

THE MUSE.

FROM THE PITTSBURGH STATISMAN. COMPARISONS. Man like the lion walketh forth, In strength and majesty: Woman, in robes of beautiful worth, Comes softly gliding by. Man, deeds of greatness boldly dares, Confiding in his power: Woman, the creature of her fears, From public notice covers. He nobly stiles abroad; In suffering, woman patient waits— She loves the family board. Man, logic's powerful weapon wields, Conviction in his arms; With woman all things else must yield, To soft persuasion's theme. Man's heart is rugged as the thorn Which decks the mountain side; As lambskins on the dew lawn, 'Tis woman's to confide. 'Tis man's his nervous arm to lend To shield from mis'ry's dart; 'Tis woman's o'er grief's couch to bend, And soothe the aching heart. Through fields of science and of lore, Man speeds his pleasant way; 'Tis woman's far aloft to soar, In taste and fancy gay. Proud man, the work of STOUT skill, In reason does outvie; Sweet woman ever will excel, In sensibility. The scales of justice firm are held, In man's impartial hand; The goddess MERCY, sweetly veild, To woman gave her wand.

FROM THE FRANKLIN GAZETTE.

Improvement on the death of Lord Byron. On BYRON'S Urn a double scroll Of praise the muse indites; The sigh from every noble soul, The smile from hypocrites: Of men by fellow-men revered, What more hath each adorn'd, Than by the basest to be feared, And by the brightest mourn'd! I weep thee not—let Him recall Who lent the light—a ray, Too rich 'illume this sordid ball, Of kings and priests the prey. To thy lov'd Greece thy heart be given, Thy faults ' oblivion hurl'd; Thy spirits claim a kindred heav'n, Thy fame a raptur'd world.

DESULTORY.

The Rattlesnake in the Alexandria Museum, shed his skin yesterday; and if there can be any beauty in a reptile, he now presents to the sight, one in nature's gayest dress—the richest black silk velvet, embroidered with gold is but a faint comparison. This animal has been kept in the Museum approaching two years, and this is the second time he has shed his skin, and is by far more brilliant now, than last season: And in a few days his beauty, like a rich flower, fades away. He has with him in the same cage, as a companion, a frog, which he will not injure, although he will destroy others of the same kind. They both dwell together in harmony.

A new American Play, entitled "Black beard," has been published in North Carolina, by the Hon. Lemuel Sawyer, late a Member of Congress from that state. The scene is laid in Currituck county, (N. C.) and its aim is to satirise electioneering chicanery, and to ridicule the credulity of avivice. It abounds in allusions to the hobbies of the times, and particularly to the practice of treating at the polls, and the depreciation of the currency of N. Carolina. We entertain no doubt but this play will be played off to some advantage at the next general election of this state. City Gazette.

Lead.—A communication from Dr. Gates, of Yonkers, of Westchester county, N. Y. states that a lad of 13 years of age in that town, indulging the practice of chewing lead shot, swallowed some of the pieces, and was made seriously sick by the poison. After a severe sickness of five days, and by the application of every active means for four days more, he succeeded in relieving him, and his patient was recovering.—N. Y. Daily Advertiser.

Baron Humboldt lately communicated to the Academy of Sciences, intelligence from Messrs. Boussingault and Rivero, two learned travellers in South America. They had analysed an aerolite of several thousand pounds weight, found near St. Rosa, and spoke of having seen a rapite or lump of pure gold weighing 190 lbs. They have also determined the existence of sulphuric and muriatic acids in a stream which flows from a volcano near Possayan. French paper.

BY AUTHORITY.

An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to exchange a stock, bearing an interest of four and one half per cent. for certain stocks bearing an interest of six per cent.

BE it enacted by the Senate and house of representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, empowered to borrow, on or before the first day of April next, on the credit of the United States, a sum not exceeding four millions of dollars, or interest, payable quarterly yearly, not exceeding four and one half per centum per annum, and reimbursable at the pleasure of the government, at any time after the thirty-first day of December one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, to be applied, in addition to the moneys which may be in the Treasury at the time of borrowing the same, to pay off and discharge such part of the six per cent. stock of the United States, of the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve, as may be redeemable after the first day of January next.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Bank of the United States to lend the said sum, or any part thereof; and it is hereby further declared, that it shall be deemed a good execution of the said power to borrow, for the Secretary of the Treasury, with the approbation of the President of the United States, to cause to be constituted certificates of stock, signed by the Register of the Treasury, or by a Commissioner of Loans, for the whole, or for any part thereof, bearing an interest not exceeding four and one half per centum per annum, transferrable and reimbursable as aforesaid, and to cause the said certificates of stock to be sold; Provided, That no stock be sold under par.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That a subscription, to the amount of fifteen millions of dollars, of the six per cent. stock of the year one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, be, and the same is hereby, proposed; for which purpose, books shall be opened at the Treasury of the United States, and at the several Loan Offices, on the first day of July next, to continue open until the first day of October thereafter, for such parts of the above-mentioned subscription, as shall be made on those of the Treasury, and on those of the several Loan Offices, respectively; which subscription shall be effected, by a transfer to the United States, in the manner provided by law for such transfer, of the credit or credits standing on the said books, and by a surrender of the certificates of the stock so subscribed.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That, for the whole or any part of any sum which shall be thus subscribed, credits shall be entered to the respective subscribers, who shall be entitled to a certificate, or certificates, purporting that the United States owe to the holder, or holders, thereof, his, her, or their assigns, a sum, to be expressed therein, equal to the amount of the original stock thus subscribed, bearing an interest of four and one half per centum per annum, payable quarterly, from the thirtieth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, transferrable in the same manner as is provided by law for the transfer of the stock subscribed, and subject to redemption, at the pleasure of the United States, as follows: One half at any time after the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, and the remainder at any time after the thirty first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three: Provided, That no reimbursement shall be made, except for the whole amount of such new certificate, nor until after at least six months' public notice of such intended reimbursement. And it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be re-transferred to the respective subscribers, the several sums by them subscribed, beyond four per cent. stock, issued to them, respectively.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That the same funds which have heretofore been, and now are pledged, by law, for payment of the interest, and for the redemption or reimbursement of the stock which may be created or subscribed by virtue of the provisions of this act, shall remain pledged, in like manner, for payment of the interest accruing on the stock created by reason of such subscription, and for the redemption or reimbursement of the principal of the same. It shall be the

duty of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to cause to be applied and paid out of the said fund, yearly, and every year, such sums as may be annually warranted to discharge the interest accruing on the stock which may be created by virtue of this act. The said Commissioners are hereby authorized to apply, from time to time, such sum and sums, out of the said funds, as they may think proper, towards redeeming, by purchase or by reimbursement, in conformity with provisions of this act, the principal of the said stock, in such proportion as may be necessary, and wanting, for the above purposes, shall be, and continue, appropriated to the payment of interest and redemption of the public debt, until the whole of the stock which may be created under the provisions of this act, shall have been redeemed or reimbursed.

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed in any wise to alter, abridge, or impair, the rights of those creditors of the United States who shall not subscribe to the loan to be opened by virtue of this act.

Approved: Washington, May 19, 1824. An Act to regulate the fees of the Registers of Wills in the several counties within the District of Columbia.

BE it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled, That, from and after the passing of this act, there shall be allowed, and paid, (in lieu of the fees now allowed,) to each of the Registers of Wills, for the counties of Washington and Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, the following fees; that is to say:

- For every probate of will, (where there is no controversy,) one dollar;
For granting letters testamentary, seventy-five cents;
Annexing wills, for one hundred words, twelve and one-half cents;
Registering the same, for one hundred words, twelve [and] a half cents;
For granting letters of administration, seventy-five cents;
Every bond taken of executors, administrators, or guardians, and recording the same, one dollar and fifty cents;
For suing and entering renunciation of executors, or widow, twenty-five cents;
For exemplification of letters testamentary, or letters of administration, under seal, one dollar;
For issuing warrants, under seal, to appraisers, and warrants to swear them, fifty cents;
For notice of administrators to creditors, and orders thereon, fifty cents;
For entering caveat, 25 cents;
For issuing citation, under seal, fifty cents;
For administering every oath, or affirmation, six and one-fourth cents;
For filing list of articles appraised, twenty-five cents;
For filing list of articles sold at vendue, twenty-five cents;
For recording the same, (if ordered by the Court,) for every hundred words, twelve and one-half cents;
For stating, passing, and filing the accounts of an executor, administrator, or guardian, not exceeding seventy-five items, three dollars; every additional item, two cents;
For examining the vouchers [vouchers,] passing, and filing the account of an executor, administrator, or guardian, (not stated by the Register,) and not exceeding seventy-five items, two dollars; every additional item two cents;
For copy of same, under seal, if demanded, not exceeding one hundred items, one dollar; every additional item, two cents; seal and certificate, thirty-seven cents and one half;
For subpoena, thirty-seven cents and one-half. All witnesses to be put into one subpoena, unless separate ones are required by the party. For every name after the first, six cents and one-fourth;
For duces tecum, under seal, fifty cents;
For every search, where no other service is performed for which fees are allowed, eighteen cents and three-fourths;
For making out, and filing, the balance of distribution of deceased persons' estates, for each heir, one dollar;
For taxing all costs, in any one case, twenty-five cents;
For a writ of execution, on a definitive sentence, under seal, seventy-five cents;

For recording, and filing, each indenture of apprentice, including the Court's taking recognizance for the same, or its approval when done by the Justices of the Peace, seventy five cents;

For drawing deposition of witnesses, for every hundred words, twelve cents and one-half;

For filing all other papers, (except as above required,) four cents each;

For entering appearance of party under process, twelve cents and one-half;

For entering return of process, twelve and one-half cents;

For every continuance or reference, chargeable to the applicants, twelve and one-half cents;

For commission to examine witnesses, or auditors, under seal, one dollar;

For commission to value orphan's estate in the hands of guardians, under seal, one dollar;

For entering every order of Court, twelve cents and one-half; if more than one hundred words, then, at the rate of twelve cents and one-half per hundred;

For recording or copying any paper, for one hundred words, twelve cents and one-half; seal and certificates, thirty-seven cents and one half;

For filing petition or report, and entering the same on record, (if necessary) fifty cents; if more than one hundred words, at the rate of twelve cents and one-half per hundred;

For entering judgment, or rule of Court, twenty-five cents; copy of same, if demanded, for every hundred words, twelve cents and one half; seal and certificate, thirty-seven cents and one-half;

For entering every motion in Court, twelve and one-half cents.

For entering appointment of guardian, with certificate and seal of said appointment, one dollar; every additional word included in the same certificate, twelve and one-half cents;

For issuing attachment and entering motion therefor, seventy-five cents;

For taking a recognizance, twenty five cents;

For warrant to marshal to summon jury, under seal, seventy-five cents;

For entering panel of jury, and swearing them, fifty cents;

For taking, filing, and recording, every bond not above provided for, one dollar;

For passing an account against the estate of a deceased person, twelve and a half cents; to be paid by the applicant, and not to be refunded.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the respective officers, whose fees are by this act specified, are hereby required to make fair tables of their fees, agreeably to this act, and to set up the same, in their respective offices, within six months after the passing of this act, in some conspicuous part of their office, for the inspection of all persons who may have business in said offices; on pain of forfeiting, for each day the same shall be missing, through said officer's neglect, the sum of ten dollars, to be recovered as debts of the same amount are recoverable, one half to the county, and the other half to the informer.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That, if a Register of Wills, or any person for him, shall take greater fees than herein before expressed, such officer shall forfeit and pay the party injured fifty dollars, to be recovered as debts of the same amount are recoverable. Provided, always, That the judges of the Orphans' Court may allow to the Register of Wills, reasonable fees for any service he may have rendered, not specified in this act.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the Registers of Wills of the Counties of Washington and Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, shall be allowed by the Levy Courts of their respective counties, for all record books and dockets necessarily furnished for their respective offices, which allowance shall be levied and collected as others county charges are.

Approved: Washington, May 26, 1824. An Act to alter the Judicial districts of Virginia, and for other purposes.

BE it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the following counties in the State of Virginia shall cease to be a part of the Eastern Judicial District of Virginia, and shall be added to, and form a part of, the Western District, that is to say: the counties of Botetourt, Rockbridge, Alleghany, Bath, Pendleton, Augusta, Rockingham, Shenandoah, Frederick, Jefferson, Berkeley, Morgan, Hampshire, and Hardy; and that, in addition to the terms of the District Court now holden in the Western District, the Judge of the said Western District shall hold two terms in each year, at Staunton, in the county of Augusta.

levies; and that the Marshal of the District of Columbia shall collect and account for the levies so laid by said court, in the same manner, and at the same time, as the Sheriffs of Virginia collected and accounted for the levies made by the aforesaid county courts of Virginia, in the aforesaid county, twenty-seventh day of February, one thousand eight hundred and one.— The Marshal of the District aforesaid, shall pay over the amount, so collected, to the order of the Levy Court aforesaid.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That any seven Justices of the Peace in the county of Alexandria, aforesaid, who shall be duly qualified, shall be a quorum for the transaction of all business appertaining by law to the Levy Court aforesaid.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the Orphans' Court of the said county of Alexandria shall, hereafter, be held at the court-house, in the town of Alexandria, so soon as a suitable room shall have been provided, on the public square on which said court house stands, for safekeeping of the records of said Orphans' Court. The said Orphans' Court shall hold its sessions on the first Monday of each month, and may adjourn to any day, for the purpose of transacting the business of said Court: Provided, That the whole number of days of the session of said Court shall not exceed four in any one month.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That the Register of Wills for the county of Alexandria aforesaid, shall, within two months from after the passage of this act, give bond and good security, payable to the United States, in the penalty of five thousand dollars; which bond shall be conditioned for the due and faithful performance of the duties of his office, as prescribed by law; which bond shall be renewed once in every five years thereafter, and shall be approved by the Orphans' Court; and shall be recorded among the records of the Circuit Court of the District of Columbia, for the county aforesaid; an official copy of which bond, duly certified, shall have the force and effect of the original, in all suits brought on said bond.

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Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the terms of the Courts in the said Western District shall be held on the days and at the places hereinafter mentioned, viz: at Staunton, on the second Mondays in April and September; at Wythe Court House, on the third Monday in April and September; at Lewisburg, on the fourth Mondays in April and September; and at Clarksburg, on the fourth Mondays in May and October, in each year.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That, if the Judge shall not attend on the first day of any Court, such Court shall stand adjourned; from day to day, for three days, if the same cause continue; after which time, if the Judge still fail to attend, the Court shall stand adjourned until the first day of the next term.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That the Judge of said Court shall have power to hold special sessions, at his discretion, at either of the said places.

Washington: Approved May 26, 1824.

The Militia Laws, REVISED and published this year, under the direction of the Adjutant General, and comprising all the laws passed by the General Assembly relative to the militia, up to this date, for sale at the office of the Western Carolinian.

Sheriffs' Tax Deeds. DEEDS for land sold by Sheriffs for arrears of Taxes, for sale at the 'Carolinian' office.

Sheriffs' Deeds, FOR land sold by order of writs of vendition exponas, for sale at the printing-office.