

RICH AND ANOMALOUS CORPORATION.

The British East India Company, according to recent and authentic documents before us, now rules, directly or indirectly, an empire of 1,500,000 square miles, with a population of more than one hundred and sixty millions.

The East India Company, at date of last report, consisted of 1,750 stockholders, privileged to meet in general council. The holder of \$5000 of stock has one vote; \$15,000 two; \$30,000 three; and of \$50,000 four; provided always he has been in possession of the same twelve months.

The employees of the Company are divided into five distinct classes: civil, clerical, medical, military and naval; comprising nine or ten thousand persons. The salaries of the principal officers are as follows: Governor General, \$125,000, perquisites \$200,000, etc. etc.

In striking contrast with these salaries is the pay of the native soldiers, (sepoys) 54d per day, from which it would appear far better to be Governor General of India than a sepoy.

Territorial aggrandizement is an established principle of this anomalous corporation. The domain acquired the last few years, during the administration of Marquis Dalhousie alone, comprises many thousands of square miles—whole empires rather—adding 4,250,000 pounds sterling, \$21,400,000, as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Location and Amount. Includes Punjab (\$7,500,000), Pegu (1,350,000), Nagpore (2,650,000), Oude (7,000,000), Satarah (730,000), Shousi (250,000), Hyderabad (2,500,000).

Of the revenues of the East India Company, the land tax is most productive, the annual income from that alone being \$75,000,000. Next in importance are the revenues from the opium trade, of which the Company enjoys a monopoly.

The native population are engaged in its cultivation wherever it will grow; the East India Company reap the profits. But it is out of this—a trade condemned by native and foreign writers alike—that they have grown most of their difficulties in the East.

The standing military force of this powerful company is about 300,000 men, European and natives, the former the flower of the British army.

CAPE FEAR AND DEEP RIVER NAVIGATION COMPANY.—The stockholders in the above company convened in regular annual meeting this afternoon, at Commissioners' Hall, in this place.

CONFESSION OF A WIFE MURDERER.

Burning of the body by the husband. We stated a few days ago that Return J. M. Ward had been convicted at Toledo, Ohio, of the murder of his wife. He has since, it appears, made a full confession of the horrible deed to the Editor of the Toledo Commercial, from which journal we copy it:

CONFESSION.—On Tuesday evening, Feb. 2d, Mrs. Ward and myself had some words, during which she struck me on the head with a fluid lamp, also on the right side of the nose, causing it to bleed freely. I begged her not to strike me, took the lamp away from her and went to bed. We arose between six and seven o'clock on Wednesday morning, when I spoke to her about the how she had given me, showing her where she had struck me the evening before, also the blood on the bolster and tick.

After she was dead I wrapped her head in a petticoat and drew the body under the bed, to conceal it in case any one should come in. About half past eight o'clock Wm. H. Nathan, a mulatto boy, came to the door with some milk; came into the shop, took the milk from him and he left.

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A HOMICIDE.—On last Sunday morning, a free negro named Lockler, was found dead about eight miles North of Lexington, North Carolina, shot through the breast, John Shoaf has been arrested on suspicion, and is now in jail.—Greensboro Patriot.

"LOOK OUT FOR SPIES."

Under the above caption the Camden Journal cautions the Southern public against a class of persons who are frequently traveling throughout the South, and who, hailing from the North, may properly be regarded with suspicion.

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JAMES BUCHANAN TO PHEBE WEBBER.—The Frankfurt, Ky., Yeoman publishes the following tribute from the President of the United States to Mrs. Phebe Webber, of Wayne county, Indiana.

"WHEATLAND, Pa., Dec. 12, 1856. My Dear Madam:—I have received your favor of the 5th inst., with the mittens you were kind enough to send me.

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EXTRAORDINARY STRENGTH.

The Troy Times of the 6th recounts a singular trial of strength, which took place in that city on Saturday evening between James Madison "the cast iron man," and Professor Carl, the "strongest man in America."

Previous to the trial, Prof. Carl gave an exhibition of magic and ventriloquism, performed his celebrated guitar and drum solos, balance sixteen chairs upon his chin and performed other feats calling for an exercise of strength.

Mr. Madison had done. He then took the large flint stones which had been rejected by his rival, and hammered them to pieces, signaling his performance by cracking in two a flag stone about large enough to serve as a stepping block for a door.

Mr. Madison was then called out by the audience, and requested to give an account of himself. He excused himself in the matter of the stones by saying that his rival was in constant practice, while he had not broken a stone for a year.

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HINTS TO PLANTERS.

It is to be feared that the present high prices of cotton may lead the planters of the South into a great error, viz: The direction of all their energies, the present year, to the production of the staple, to the neglect of the breadstuffs crops.

Let planters recollect this, and not be led astray by the temporary inflation of prices. We are candid to state our belief that gotten will continue to command a good price, but not high enough to justify people in running wild in its production—a state of things that is sure to bring about the revolution in value which they so much deprecate.

We learn that there was ice in Houston on Monday morning, an eighth of an inch thick. Every green thing we are told, has been killed. We have had but little information beyond Houston; but there is said to be no doubt that nearly all the crops in the country have been destroyed, so far as they were out of the ground.

A few weeks ago an old gentleman and his lady were coming down from Iowa city to Davenport, when the cars were crowded. A young man got up and gave the old lady a seat, while his companion, another young man, remained steadfast, and let the old gentleman stand.

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WALL-PAPER POISONING.

Dr. Hinds of Birmingham, has lately called attention to a method of accidental arsenical poisoning, which should be generally known, and from which he was himself the sufferer.

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LIST OF LETTERS Remaining in the Post Office at Charlotte, N. C., on the 1st day of April, 1857. Includes names like Keithen, Geo T; Alexander, John M; Brown, J. C; Blair, Mrs A J; Banker, W S; Blackwood, J; Brantington, Saml A; Bennett, Wm H; Black, Samuel; Black, James S; Bennett, Jesse; Bincade, W W; Bright, D W; Black, Absolem; Barkerville, C; Barham, Mrs Elizabeth; Black, William B; Baunders, M; Cochran, Miss Sarah; Cox, David; Cobbell, Catharine; Cooper, J M; Campbell, Job A; Cook, Albert; Camp, Yardey; Chadwick, John R; Cooper, Hugh; Cunningham, Robt; Carter, Thos K; Carson, Wm H; Cochran, Wm H; Caldwell, Sims W; Cathey, G C; Carter, Michael; Cooper, Wm; Colales, Proctor B; Crawford, Martin; Crook, Henry; Campbell, James P; Council, James W; Carr, Cynthia or Margaret A; Caldwell, Mrs R J; Cooper, John J; Neel, Andrew; Donian, Thomas; Division, Meeklen; Burgess of T; Dixon, William W; Duke, R T W; Davis, Sidney; Davis, Mrs Louisa; Davis, Sarah M; Davis, David C; Earhart, H C; Edson, F M; Edwards, E S; Eanes, Thos B; Edwards, B F; Ervin, Miss Mary; Elms, A A; Eagle, John; Fraser, Joseph C; Fraser, Miss M J; Freeman, Ramsen H; Farrow, John; Fulham, Saml C; Freeman, Miss Louisa; Flannigan, J N; Fuller, Bartholomew; Naires, Miss W E; Gillesp, Michael; Glenn, Mrs Mary; Garth, Mrs Wm; Garrison, Henry; Griffith, James; Grant, G D; Gibson, Henry M; Greenwell, John; Glover, A B 2; Griffith, Miss Jane P; Gillaspay, Patrick; Galloway, Caroline; Gassaway, C; Gales, D; Griffin, John; Griffin, Benj B; Gunn, Oliver; Gray, James B; Gleason, Joel H; Garrison, Harvey; Henderson, L B Q; Taylor, Robert F; Hipp, Mrs Mary C; Hollingsworth, M & P; Howie, W L; Hoover, T M; Hornets' Nest Division S of T; Hamilton, Jacob; Hundley, Ellen A; Houver, Miss Jane; Hazel, Henry; Hunter, W M; Hayes, S L; Hunter, Joseph; Hatcher, W J; Henderson, Jas P; Hutchison, John; Hicks, George; Hannon, Martha; Howie, John; Houie, James H; Hunter, A B; Hudson, Mrs Mary; Houston, Miss Eliza A; Harris, Charles; Hodges, G W; Harris, S H; Ingrave, Dr John M; Irwin, John F 2; Jamison, John R; Jerden, G; Johnston, I F; Johnston, A P; Johnson, A P; Jourdan, Annias; Wolf, E B; Whisnant, Isaac I; Watson, Miss Mary C; White, Mr 2; Williams, Mary L; White, Col J W 2; Woodward, Harry; Whisnant, Perry; Whisnant, Ep; Wallace, Wilson 2; Watt, Rev John; Wilson, J M; Walker, Robert M; Wilson, Leroy; Williamson, J R 2; Wallace, L Mathew; White, Samuel; Watson, Monroe; Williams, Campbell; [& Co., Messrs; Weaver, Solomon; Wallace, Allen W; Wilson, J C; White, Miss Matt E; Wilborn, F M 2; Wallace, Miss Mary; Washman, A; Wilson, C L G; Wiles, Miss Margaret; Young, Edward; Young, Miss Mag J; Young, Edward; P. M. ROSS, P. M.