Raleigh Register.

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 1829.

University.—To promote the cause of Literature, and to give additional interest to their Anniversary Examinations, the Students of our University entered into a Resolution, in 1827, to invite some individual, who has been a regular member of one of their Literary Societies, annually to deliver a Public Oration. It will appear from a notice in to-day's Register, that Professor HOOPER has been appointed by the Dialectic Society, for this purpose, and has consented to officiate. The high reputation of this gentleman as an elegant writer, will, no doubt, ensure a numerous assemblage of visiters. We wish that our literary men would consider it a duty incumbent on them to attend our University Commencements. We are confident nothing would be more gratifying to the Faculty, nor could any reward for industrious application be given, which would prove so acceptable to the youthful votaries of science.

The Directors of our State Bank have appointed Col. *Isaac T. Avery* to close the business of their Office of Discount at Morganton, in the place of Col. *William Erwin*, resigned.

The Gold Region.—Few persons not residing in the immediate vicinity of the Gold Mines of this State, have any adequate conception of the extent of the operations which are carried on for procuring the precious metal. In this section of the State, the people talk of the Gold Mines, but they have a very imperfect idea of them, and but little knowledge of the vast sums which they annually yield. They have heard of individuals digging for Gold, but they have taken up the impression, that the same amount of labor, directed with the same zeal to the cultivation of the soil, would create a quantity of produce of greater value in the market. They are not aware that science and skill have been put in requisition, and that a system has been adopted for working the Mines, which ensures regular profits, and renders them extensively productive. It is true, the great *desideratum* of labor-saving machinery has been but recently put into successful operation, and is confined as yet to water and horse power; but preparations are making for that of steam, also, which will greatly facilitate the process of obtaining the Gold, and enhance its profits. Already there are several companies from the North and South engaged in the business, and we have recently heard of the formation of a company in Baltimore, with a capital of $50,000 for working a Mine in Cabarrus. Indeed, monied men from every quarter of the Union, are purchasing up land, for which they pay extravagant prices. Foreign capitalists have not thought it beneath their attention to visit the Gold Region, for purposes of speculation; one of whom informed us, a few days since, that he had just returned from a visit to the South-American Mines, and that those of North-Carolina greatly exceed them in richness.

In the county of Mecklenburg alone, it is believed, the amount of Gold dug from the bowels of the earth, *in each week*, produces $2,000. And it is nothing uncommon for the merchants of the town of Charlotte, when they go on to make their purchases, to carry with them from 10 to 40 pounds of the precious metal. It can easily be imagined what life and activity is infused into every department of business, where the only Bank which is required to relieve the wants of the people is *a bank of earth.*

To such of our citizens as have the ability and leisure for making summer excursions, we would recommend a trip to the Gold Country. The Superintendants of the Mines are obliging and communicative, the citizens are proverbial for their hospitality, and the salubrity of the air is equal to any in the world. A few days spent in personal examination will give an individual a more thorough insight into the manner of obtaining the Gold, than volumes of description.

We are not without hope, from some recent discoveries, that Gold will yet be found in this (Wake) County. The first discovery of it was made in Cabarrus, and confined to that County for many years. The limits within which it was then supposed to be embraced, have continually been enlarging, as people have been led to search the country for it. It has been subsequently found in the counties of Rutherford, Burke, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Anson, Davidson, Montgomery, Randolph, Caswell, Guilford, Orange, and very recently in Chatham. Is this not sufficient to warrant an examination of the more central counties of the State, there being nothing in the structure or composition of the Gold Formation to forbid the belief of its existence in them also?

A pamphlet has been published in N. York, accompanied with a map, furnishing a sketch of the geographical route of a Great Rail Road, by which it is proposed to connect the canals and navigable waters of the States of New-York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, and the Michigan, North-west, and Missouri Territories; opening thereby a free communication, at all seasons of the year, between the Atlantic States and the great valley of the Mississippi.

Whitfield.—The Editor of the Newburyport (Mass.) Herald, in noticing important repairs recently made to a church in that town, says:—"A marble Monument, the liberal gift of William Bartlett, Esq. to be erected in a place left vacant, over the remains of Whitfield, is now nearly finished, in Philadelphia, after a design of Strickland. It is said to be a beautiful piece of workmanship. An inscription, in Roman letters, on a marble tablet, let into the face of the pulpit, explains the design of the Monument."

It is said, that General SCOTT has been discharged by President JACKSON from the suspension to which he was subjected by Mr. Adams; and that he has been furloughed until the 15th of December next. In the mean time, he will join his family in France.

On Wednesday last, says the Georgetown Columbian, we learn that Mr. John H. Henshaw, a Clerk in the Fourth Auditor's office, put a period to his existence, by cutting his throat from ear to ear. The verdict of the jury was, that the act was committed during a fit of mental derangement. Mr. H. was a gentleman of dignified manners and fine literary taste.

After a violent contest, Mr. Newton has been re-elected to Congress, from the Norfolk District, Virginia, by a majority of 15 votes over his opponent Geo. Loyall.

Governor *Houston* of Tennessee has resigned his office, in consequence, as he says, "of sudden calamities with which he is overwhelmed." By the provisions of the Constitution of Tennessee, in case of the death or resignation of the Governor, the Speaker of the Senate succeeds him. Accordingly, on the 16th of April, General *Hall* of Sumner county, Speaker of the Senate, took the oath of office and is now Governor. We have no clue in Governor Houston's letter by which to discover the nature of the calamities to which he alludes.

Crescit eundo.—The work of "Reform" seems but to have begun at Washington. In addition to the victims of proscription announced in subsequent columns, we learn from the Intelligencer by the mail of yesterday, that *Thomas Munroe* has been removed from the office of Postmaster at Washington, to make way for Dr. *William Jones*, of the same City, a staunch Heroite. The former gentleman has enjoyed, in uninterrupted succession, the unbounded confidence of every President, from *Washington* to the present incumbent, and his character is beyond the reproach of even the basest calumniator. But he was guilty of the "damning sin" of preferring Mr. Adams to Genl. Jackson for President; and though in the opposite scale were placed a long life of faithful public service, and honorable private repute, it weighed not a feather in his favor.

We regret exceedingly to see that Mr. *Van Buren* has abandoned the noble views which it was said he entertained with regard to this proscriptive policy. But so it is, that he is the first of the officers of the Government who has set the example of removing from office, Clerks in the Department over which he presides, for their opinion's sake. On Tuesday afternoon, *Philip R. Fendall*, *Thomas L. Thruston* and *Wm. Slade*, received from the honorable Secretary information, by letter, that their services would be dispensed with from the first of next month.

We have since heard that Mr. Watkins and Mr. M'Cormick, in the same office, have received their dismission also, and that the axe is sharpened for still busier work in other Departments of the Government.

Vicissitude of Climate.—There was a fall of Snow at Richmond, on Saturday the 25th of April.

The *Secretary of the Treasury* left this city on Saturday morning, on a visit to Pennsylvania, for the purpose of making arrangements for the removal of his family to the Seat of Government.

Mr. Dickins, Chief Clerk of the Department, has been appointed by the President, Acting Secretary, during Mr. Ingham's absence. *Nat. Intelligencer.*

Progress of "Reform."—The following appointments have, we understand, been made by the President:

Samuel Swartwout to be Collector of the Customs for the port of New-York, in the place of *Jonathan Thompson*, removed.

Mordecai Manasseh Noah, Surveyor and Inspector of the Customs for the port of New-York, in the place of *Peter Stagg*, removed.

William King to be Collector of the port of Bath, Maine, in the place of *John B. Swanton*, removed.

James A. Hamilton to be Attorney of the United States for the Southern District of the State of New-York, in the place of *John Duer*, removed.

John M'Lean, of New-York, to be Secretary of Legation to Great-Britain in the place of *William B. Lawrence*, removed.

Pierce A. Barker Collector of the Customs for the District, and Inspector of the Revenue for the Port of Buffalo Creek.

William H. Hurst Receiver of Public Moneys at Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Thomas R. Johnson Collector and Inspector of St. Mary's Maryland.

A. S. Thruston Collector and Inspector Key West.

William Baldwin Surveyor and Inspector New Haven.

Joseph R. Larwill Receiver of Public Moneys at Tiffin, Ohio.

Joseph S. Lake Register of the Land Office at Wooster, Ohio.

Thomas Hood Register of the Land Office at Zanesville.

David C. Skinner, Receiver of Public Moneys at Marietta.

John D. Wolverton Receiver of Public Moneys at Vincennes.

James B. Gardner Register of the Land Office at Tiffin, Ohio.

Robert Rogers Receiver of Public Moneys at Opelousas.

Andrew Mack Collector and Inspector at Detroit.

Henry V. Low Survevor and Inspector, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Martin Gordon, Collector at New Orleans.

Peter K. Wagner Naval Officer at New Orleans.

Robert F. Canfield, Appraiser of Goods at New Orleans.

Sheldon Clarke Appraiser of Goods at New Orleans.

Isaac F. Preston Register of the Land Office at New Orleans.

William L. Robeson, Receiver of Public Moneys at New Orleans.

Levi R. Lincoln, Appraiser of Goods, Boston, vice W. Little.

William S. Coe Appraiser of Goods, New York.

Jeromus Johnson, Appraiser of Goods, do. *ibid.*

We said, in the beginning of this month, that we did not know what "reward" Mr. NOAH, the editor of the New-York Enquirer, was to have for his "miss" at the Sheriff's election in the city of New-York last fall. Our readers now see what it is: and the editor who, little more than three years ago, thanked God for the "escape" the nation had had in the non-election of General JACKSON, has received as the reward of his recent somerset, and his *adherence to principle*, one of the most responsible offices within the district of New-York, in the gift of the General Government. It was in anticipation of the rare felicity of this and another appointment, announced to-day, that the editor of the Enquirer, of Saturday last, said, "We never knew the great body of 'the republican party' more tranquil, or better satisfied with what has taken place, or have *stronger hopes for the future*, under the new administration, than they are at present." *ibid.*

The Boston Statesman, it is said, was conducted by three editors, Mr. Andrew Dunlap, Mr. David Henshaw, and Mr. Nathaniel Green—and (a very lucky coincidence) there were just three capital offices in Boston, in the President's gift, which three offices were fairly, impartially, and promptly distributed among these three lucky gentlemen—namely, *District Attorney*, *Collector*, and *Postmaster*. *Del. Journal.*

Fire.—We are informed that the Dwelling house of Josiah Tyson, Esq. of Moore county, was, with nearly all its contents, destroyed by fire on Thursday night last. The family had retired to bed, and did not discover the fire until it had gained such ascendancy as prevented the saving of much of the furniture. It is supposed to have originated accidentally. *Fay. Obs.*

We are glad to learn that the man who had the smallpox on board the schooner Fair Play, at Quarantine below Wilmington, is restored to health, and the vessel has been allowed to come into port and discharge her cargo.—*ib.*

Wilmington, N. C. April 14.

AN ALARM.—On Wednesday Morning last the whole surface of the river, in this vicinity, was covered with a *farina* or flour from the blosom of the pine. As the tide fell, the wharves were colored as if flour or sulphur had been sprinkled on them. The great quantity of this flour which filled the air and covered the surface of the waters was unusual; although small ponds and creeks are frequently in spring, coloured by it, the quantity which appeared at this time was unprecedented, which was probably owing to the continued cold which checked vegetation until within a few days, when it suddenly changed to warm. When the pines put forth, this, together with a heavy shower of rain that fell the night previous, which washed it into the river, was the cause of the great quantity that floated on the water and created such an alarm among some of the superstitious inhabitants of our Town. We were amused at hearing the many sage remarks and speculations which the appearance of this natural phenomenon elicited. We would recommend to the superstitious the propriety of trying to trace any singular occurrence of any kind to natural, before they ascribe them to supernatural causes.—*Liberalist.*

Hydrophobia.—Several very distressing cases of this dreadful malady, have occured among the negroes of Mr. Wm. B. Roberts, of this County; one of them a woman died on Saturday last, in the most excruciating agony and three others are now suffering under strong symptoms of the disease, which the physician hopes to arrest by a course of salivation; these persons were bitten near two months ago as were several others in this Town, all of whom are certainly in very great danger. *Edenton Gaz.*

The Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania adjourned on Friday last, after a protracted Session. The most important measure of the Session was the bill, which has become a law, authorising a loan of two millions two hundred thousand dollars, towards the completion of the works of Internal Improvement within that State. The Legislature proposed to extend this sum *a million more*; but the Governor, deeming that amount larger than could be advantageously employed within the year, refused his assent to the larger amount, by returning the bill, which had passed both Houses, with his veto. On reconsidering the bill, the amount was reduced to the sum recommended by the Governor, and so passed. *Nat. Int.*

A communication from Dr. Warren, in the Medical Intelligencer, states a case of distortion of the ribs in a female. Dr. W. says—"At what period of life the distortion in this girl occurred, I was unable to ascertain. I was led to suspect it to be brought on by girting her chest with the intention of improving her shape. It is well known that this practice is a frequent cause of Pleuralgia in young ladies. The pain thus caused is generally in the muscles.

I cannot omit the present opportunity of stating, that the same practice frequently causes a deep seated, obstinate pain in the head, which no bleedings relieve for any length of time. The cause of this pain is the interruption of the blood through the descending aorta; in consequence of which it is thrown with unnatural force on the brain, and brings on a permanent derangement of the organ. The pain in the head, thus produced, has terminated in insanity, in three cases within my knowledge,—two of which have proved fatal."

Georgia Sugar.—Last year Mr. John Mizzle, residing on the head waters of Spanish Creek, Camden County—produced from a spot of pine barren manured ground, measuring 56 yards or 168 feet square, 3 ½ barrels of superior quality Sugar, and 1½ barrels dripped Molasses—average weight of Sugar, 230 lbs. 805 lbs.—Molases, 48 gallons.

Mr. J. Houston M'Intosh, who has just commenced the culture at his plantation near St. Mary's has, transmitted to his agents Messrs. Bayard and Hunter, eighty six hogsheads of very handsome Sugar, the product of last season's crop of cane. This at $7 per hundred, at which a part of it has been sold, will produce within a little of $5000, to which must be added the Molasses, &c.

No one can doubt, from the facts we have from time to time stated, not only that our soil is every way calculated for the production of this valuable necessary of life, but that it holds out greater inducements to the cultivator than the production of most other articles to which his attention has been or can be devoted. *Georgian.*

Feathers.—The "American Farmer" asserts that old feathers after being washed are better than new ones, because the operation cleanses them of the oil which abounds in the latter. They are to be agitated in a hogshead of warm soap suds, by means of a rake or garden hoe, then rinsed in clean water and dried on the floor of a well lighted room, now and then whipping and stirring them up.

A fine Newfoundland dog, the other day—having something of a taste for the fine arts as well as his master, who had paid his two shillings—went in to see the Panorama Painting of the Lake and City of Geneva, now exhibiting in the City of New-York. After gazing for some time with evident tokens of gratification, he found himself so strongly tempted by the cool and fresh appearance of the water, that he could no longer resist, and made a desperate plunge at the canvas. The poor fellow escaped without any serious injury, but horribly disappointed. The incident is one of actual occurrence, and no higher praise can be bestowed upon the picture. *Comm. Adv.*

A great traveller!—Died, at Philadelphia, on Sunday 29th ult. after a *long and lingering illness*, the celebrated Elephant "Columbus," aged twenty-six years, and weighing eight thousand one hundred and twenty one pounds. This docile and sagacious animal was brought from Calcutta in 1815, and his travels since that time are said to have extended to almost every part of our continent. The occasion of his death the Philadelphia Chronicle mentions as "a warning to all impatient tempers." It appears that several years ago, while on a visit to the southern States, he attempted to leave his apartment, proceeding with such impetuosity through a door, which was so small as to draw the whole fabric about his ears.—His bruises brought on a disease in some of the bones, which baffled *surgical skill*, and finally terminated in the catastrophe we have mentioned. The body has been purchased by the proprietors of the Philadelphia Museum, and the skin and skeleton are to be added to their already extensive collection of curiosities.

Remarkable Snake Hunt.—The following extraordinary circumstance is said to have lately occurred at or near Hillsboro', in Fountain County, in the State of Indiana:—For some years past, this place has been infested with snakes, so numerous that people were not safe even in their beds at night. So great was the terror of the citizens that few of the citizens dared to venture out after dark, for fear of them. Last fall, a person living in the neighborhood, discovered a cave in the bank of the creek, where it was supposed they had taken up their abode for the winter. Upon the information obtaining circulation, the citizens turned out en masse to destroy them. They commenced by digging and removing the earth and rocks from the mouth of the den, until they came to them. They lay in coils in the crevices of the rocks. Wooden hooks were thrust in, and frequently three or four were drawn out. The two first days they caught one hundred and forty-two—about one hundred were Rattle Snakes, and the remainder the Copper headed Snake.—They were in general of the largest size. Digging and killing have since continued, but to what extent we are not informed.

The adage that a story loses nothing by travelling, is well exemplified in the following grave paragraph from a Havre paper:

"It is related that two American officers, of distinction, have given to their fellow citizens a spectacle of a new kind. At the distance of 21 paces, each shot an apple from the head of the other. This was not a duel—it was only its semblance, a piece of *badinage*, a pastime.—The crowd assembled on the occasion testified their satisfaction by loud acclamations."

This great affair, it will be remembered, relates to a feat performed somewhere in Vermont, and spoken of as a performance rivalled only by that of William Tell. The person thus operated upon, was, at the time, safely ensconced under an *ash kettle*, the apple protruding through an aperture in its top.—*N. Y. Gazette.*

The Soul.—The folowing sublime definition of the soul, is from the Sacred Books of the Brahmins. Proud and cultivated philosophy cannot furnish a better:

"The soul is an inseparable portion of the great universal mind, in other words of Brahma. Like the Being from whom it emanates, it is therefore indestructible. It knows no distinction of time; it is free, immutable, eternal. The wind cannot pierce it, fire cannot burn it, water cannot drown it, the earth cannot absorb it. It is beyond the reach of the elements, invulnerable, invisible, universally subsisting, in all places, and at all times; and victorious over death.

MARRIED,

On the 16th ult. Mr. Thomas Torrans, of Sampson County, to Miss Alitha Blanchard of Duplin County, daughter of Reuben Blanchard, Esq.

DIED,

In Rockingham county, a few days ago, of a pulmonary disorder, Mr. John Harden, son of Captain Mark Harden; a youth, who, before he was attacked by the disease which carried him off so suddenly, promised to become a useful citizen.

In Northampton county, on the 26th ultimo, Mr. Wm. Lilly.

At his residence, in Granville county, lately Mr. George Norman, in the 84th year of his age. Thus has gone another of those worthies who were actively engaged in the scenes of the Revolutionary war. He has left behind him a wife with whom he lived in harmony for upwards of sixty years, and a numerous circle of friends and relations, to lament the irreparable loss.

At his seat in Hanover County, Va. in the 33d year of his age, Albert G. Ruffin, the youngest son of the late William Ruffin, formerly of this City. While a young man, Mr. R. removed to the State of Alabama, where he rose to a high character at the bar. Four years since, he was married in Virginia, where he has continued to reside ever since. He has left a wife and a young child behind him.

Lately at New-York, after a short illness, Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Robbins, for several years a much beloved and respected inhabitant of Warrenton.

At Mobile, on the 30th March, Charles C. Houston, Esq. late Teller of the Branch Bank of the United States in that City, aged 26 years, a native of Philadelphia.

Commencement Oration.

IN compliance with the joint resolution of the Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies of the University of North-Carolina, "that some individual, who had been a regular member of one of their Societies, should be chosen, every succeeding year, to deliver a public Oration in the College Chapel on the day preceding each Anniversary Commencement," we take pleasure in announcing to the friends of literature, that Professor HOOPER, of the University, has, on the part of the Dialectic Society, received and accepted this appointment, and will perform the duty attendant thereon, in Person Hall, on Wednesday, 24th of June next.

We deem it almost superfluous to add, that those, who may attend, besides contributing to promote a degree of spirit in our proceedings at commencement to which they would not otherwise attain, may anticipate the reception of much pleasure from the production of a gentleman so well known for his literary attainments.

By order of the Dialectic Society.

Chapel Hill, April 30, 1829. 69

State of North-Carolina,

Wayne County.

Superior Court of Law—Spring Term 1829.

Jesse Barden *vs.* Ann Maria Barden.

Petition for Divorce.

IN this case a subpœna and alias having been issued, and the Sheriff of Wayne county making return thereon that the defendant was not to be found, proclamation was duly made at the Courthouse door aforesaid by the Sheriff of said county, requiring the said Ann Maria Barden to appear and answer as she was required to do in said subpœna, and she failing to appear, it was ordered by the Court that publication for three months be made in the Raleigh Star, and the Raleigh Register, giving notice to the said defendant, that unless she appear at the next Superior Court of law to be held for the county of Wayne, at the Courthouse in Waynesborough, the first Monday after the fourth Monday of september next, and then and there to answer or demur to said petition, judgment will be taken pro confesso and heard ex parte.

N. WASHINGTON, Clk.

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