degree of North latitude, only 9 degrees from the pole.

Pyramids of Egypt.—These remarkable piles of stones constitute one of the seven wonders of the world. Science and superstition have been equally and industriously employed since the commencement of historical tradition, to explain the cause of their erection.

He rests his conclusions on the following facts: That the form of the Pyramids was sacred and mysterious. This he proves by the pyramidal stones sacred to the Sun, to Hermes, to the Paphian Venus, and, in modern times, to Brahma.

He proceeds with a just and sensible argument, drawn from the pyramidal temples of India. These temples, he observes bear the same external character, have similar internal passages, and yet no one ever imagined that these temples were mausoleums.

After detailing at some length the exoteric and esoteric rites of the ancient nations with a degree of erudition which does him credit, he proceeds to a full description of rites to the peculiar form of the pyramidal recesses.

Valuable Fish Pond.—A place called the Otter Pond, in Long Island, has a communication through a meadow, cut in 1783, with the salt water. The object was to make a fish pool, and it has abundantly succeeded.

their seal appears, which required handles 26 feet long; and the first day it was ascertained that they caught more than one hundred dozen, and I presume in the course of two days after, they caught as many more—say 1900 dozen, or 21,600 as good eels as ever were caught.

Irish Steam Packets.—The new Dublin and Holyhead Steam Boats are going on prosperously. At the commencement, the wheel machinery, which was not sufficiently strong, was repeatedly out of order, and great prejudice was excited, by one of them putting back when two-thirds across the channel on its very first strip; but for many weeks past, the boats have gone regularly, and have made safe and expeditious passages, although the weather has been more boisterous than almost ever remembered.

The placards exhibited at the Post-office in Dublin, that such a paper has obtained a priority of intelligence by the steam packets, are proofs of their utility. By one of these boats the victory of Lord Exmouth was known in Dublin several hours sooner than it otherwise would have been; and only last week, the Hibernia, which is the name of one of them, took over 16 cabin passengers.

FROM THE CONNECTICUT JOURNAL. "I love to laugh—Never was a weeper." The following Curiosities are to be seen at the Cave of the CRANIUM CLUB, being a part of a very extensive Cabinet owned by said Society:—

One of the rams horns sounded at the siege of Jericho.

A brick from the tower of Babel, on which is a fac simile of the Primer then in vogue.

A piece of a petrified stump from the garden of Eden.

Nimrod's bow and one of his arrow's poisoned by the juice of the Bohon-Upas, which proves the antiquity of that tree.

The Teraph from Southey's Domdaniel Cavern.

A line-pin from one of Pharaoh's chariot wheels, found in the body of a codfish caught in the red sea.

A Mummy from Egypt, which beats the Kentucky mummy all to rags.

King Cyrus' Punch Bowl, found several feet below the surface in the Caliph of Bagdad's garden, filled with ready made punch petrified.

A pair of Whiskers found in the great Desert, supposed to be Esau's.

A piece of petrified Corset, found in the valley of Sorek, supposed to belong to Delilah. (The remainder from a gentleman in town.)

A machine for restoring and reconciling rejected lovers, approved of by George 3d.

Amicus Feminae Optimus, or an African Corsetting Mill for grinding up scandal and awl-blades, envy and cork-screws, tattling and wagon spokes, and mysteriously uniting them so as to produce ready-made Corsets for the use of the Fair.

A MS. Discourse, supposed to have been delivered by the Hon. S—l W. D— before the Directors of the Bank of the United States, shewing the advantages of making Waterbury a port of entry for Middlesex county, with a plan of Middletown and its lately acquired environs.

A manuscript Petition, intended to be presented to his R. H. the Prince Regent, shewing satisfactory causes for removing the Royal Observatory from Greenwich, to the hill near D. Hubbard's, Esq. in Middletown, on account of its being a more central place.

A medal struck in honor of Toleration—on the one side an inverted Pyramid, on the other a ship at sea without a rudder, inscribed on both sides with the words Chancel.

By order of the prince— KELLIOGOROSKI, Sec'y. Sec.

\* This alludes to the location of the branch Bank of the United States, at Middletown, instead of New-Haven or Hartford, a location which of course the people of those two places think very injudicious.

Of a valley Farmer and a Baltimore Flour Merchant; shewing how country notes may be made better than city notes.

A few weeks back, a farmer, Mr. Conrad, who resides near the town of— in Franklin county, carried to Baltimore market a bag of flour. Though honest Conrad drove his own team, he was by no means deficient in natural shrewdness, and possessed also too much spirit ever to be driven himself into any measure, of which he did not approve.

The flour being unladen, Conrad went to look after his horses, while the merchant hugely delighted with the idea of having overreached the simple farmer, went to look for the notes; but he found not what he sought for, and after spending two hours or more in vain search, traversing the town in every direction, running to and fro through every street, alley and corner, applying for exchange of paper to every broker and every huckster, he is compelled to return without being able to procure more than two solitary five dollar bills of the bank, in which payment was stipulated to be made.

Being thus disappointed he reluctantly proffered payment in Baltimore notes, which Conrad of course declined to receive; saying "I always loves my own dear little childrens better than the childrens of other people, and I likes too the notes of our own good little Banks at home better than the notes of other places, and would as leave have them as Specie."—What was to be done! The country notes were not to be had, and the merchant by his own folly in disparaging them had got into a difficulty from which nothing could extricate him but the accommodation of the farmer.

"NEIGHBOUR, go thou, and do so likewise." How comes it that all our farmers do not follow the example of Conrad? A few more Conrads and a little more reflection and good management on the part of Farmers and wagoners, and we should soon hear no more of two per cent. or even one per cent. discount on country notes.

Andover Theological Seminary.—At the beginning of the present year, sixty seven gentlemen were preparing at Andover for the sacred offices of the Christian ministry.—The scholars are divided into three classes—three years being the time allotted for the completion of their studies.

FROM THE WILKESBARRE DEMOCRAT. A Beet.—The subscriber flatters himself that he has outgeneralled all the gardeners in the United States of America, by the simple production of a small seed Beet, which he set out last spring, which, after the ill treatment from the frost, drought, and other enemies which it met with, yielded me seven quarts and one gill of clean seed, which at the low price of six cents per gill will bring me three dollars and forty cents. If I should improve this seed in the same way, and by the same yield, the second crop will bring me 7644 bushels and 27 quarts, and that will bring me \$416,994. I wish the reader to keep this a secret till I can make a market for the third crop of seed which will bring me \$13,530,374,857,600,000, then I shall be able to run all the banks in the United States, besides have bushels enough to load all the ships that sail on the ocean.

STEPHEN WILSON.

MEDICAL COLLEGE Lottery,

Now drawing regularly, every Monday, Wednesday & Thursday, in the city of Baltimore,

THE SPLENDID CAPITALS Still in the wheel, 30,000 Dollars 20,000 Dollars 10,000 Dollars 5,000 Dollars

TICKETS may be had at the Minerva Office, if speedily applied for.—There are not two blanks to a prize.

SHOCCO ACADEMY.—Having heard that reports are in circulation in some of the counties below, that the number of Students at this Academy is complete, and that the Subscriber will take no more Students to board with him, I take the liberty of informing the public that all such reports are entirely unfounded.—Although the flourishing state of the school is likely to exceed the expectations of its friends, Students will continue to be received; ample accommodation being provided, both for the school and boarders; and measures have been adopted for rendering the institution in every point of view respectable.

PIANO FORTES.—Two, of superior quality, for sale. A. LUCAS.

BLANKS OF EVERY KIND FOR SALE HERE.

FIFTY DOLLARS REWARD.—Stop the Murderer!—On the night of the 24th November, 1816, broke gaol in Concord, Cabarrus county, North-Carolina, a man by the name of David Binning, about 30 years of age, 6 feet high, light yellow hair, fair complexion, speaks a little, and has something of a down look. The above reward will be given to any person who shall secure said Binning, so that he can be brought to justice.

J. McCLELLAN, Saff. 91—3t. 8, Raleigh, Feb. 28, 1817.

NOTICE.—Is hereby given, that at the last term of the court of pleas and quarter sessions, for this county, the subscriber qualified as administrator of the estate of Mrs. Margaret Casso, deceased. All persons, therefore, having claims against said estate, will present them within the legal time, or they will be barred of recovery; and those who are indebted in any manner are requested to make immediate payment.

A. LUCAS, Admr. 91—3t. NORTH-CAROLINA, Superior Court of Law, Fall Term 1816. John Corzine vs. Mary Corzine his wife—Petition for Divorce.

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that the Defendant Mary Corzine is not an inhabitant of this State, it is therefore Ordered and Decreed that publication be made for three months in the Star and Minerva of Raleigh that the Defendant Mary appear at the next Superior Court of Law, to be held for the county of Cabarrus, at the Court House in Concord on the seventh Monday after the fourth Monday in March next, then and there to plead, answer or demurr to the said petition, or that the same will be heard ex-parte. Test JAMES YOUNG, Ck 90—3mlp.

STATE OF N. CAROLINA, November Term, 1816. Samuel Archibald's Administrators, vs. William Archibald.—Original Attachment, levied, &c.

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the court, that the defendant, William Archibald, is not an inhabitant of this state, it is therefore Ordered, That publication be made three weeks, in the Raleigh Minerva, that unless he appear at our next Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, to be held in Statesville, on the 3d Monday in February, 1817, and plead or reply, a judgement will be taken against him for the plaintiff's demand. Test, JOHN NISBET, C. C. 87—3t.

RUNAWAY.—Made his escape from the subscriber, on Wednesday evening last, A NEGRO MAN, named JACK, about 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, 30 years of age, walks somewhat as if he had been crippled, and is remarkable about the ears and nose, having had the former pinched off and the latter much scarred.—He ran off about the 4th day of January last, from Mr. John M'Leod, of Johnston, and had been put in Hillsborough Jail, from whence I was taking him home. Any person arresting said negro man and lodging him in any Jail shall be handsomely rewarded by me who will pay all necessary expenses. NICHOLAS LYNCH. 89—3tp.

SALE OF LOTS.—By virtue of a deed of Trust, executed to secure Wm. Scott, the subscriber will offer at public sale on the premises, on Friday the 28th instant, the HOUSE and LOTS, No's 107 and 123, late the residence of Geo. Hall deceased, and that part of LOT No. 145, on Market street, whereof the said Hall formerly had a bake house.—Terms will be made known on the day of sale. BEV. DANIEL, Trustee. 88—ts. Raleigh, Feb. 6, 1817.

FOR SALE.—The LOT on which I reside, consisting of rather more than 2 acres of ground, with a pleasant dwelling house, and necessary out houses. The situation is highly eligible for a private family. SAMUEL GARLAND. 88—t. Raleigh, Feb 5th, 1817.

HOUSE OF ENTERTAINMENT.—The subscriber informs the public that he has opened a HOUSE OF ENTERTAINMENT, at the sign of the CROSS KEYS, west of the state-house, on the corner lot where he lived for seven years. He hopes to be well fixed, in a few weeks, to accommodate as many as may be pleased to call on him; good rooms and beds are provided; and due attention will be paid to render satisfaction to travellers and others, on as reasonable terms as any in this city, 8 or 10 students will be accommodated on fair terms by JOSIAH DILLIARD. 85—tf. Raleigh, January 15th, 1817.

JAMES SEAWELL has now on hand, and for sale by the piece, package, &c. only, a quantity of WHITE NORTHERN HEMPSPUN, suitable for negro shirtings; COTTON BAGGING; Wool HATS; SUGARS; COFFEE; RUM; BAR-IRON; MOLASSES; SLIT NAILS, 4, 6, 8 and 10d; and 12d BRADS—and expects, in a week or two, a few packages of DRY-GOODS, suitable for the spring sales. Cash given for COTTON and TOBACCO of good quality, or in exchange for the above articles. From the reduced price of these articles, country merchants will find it to their interest to enquire after them, and farmers, wanting family supplies, also. Fayetteville, Jan 7 84—4t.

ENTERTAINMENT, at Salisbury, North-Carolina.—The subscriber informs his friends and the public, that he has opened a HOUSE OF ENTERTAINMENT (on his own account,) at the large and commodious stand, occupied last year by Torrance & Slaughter, where he is well provided with every accommodation necessary for travellers and others who may favor him with their custom. His stables and hostlers are inferior to none in the state; and the superior size of his house will enable him to accommodate comfortably four or five families during the summer season; and he does not doubt they might find a few weeks residence in this healthy Town very pleasant. His tables will at all times be furnished with the best of meats and vegetables, for the season, and the most choice wines, to which will be added his personal attendance. WILLIAM H SLAUGHTER. 86—3t. Jan. 14, 1817.

N. B. For the convenience of travellers printed bills from Salisbury to any part of the United States will be furnished gratis. W. H. S.

TO TRAVELLERS.—The subscriber informs the public that he has commenced running a Stage between Raleigh and Salisbury, 120 miles. The passage is quick and only runs in the day time. The places of stopping are at the best houses on the road. Passengers can be well entertained on very moderate terms. Persons who wish to save the expense of a horse may inquire at the Post-Office, where they may get a passage for seven cents per mile. SAMUEL ASTON. 87—4t. Randolph County, Jan. 18th, 1817.

THOS. W. & JOHN SCOTT, respectfully inform the Public, that having removed their STORE to the house lately occupied by Mr. Charles Stuart, and added largely to their Stock of Goods, they can now present to their friends one of the most complete and elegant assortments ever exhibited in this place. They solicit a call, and pledge themselves to sell at the very lowest prices possible. Raleigh, Jan. 31st. 87—4t.

MILITIA LAWS.—The revised edition for sale at this office.