

The Legislature of Ohio, at their last session, passed a law, taxing Lawyers and Physicians in a sum not less than five nor more than fifty dollars per head, as the Court of Common Pleas in each county in their discretion might levy. The Court in Cincinnati ordered five dollars to be levied and collected from each one, which has been the occasion of a very large meeting of the two professions in Cincinnati. The meeting in an able report, pronounced the law to be unconstitutional, and have determined to resist the payment of the tax until a decision can be had by the Supreme Court.

The Senate of Tennessee, now in session, has rejected a bill for the establishment of a Penitentiary in that State.

The author of the "Funch Light," is said to be Mr. Gayser of St. Louis.

**British Extravagance.**—The Duke of Devonshire, British ambassador to Russia, gave a splendid fete at Moscow in honor of the coronation of the emperor of Russia, which cost, it is said, \$250,000. Men of all nations were present, many of them glittering in gold and silver, ribbons and crosses. Some thousands of tapers shed a brilliant light over three rows of tables, at which upwards of 500 persons sat down at once to supper. The ball room was 60 feet long and 30 wide, richly decorated, and lighted up with hundreds of wax lights and chandeliers. Here the emperor and empress, dukes and dachesses, ambassadors and courtiers, Europeans & Asiatics, danced and revelled until 3, and some of them until 7 o'clock in the morning. The American minister among the guests. *Hampshire Gazette.*

**Lotteries in England.**—We learn from the Boston Daily Advertiser that the last lottery authorized by the British government was to be drawn on the 18th of October; and that it had been absolutely determined that this should be the last of lotteries in that kingdom.

**Amateur.**—The young ladies at the Bethlehem school, Pa., wishing to demonstrate their profound respect for Mrs. Adams, the president's lady, have presented to her "a specimen of ornamental ribbon work," and Mrs. Louisa Catharine Adams has expressed her admiration of the work, and returned her "grateful thanks for the honor thus conferred" on her.

**Strange apple tree.**—Mr. Sylvanus Harris, Jr. of Vernon, Vt. publishes the following in the Brattleboro' paper: "I have an apple tree that blossomed in May, June, July, August, September and October last, and had six growths of apples, as many of my neighbors will attest to. The first growth came to maturity like other apples; the other growths had no seeds in them, but grew as fast as any apples."

**European Slavery.**—Many millions of the peasants of Austria and Russia are in a state of slavery. They are bound to live and labor and die where they were born, and are bought and sold with the estate of their lords. We learn that lands in Russia and Russian Poland are not sold according to their extent, but according to the number of peasants which are attached to them. The question is, not how many acres an estate consists of, but how many serfs are there on it. In Volhinia, Podolia, and the Ukraine, the lands sell at the rate of 800 francs (150 dollars) for each serf attached to the globe.

**FAYETTEVILLE, DEC. 13.**  
**The Cotton Market.**—The accounts from Europe by the packet ship York, are unfavorable, and have occasioned a considerable decline here. We now quote at 8 1/2 to 9 cents. It is supposed that a much greater number of bales has been sold here than has ever been known thus early; and it is still coming in in large quantities.

**Negro Dick** was hanged near the jail in this town on Saturday last. We understand he evinced great firmness and resignation, and that he confessed his guilt of the crime of which he was convicted. When first let off, the rope broke, and he fell; but another being procured, he ascended by a ladder, and was then launched into eternity. We learn that a large concourse of persons, male and female, old and young, white and black, were present, many of them from Sampson, from whence the culprit was brought.

**N. Carolina Notes.**—In New York, 2 1/2 to 3 per cent. discount. Philadelphia, 2 1/2 per cent. Norfolk, 2 1/2 to 2 1/2 per cent. Richmond, 2 1/2 to 2 1/2 per cent. Petersburg, 1 1/2 to 1 1/2 per cent. Charleston, 1 1/2 to 2 per cent.—at the latest dates.

**Speaking of Gen. Washington's** remarkably muscular strength, P. Henry used to mention, that the General once threw a dollar, from the bottom of the chasm under the Natural bridge, on to the bridge, a perpendicular height of 212 feet. Mr. Henry said, that none of the other numerous attempts to do this, ever succeeded. *Boston Gazette.*

**EPISCOPAL CONVENTION.**

The General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, was held lately in Philadelphia. In the House of Bishops, there were present, eight Prelates, including every Member of the Bench, with the exception of one, said to have been detained by sickness. There were clerical and lay Deputies from fifteen of the States. The National Gazette says: "The Convention was opened with divine service, and a sermon by the Bishop of South Carolina, Mr. Bowen.

The subject which almost exclusively occupied the two first days of the session, proved at last to be, in the opinion of the House, entirely extraneous to its proper sphere of power and duty. It was a proposal, by a reverend gentleman from South Carolina, to receive, under the patronage and protection of the Convention, an Association for the purpose of printing and disseminating standard and theological books. The usefulness of the design was generally, perhaps universally, admitted, but the expediency and propriety of the Convention's adopting it, although maintained with ardor and eloquence, by the reverend proposer especially, and a few other gentlemen, were negatived by a majority.

The next object of attention was the report of a committee appointed at the last Convention, to prepare a compilation of Hymns, for the use of the churches. A question arose upon the propriety of introducing so great a number—some of which were alleged to be exceptional, in doctrine as well as dress,—without a further opportunity for examination and criticism. A constitutional point, supposed to be involved, was also raised, and argued with ingenuity on both sides, viz: whether it was competent to the House to adopt them at this Convention, or their duty to leave them for the final consideration and decision of the next? They had received the sanction of the House of Bishops, and all objections being overruled, they were adopted by the deputies, and consequently have the entire sanction of the Convention, according to the constitutional construction of the majority.

A proposition from the Bishops, to introduce alterations in relation to the proportions of scripture, and the psalter, in the daily services, in the office of Confirmation, &c., with a rubric to enforce the use of the ante communion service, as it is called, presented a theme of discussion most ardent and animated, and of the longest continuance. The alterations were adopted by the vote of a large majority; but they remain to be finally accepted or rejected by the next Convention, after they have been made known to the State Conventions, according to a wise and prudent provision of the constitution of the church, intended and well calculated to produce deliberation, and prevent hasty measures, in concerns of grave and lasting importance.

**Dunning Justified.**—A certain old Roman used to say, that good debts became bad ones by not being called for.

At the Belvedere, N. J. Over and Terminer, one Mr. Adam Cool was convicted of an assault upon one Catharine Berry, and fined one dollar, and costs. The assault consisted in putting his arm around her neck, and kissing her. Now, we think this was a very warm act for Mr. Adam Cool.

A vein of **TOPAZ** has been found in Connecticut. The crystals hitherto found are sometimes of a reddish yellow; but generally colourless.

**Rats stuffed with Gold, or the Robbery of the Russian Mint.**

When Alexander, the Emperor of Russia, was in England, and viewing the mint, he observed there was no preventing the robbing of the mint in his country, for they used every precaution—the workmen came in naked, worked naked, and went out naked, notwithstanding it was pilfered; when it was discovered that the men killed the rats and stuffed them with gold, which they threw over the wall, and after finishing their work, took the seasoning forthwith; and thus robbed the State.

**MR. MONROE'S CLAIMS.**

Mr. Monroe has published a Memoir on the subject of his claim on the United States, in which he urges anew his title to compensation for extraordinary expenses and services in Europe. It is an interesting paper. From the following extract, it appears that Mr. Monroe was present in Paris at a most interesting crisis of the French Revolution, and was an eye witness of the attack on the sections which Barras directed, and in which Bonaparte distinguished himself, at the commencement of his career.

"I was the first minister who had been presented to the Republic; had beheld three great movements against them—those of Germinal, of Prairial, and Vendemiaire—in the latter of which Barras commanded the National Guard, and Napoleon Bonaparte acted under him. This occurred at the moment when the convention was engaged in the act of

transferring the government from the Directory and to the 100 Councils. I was in the Hall of the Convention just before the attack commenced, and escaped from it at the moment and under the guidance of some of the members, who led me through the Council, by the cannon, whose muzzles were pointed bearing up towards the street windows, where those of the section were posted, and lighted against them. I had scarcely passed the latter, when the attack commenced, at about four o'clock, P. M. and which continued till ten at night. No other witness of our Union held the same relation to them."

**JUDGE MURPHY'S LOTTERY.**

We have been advised from Wilmington that, owing to a failure on the part of some Agents to report the number of tickets sold, the Commissioner has been compelled to postpone the drawing a few weeks. Tickets are coming in every mail, and a public lottery was entertained, that the drawing would commence early in January. All persons having tickets for sale in this Lottery, are requested to transmit, immediately, to Mr. James Webb, of Hillsborough, a list of the tickets which remain in their hands.

On Sunday, the 17th inst. the Reverend JONATHAN O. FREEMAN, late Pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Salisbury, preached his valedictory sermon to the people in connection with that church, preparatory to entering on the discharge of his labors as Principal of the High Acad. in, to which situation he has lately been elected; on which occasion, a very numerous auditory attended divine service. His sermon, both in matter and manner, was affectionate and pathetic; and evinced the evangelical goodness of the speaker's heart, the fervor of his piety, and the sincerity of his concern for the future well-being of the people lately under his charge.

So affecting was the address that the eyes of nearly the whole assembly were suffused with tears. This fact, alone, is powerfully evincive of the affectionate regard cherished by our citizens for their late amiable Pastor—and, moreover, it furnishes a pleasing evidence, that the apostolic labors of that gentleman, have been eminently instrumental in sowing out a great moral and religious reformation among us.

We but faintly respond to the voice of a large community, when, in the sincerity of our heart, we pray that temporal peace and competence, and the benedictions of heaven, may be vouchsafed to this holy apostle of God, whatsoever his destiny may lead him,—cheering his walk, and assuaging the work's cares and perplexities, during the remainder of his earthly pilgrimage.

**SWARRICK.**

In this town, on the 21st inst. by Wm. H. Horah, Esq. Mr. Francis Pinkston to Miss Sarah Buns.

In this county, on the 7th inst. by R. N. Fleming, Esq. Mr. Arthur Neely to Miss Isabelle Welch, daughter of Mr. John Welch, all of this county.

In Orange county, on Sunday the 2d instant, Mr. John Steel, aged 14 years, to Miss Nancy Woody, aged 30 years!

**DIED.**

In Montgomery county, on the 24th ult. Mrs. Nancy Crump, consort of Mr. Stephen Crump, in the 37th year of her age. Also, on Rocky River, on the 11th inst. Mrs. Sarah Smith, relict of John Smith, Esq. aged 62 years. Also, in Montgomery county, on the 17th inst. Miss Polly Rice, daughter of Mr. Thomas Rice, aged 25 years.

In Rutherford county, on the 9th December, Isabella Goforth, wife of Preston Goforth, in the 43rd year of her age. In her death, society has lost a valuable member, her husband an affectionate companion, and her eight children an indulgent parent, to lament their irreparable loss. Also, the same evening, and within one half mile of the same place, Rebecca Watson, wife of William Watson, about 70 years old. She has left a husband, eight children, and a number of relations, to lament their loss. She was long a professor of religion, in the Presbyterian order, and her pious walk leaves no doubt of a happy change. [CONTRIBUTOR.]

**The Markets.**

**FAYETTEVILLE PRICES, Dec. 13.**

Cotton, \$8 50 a 9 00; flour, fine, 5 a 6, superfine scarce, \$6 a 6 1/2; wheat, \$1 a 1 1/2; whiskey, 45 a 50; peach brandy, 60 a 75; apple do. 45 a 50; corn, 50 a 70; bacon, 14 a 15; salt, urks Island, 85 a 90 per bush.; molasses, 40; sugar, muscovado, 11 a 12; coffee, prime green, 18 1/2; 2d and 3d quality, 16 a 17; tea, hyson, \$1 20 a 1 30; flaxseed, 60 a 75; tallow, 10; beeswax, 26 a 27; rice, 50 to 4 per 100 lbs.; iron, 5 a 6, pr. 100 lb.; tobacco, leaf, \$4 a 4 1/2; manufactured, 3 a 20 pr. cwt.

**CHARLESTON PRICES, Dec. 11.**

Cotton, S. Island, 1 a 2 1/2; stained do. \$8 10 Maine and Santee, 16 a 19 cts.; short staple, 9 a 10 1/2 cents; Whiskey, 42 a 45 cents; Bacon, 14 1/2; Hams, 11 a 11 1/2; Lard, 9 a 10; Bagging, Dundee and Inverness, (42 inch.) 22 a 24; Coffee, Prime Green, 18 1/2 a 19 Inf. to good, 13 to 16. North-Carolina Bank Bills 1 1/2 to 2 per cent. discount; Georgia do. 1 to 1 1/2 do.

**Cottons.**—In Uplands, the business done was fair, demand being good. The stock is light, our Rivers being so low, as not to admit its coming to market freely. The inquiry this week has been principally for fine qualities, middling qualities rather more neglected. We continue quotations (9 a 10 1/2), though a few lots, fancy brands and of superior quality, have been sold at a 1/2 to 1 cent above our highest quotation—we quote nothing above common price.

**Flour.**—In this article, there has been no material change, we quote the best at 6 a \$6 1/2 by small parcels, large lots probably would not command over \$6. A large lot Baltimore wharf Flour was sold at \$5 1/2.

**Bagging.**—Considerable has been done in this article, at 22 to 24 cents.

**GREENSBOROUGH ACADEMY.**  
The course of instruction in our academy, which was closed on the 15th inst. by the presence of the Synod on the studies of past session, will be resumed on the 1st of January next. There are two sessions in the year, one of two weeks in the latter part of December, and one of four weeks, commencing with the first of June.

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