

Presbyterian and Episcopal Churches.

We commend to the attention of our readers the extracts from the letter of the Rev. Washington Baird, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Spartanburg, South Carolina, addressed to the Hon. L. M. Keitt, on the subject of the Presbyterian Church of the United States and Slavery.

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HILLSBOROUGH, N. C. Wednesday, October 10, 1855.

Orange County Agricultural Society. At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Agricultural Society for Orange County, the following Committees were appointed:

Of Crops.—Col. Cad. Jones, Chairman; Catlett C. Tinnin, John U. Kirkland, Dr. Richard Blackhall, and Thomas D. Oldham.

Stock, Horses, Jicks, and Mules.—Dr. E. Strudwick, Chairman; John Lockhart, Dr. Pride Jones, James S. Leathers, and C. M. Latimer.

Cattle, Swine and Sheep.—Harrison Parker, Chairman; George C. Ray, Edward Mallet, George Mebane, and John N. Clark.

Agricultural Implements.—John B. Leathers, Chairman; James P. Clark, Rev. A. Currie, William J. Bingham, and Lemuel Wilkerson.

Saddlery, Tanning and Shoe making.—William H. Brown, Chairman; John F. Lyon and Alex. Dickson.

Vehicles and Cabinet Work.—Rev. Thomas Lynch, Chairman; John Wilkerson, Alex. Anderson, Robert F. Webb and Nelson P. Hall.

Household.—Rev. A. Currie, Chairman; Thomas D. Oldham, Thomas Wilson, William W. Guess, Mrs. Alexander Dickson, Mrs. James N. Clark, Mrs. Nat. Bain and Mrs. Nancy Turrentine.

PROMOTION IN THE NAVY.—The Washington papers publish a list of promotions to fill the places of the officers dropped, furloughed, &c. They are, 36 Commanders promoted to be Captains, 75 Lieutenants to be Commanders, 2 Masters to be Lieutenants, 159 Passed Midshipmen to be Lieutenants, and 18 Passed Midshipmen to be Masters.

COL. WHEELER'S SLAVES.—We are glad to see that a suit has been commenced in the U. S. District Court of Pennsylvania, against Passmore Williamson, for the value of Col. Wheeler's negroes, taken from him in Philadelphia.

A SINGULAR RAILROAD ACCIDENT occurred at Boston on Thursday. One of the early trains was approaching the depot; the locomotive and tender were unhitched at the usual place, for the purpose of being run upon a side track, and allowing the cars to pass into the depot.

DISTRESSING OCCURRENCE.—At New York, on Tuesday, Coroner Kidder was called to hold an inquest upon the body of the wife of Mr. John Lewis, who came to her death under the following circumstances: Mr. Lewis, her husband, had for some time been ill with fever, and occasionally delirious.

THE REWARD OF MERIT.—As we expected, in the case of Clark, tried for the deliberate and premeditated murder of Willard W. Wight, at New Haven, the jury, on Thursday last, brought in a verdict of acquittal, on the ground of insanity.

FRIGHTFUL TAXATION.—The amount of taxes for all purposes in the city of Brooklyn is \$1,352,247, or one hundred and sixty two cents on every hundred dollars.

FACTS TO BE NOTED.—From the time, says the Mobile Advertiser, that Willard Fillmore became President of the United States to the day that his administration closed, he never appointed a single Abolitionist, Free-soiler, or secessionist to office.

PARTY AND SECTARIAN STRIFE.—Dr. Bryant, of Philadelphia, one of the noble volunteers now at Norfolk, in a letter to the Pennsylvania Inquirer, after referring to the scenes of sorrow and distress caused by the epidemic, adds:

Party strife is rampant through the land, and while politicians are foliowing their avowed shroud, here in the city of Philadelphia, Catholics and Protestants, men of the North and men of the South, peacefully and harmoniously

Size of the Russian Fleet Destroyed at Sebastopol.

According to the Courier des Etats Unis, the Russian flag counted at Sebastopol, in the month of September, 1854, seventeen ships, 5 of 120 guns, the remainder of 84 guns; four frigates of sixty guns; four corvettes or brigs; twelve steamships; and eighty-two ships of inferior rank; in all 108 ships, carrying 2,200 guns. This colossal armament was destroyed by the Russians themselves, to prevent it from falling into the hands of their enemies.

EXTENSIVE ROBBERY.—Two boxes have been received here from the Land office, in Dubuque, Iowa, purporting to contain \$25,000 each in gold. When the boxes were opened, they were found to contain bullets on layers of sheet lead. The boxes were received through the American Express Company.

MAIL ROBBERY.—A man named George Knight, post-master at Dryden, (N. Y.) has been committed to jail in Troy to answer a charge of stealing \$100 from a letter received at that office.



ANOTHER ARRIVAL FROM EUROPE.

The American mail-steamship Pacific arrived at New York yesterday with London and Liverpool dates to the 22d ultimo.

No new movement of importance had taken place in the Crimea. The Allies were beginning to occupy the town of Sebastopol, and had blown up the greater part of its southern fortifications left standing by the Russians.

Nothing decisive is known in regard to the next move of the Allies. The retreat of the Russians to Perkop is contradicted. It was not expected, however, that they would be able to hold the north of Sebastopol, their supply of provisions being deficient.

There is more talk about Austria's negotiations. The Emperor of Austria has congratulated Queen Victoria and Louis Napoleon on their late victory.

The Turks still hold Kars, having repulsed the Russians on the 7th of August with considerable loss, the Russians retiring to Ezeroum.

There is no later news from the Baltic.

DETAILS OF THE FOREIGN NEWS.

THE FALL OF SEBASTOPOL. The English journals generally regard the success of the allies against Sebastopol as complete enough for all useful purposes.

The Paris Boats contain the following notes, on the present occupation of the allied army, from the pen of Col. St. Ange:

It has been asked if Sebastopol is tenable, so long as the Russians remain masters of all the forts on the north side, which line the sea in front of the town? Undoubtedly; it may be held in spite of this. It is true that the occupation of the north by the Russians prevents our entering the roadstead and the port.

LOSS OF THE RUSSIANS AT SWERBORG. A letter from an English merchant at Eslinore, who has received letters from Russian merchants at Helsingfors, states that the loss sustained by the Russians in the late bombardment of Swerborg is enormous. The three-deck and two-deck ships which were moved across the passages were severely