

THE COMMISSION.

If President Hayes can do no better for the country than get up a powerless and unauthorized Commission...

We can only see a "wooden horse" in a commission with such members. A commission of statesmen animated by the highest motives of honor and patriotism...

AN INTERESTING CORRESPONDENCE.

One of the acts by which the paternal government has endeavored in the past to increase the loyalty of the South...

The following decidedly rich correspondence is good reading for the times. That Pennsylvania Don, we doubt not, wished in his heart that he had not sent that brief letter of Jan. 26...

WAR DEPARTMENT.

To the Governor of the State of North Carolina: Sir—I respectfully request that you will furnish this department with a complete set of the reports of the Adjutant-General of this State for the years 1861-6 inclusive...

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

To the Honorable J. D. Cameron, Secretary of War: Sir—Your letter, asking me to furnish you with a complete set of the reports of the Adjutant-General of this State for the years 1861-6 inclusive, has been received...

PAROLE.

Parole has been asked again to return them or to obtain copies for the State archives, which has been persistently refused. My predecessor, Governor Worth, on one occasion sent a special messenger to Washington with an urgent request to be permitted to make a copy of a letter from those books...

SO IN OUR OWN TRUST WORTHY TABLE OF VERY OLD PEOPLE WE SCORE TWO FOR THIS COUNTY IN NORTH CAROLINA...

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in which they considered their rights and honor to be involved. I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant, Z. B. VANCE.

THE LATE BENJAMIN JOHNSON.

We begin to believe that the papers have at last found one very old man, who had passed his hundredth year considerably. There was no record of his birth, but there are facts and incidents that go to establish his very old age.

There have been tens of thousands of Methodist preachers and but one centenarian among them all. In England, where the birth record of children is preserved, it is extremely rare to hear of a person as old as one hundred years—probably not over one in thirty millions.

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"One circumstance fixed the memory of the passage of the British troops very firmly in the mind of young Benjamin, so firmly in fact that it remained fresh till the day of his death. It was this: When the British were passing his father's, in all the pomp and circumstance of glorious war, young Ben came out to the road to meet them, dressed in the long shirt worn by boys in those days, until they were nearly grown. His father, unfortunately for Ben, was that day splitting and drawing hoop poles, and being an ardent rebel himself, he designed as the reward to his boy, when he took in the long shirt of the enemy. So, as soon as they had passed, he took one of his hoops, and not allowing the long shirt to be much in his way, he proceeded to take the admiration for British soldiers out of young Benjamin."

The editor of the Gleaner, writing to his paper from Pittsboro, adds the following interesting account of Mr. Johnson:

"Physically he was a very powerful man, and weighed as much as two hundred pounds up to his death. His habits were temperate, never using tobacco in any way, taking his drink regularly, though never known to be drunk. His life was one of activity and industry, and in all the heavier labors of the farm he was said to have had no superior. A few, if any, equals. When he was rather an old young man he married a young girl, about 1800, and with her lived up to 1865, when his wife died in her eighty-fourth year. Her age was accurately known. This couple, who for so long a time lived together, had nine children, and the confident opinion is that he was one hundred and fifteen."

"The children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren are scattered over the State, and how many there are, and their whereabouts are unknown. The old man Ben's grandson is stepping around quite active, bragging about his own grandchild. 'Only a short time ago the old man was able to mount his horse and ride to Egypt, a distance of six miles.'"

"He was always a good Democrat, and went regularly to elections, which he doubtless contributed much to that quietness of conscience and peace of mind so essential to long life. He was one of the few old people who have no doubt that the age of this old man at the time of his death was at least one hundred and ten years, and the confident opinion is that he was one hundred and fifteen."

THE MECKLENBURG DECLARATION.

The engraving of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, which has recently been published by Mr. Samuel Pearce, of Charlotte, is really handsome. It is an engraving 20x24 inches in size, with a likeness of Gov. Vance in the center, and the names of the signers at the bottom.

Probably the oldest lawyer in the world is Eibert Herring. He was born on the 8th of July, 1777, at Stratford, Conn. He was admitted to the bar in 1799, and made a Judge in 1805. He was the first Register in the State of New York. It was in his office that Charles O'Connor studied law.

POLITICAL POINTS.

The infamy of Bradley makes all good men decline the honor of the Commission. Speaking of Hayes' attempt to build up an administration party, the Chicago Times early remarks: 'It isn't the first time that a miracle has attended the judicious distribution of the loaves and fishes.'

Chamberlain is on his way to Washington. As Mr. Macbeth remarked to Mrs. Macbeth, 'My dearest love, Duncan comes here tonight.' Mrs. M. 'And when goes hence?' The raven himself is hoarse that croaks the fatal entrance of Chamberlain—Gazette.

The true inwardness of this southern commission business and this invitation of Chamberlain and Governor Hampton to Washington is that the administration is being built up by Republican Senators from South Carolina and Louisiana.

Now that Hayes is backing down from the southern policy which he had announced, Matthew and Foster begin 'to wheel about, and turn about, and do just so.' They are already trying to explain away the pledges they gave the southern leaders as being merely the expression of personal beliefs, meaning nothing.

A gentle hint to Packard and Chamberlain: Don't stand on the order of your going, but go on time. Nobody wants you who can help you; and if you don't go soon, the order of your going may be inconveniently hurried some fine morning by the sudden appearance of bayonets from about the temples now defiled by the last run of carpet-baggers. Go!—Philadelphia Times.

TWINKLINGS.

A South Carolina man's nose was kicked off by a cow. A chair of homeopathy is to be established in the Iowa State University during the Summer.

During 1876, the sugar export of Porto Rico amounted to 729,000 tons, against 50,000 tons in 1875, 34,000 tons in 1874, and 16,000 tons in 1873, thus showing an increase of nearly 350 per cent. in the four years.

"Mamma," said a little girl to her mother, "do you know how I get in bed quick?" "No," was the reply. "Well," said she in great glee, "I step one foot over the bed, and then say 'Rats!' and frighten myself right in."

The editor of the San Francisco Post has been shown a monster egg, which weighed 34 pounds and measured in circumference 24 inches. It was grown at Riverside, San Bernardino county, upon the grounds of G. W. Garcelon. The tree which produced it is just four years old.

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PERSONAL.

San Francisco has thirty millionaires. Sunset Cox is now lecturing in Georgia. Five members of the Cabinet are Free Masons.

Grant was so dead in Washington that he had to hunt up the old army officers to bid them good-by. The President has been invited to go to Long Branch, but he will probably send a commission.

The marriage in Vienna of Miss Mamie Beale, daughter of our Minister to Austria, with M. Bakmetiev, lately the Secretary of the Russian Legation in Washington, who is enormously wealthy, has just been announced.

The Roman Catholic peers in England now number exactly three dozen, including one duke, two marquises, seven earls, four viscounts, twenty-one barons, and one countess in her own right; in addition to which there are forty-seven Roman Catholic baronets.

Baltimore has a resident princess. She is a daughter of King Louis of Bavaria and Lola Montes, and she calls herself Princess Editha Soleda, Baroness of Rosenthal, Countess of Landfeldt. She has a large income, lives luxuriously, is thirty years old, and is a widow. Her husband was Count Messant of France.

DRAMATIC AND MUSICAL.

Mme. Adelina Patti is engaged for forty representations next winter at the Theatre Italien, Paris. Hanslick, the famous Austrian critic, says that Nilsson is not only the best but the only Opella living, just as Patti is the only Rosina.

Wagner lost \$80,000 in gold by his performance last year at Bayreuth, notwithstanding the enthusiasm of the sons of Fatherland for "the music of the future."

Mme. Jenny Van Zandt, (Vanzini), the American prima donna, is at Milan with her daughter, Marie, aged sixteen, who is studying for the operatic stage, under Lamperti and we are informed, predicts for her a brilliant career. Her debut is expected to take place in the spring of 1878 at one of the opera houses in London.

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