

The Supreme Court commenced its Summer Term in this City, on Monday last, all the Judges being present. We understand, that the selection of a Chief Justice will be deferred, until the Legislature have made a permanent appointment in the place of Judge Taylor.

The following gentlemen have been admitted to the practice of the Law: In the County Courts.—Frederick S. Blount of Newbern.

In the Superior Courts.—John Kendrick of Warrenton.

Desperate Deed.—On Tuesday last, Richard Powers of this City, shot a man by the name of Jonathan Waymax, with whom he had been previously quarrelling, of which wound Waymax instantly died. Powers was arrested and is now in Jail, to answer the charge of Murder, at our next Superior Court. It would therefore be improper to prejudice the public mind by any statement of facts in relation to the matter.

Families destitute of the Bible.—From actual investigation, made during the past week, there were found forty-nine out of one hundred and fourteen families in this (Wake) County, destitute of the Bible.—In twelve of these forty-nine families, there was not an individual who could read. In another part of the county, there is a neighborhood, in which there are ten families living within four or five miles of each other, in which none of the parents can read.

Journal of Humanity.—We have received the first No. of a paper entitled "Journal of Humanity and Herald of the American Temperance Society." It is designed as an auxiliary to the cause of Temperance; and is issued from the press of Flagg and Gould, Andover, Mass.

We understand that some of the friends of President Jackson in this quarter, to divert public odium from him, on account of his having appointed Mr. Swartwout, a notorious confederate of Aaron Burr's, Collector of New-York, positively deny that he is the same person who was implicated in that conspiracy. They say it was another person of the same name. "Straws show which way the wind blows."

"Reform"—The work seems but to have begun. Let it progress and at the end of four years, General Jackson will go out as he came in, by acclamation.

George W. Hill, editor of the Vermont Patriot (a violent partisan paper) and brother of the 2d Comptroller of the Treasury, has been appointed Postmaster at Montpelier, in place of Mr. Vail, removed.

Benjamin B. Johnson has been appointed Postmaster at Frankfort, Kentucky, in place of J. W. Hawkins, removed.

James Collinsworth has been appointed Attorney of the United States for the western District of Tennessee, in place of Thomas Fletcher.

Judge Blackwood, the Postmaster at Mount Holly N. J. has been removed, to make room for Clayton P. Atkinson.

The National Intelligencer says, some other removals of Clerks in public offices have taken place. The only one which we are sure of is that of Mr. Thomas B. Pottinger, a highly respectable Clerk in the Office of the Fifth Auditor.

The Postmasters at Leesee and Millsborough, in the State of Delaware, have been removed.

Andrew Geritson, the Postmaster at Middletown, in the State of Delaware, is also removed. He was a friend of Mr. Adams (says the Delaware Journal) but saving that unpardonable sin, is a highly respectable citizen, and was an unexceptionable officer.

S. H. Barlow has been appointed Postmaster at St. Albans, Vermont, vice Horace James, removed.

We learn from the Vermont papers, that Wm. A. Griswold, U. S. District Attorney, of Vermont, has been turned out, and Daniel Kellogg, late Secretary to Governor Van Ness, appointed in his stead.—That Joseph Edson, Marshal, has been turned out, and his office given to Heman Lowry, late Sheriff of Chittenden county.—That George Cleveland, Esq. Postmaster at Middlebury, has been turned out, and C. C. Walker appointed in his stead.—That every deputy Postmaster in Chittenden county, who was suspected of having a partiality for Mr. Adams, has been removed.

John Pope Oldham is appointed Postmaster at Louisville, vice John Thompson Gray, removed.

L. G. Dauby, editor of the Oneida Observer, has been appointed Postmaster at Utica, N. York, in the place of James Platt, removed.

Charles Butler is appointed Postmaster at Geneva, N. Y., vice David Hudson, removed.

The following removals have taken place under the new direction of the Custom House in New-York, viz:

Elam Williams, Jacob Vanderpool, Wm. Underhill, John H. Leggett, Jacob C. Mot, Joseph Willoughby, Wm. M. Carter, John Whittlesey, Oliver Jaques, Joseph Board, Sylvester Sullivan, Abraham Buckee, Nathaniel Hunt, Garrett Forbes, E. P. Warner, Alexander Nicoll, Harmanus A. Vadder.

To make places for the following: Philip S. Thomas, Benjamin Fuller, Wm. Bibby, Assisting Boarding Officers; Abraham B. Vanderpool, Abraham Mersereole, John A. Hedden, J. G. Reynolds, Alexander Wayley, H. P. Graham, Freeman Hopkins, Edward Merritt, Jas. Boardman, Wm. Phenix, John Anderson, G. Lathron, J. L. Dickenson, W. W. Tompkins, W. Cairns, Myer Moses, Gordon S. Mumford, Major Bailey, Jacob Clinch.

The New-York Ontario Messenger of the 25th ult. contains a long and interesting account of the trials of Eli Bruce, John Whitney and James Gillis, charged with being accessory to the abduction of Morgan. The evidence of the witnesses in this case discloses facts entirely new and we think conclusive, of the death of Morgan. Mr. Bruce was Sheriff of the county of Niagara, and resided in the jail at Lockport; and from the evidence which was produced to prove his concern in the removal of Morgan, the court felt justified in sentencing him to "close and severe custody, in the common jail of the county of Ontario, for the term of two years and four months." The trials of Whitney and Gillis succeeded. Among the witnesses introduced by Whitney was Eli Bruce, who testified that Morgan was first taken to Canada, where they intended to put him on a farm. The preparations not being ready for him, he was brought back and confined in the magazine at Fort Niagara, since which time nothing has been heard of him. Whitney was sentenced to imprisonment in the county jail for one year and three months. The jury could not agree as to Gillis, and were discharged.

Foreign.—The brig U. States, arrived at New York, in 31 days from England, brings the following items of intelligence.

ENGLAND.—England, France and Austria, it is confidently reported, will inform Russia that they will not stand silent and see Turkey become a conquered country. Should they put their threats into execution, all Europe may again be involved in war.

The Duke of Norfolk, Lords Clifford and Dormer (Catholics,) had taken their seats in the House of Lords, as Peers of the Realm. It is now one hundred and forty-eight years since a Catholic voice could be raised in Parliament, within the hearing of the British throne.

The depression of trade continues to pervade the kingdom, and many meetings had been held for the purpose of considering the depressed state of the country.

TURKEY.—There was a great scarcity of grain in Constantinople, to supply which city, large quantities were coming from Egypt. The Russian fleet had blockaded the channel, and had effected landings at many places in the Black Sea.

PORTUGAL.—Lisbon was in a state of great disorder, and business of all kinds was at a stand. Don Miguel had accused his sister of conspiracy against his person, and proceedings were to be commenced against her.

Episcopal Convention.—The thirteenth annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of North-Carolina was held in Salisbury, on the 23d to the 26th days of May past inclusive. The venerable Bishop and nine clergymen were present, and nineteen Lay Delegates. Among the interesting subjects that came before this body, was the proposition to discharge the Bishop from Parochial duty, and to secure his entire time and talents to the benefit of the Diocese generally. It will no doubt be gratifying to the friends of the Church to learn that this important object was determined upon unanimously, by the adoption of a plan which it is thought will be satisfactory to all.

The Convention expressed an opinion decidedly adverse to any alteration whatever of the Liturgy, a question which will come before the next general Convention for final decision.

The Parochial Reports shew a very unusual increase of the number of Communicants, Confirmations, and Baptisms, within the year.

During the Convention, the Rev. Philip B. Wiley, Rector of St. John's Church, in this town, was admitted to the Holy Order of Priests. Presentation by the Rev. Mr. Avery of Edenton; Sermon by the Rt. Rev. Bishop.

The next Convention will be held at Wilmington, on the 20th of May 1859. Fay. Obs.

Episcopal Convention.—We understand that the Reverend Mr. Meade was unanimously elected, by both Clergy and Laity, an Assistant Bishop for this Diocese. A resolution was adopted, that on the decease of the Right Reverend Bishop Moore, the right of succession does not necessarily attach to Mr. Meade, in case he should survive the Bishop.

The next meeting of the Convention was fixed for Winchester.

We understand, that at the previous request of the Faculty of the University of Virginia, the Reverend Mr. Meade delivered a Discourse in honor of the young Students, who had fallen victims to the Typhus fever during the winter. The Discourse was pronounced in the Rotunda of the University, in presence of the Faculty and Students—and a large concourse of people. We have heard them estimated at about 1000.—Rich. Comp.

The "Newbern Packet."—We take great pleasure in calling the attention of our citizens to the launch of the schooner Newbern Packet, which will take place this morning at 11 o'clock from the shipyard of Mr. John G. Colley. She will be launched full rigged, with sails bent, crew on board, and part of her cargo stowed away in the hold—after which she will take a sail as far as Hampton Roads, by way of trial, return, take in the balance of her cargo, and proceed for Newbern, through the Dismal Swamp Canal, under the command of Capt. Edward L. Young.

The Newbern Packet is intended as the commencement of a regular line of packets between Norfolk and Newbern, through the Canal; which will be put in operation as early as circumstances will admit; and in her model and construction, Mr. Colley, the ingenious builder, has been particularly careful in adapting her to the peculiar navigation for which she is designed.—Her length of keel is 65 feet; breadth of beam 16 feet; hold 6 feet; draft of water 4 feet when loaded; burthen 58 tons; will carry about 1,000 barrels, and what is not less worthy of being noted, she was completed in twenty days from the time she was raised. We have every reason to believe that this vessel is the forerunner of an important source of commerce to our port, which will well repay, as it deserves to do, the laudable enterprise of those concerned. Norf. Her.

Newbern, June 6.—We perceive by the Norfolk Beacon that the schooner Newbern Packet, Captain Edward L. Young, commenced her regular trips through the canal, for this place, on Wednesday last. We cannot withhold the expression of our gratification, as well as best wishes, for the success of this experiment; we fear, however, that our Norfolk friends will not find it either as profitable or commodious as the application of steam power. The unfortunate termination of the experiment made by the steam boat Norfolk, cannot afford any criterion of the success or profit attending a line well conducted, and aptly adapted to our navigation. The proposed new route, which has created some excitement in our town, cannot fail of success, if commenced with that determination and alacrity which are requisite for carrying it into effect. It is suggested that a steam boat should start from Elizabeth City, cross the Sound and ascend the Alligator River, which, with the exception of a shoal upon which there is between seven and eight feet water, will admit of an uniform depth to the place where the boat would stop, of fifteen feet. This place will be distant from Rose Bay, on the northern side of Pamlico Sound, only ten miles; an excellent road could be constructed over the whole of that intervening distance, at the termination of which there would be another steam boat to convey the passengers to Newbern.—The whole route can be travelled over in twenty-four hours, and connected with a line of stages from this place to Fayetteville, would afford one of the most expeditious and convenient routes in the Southern States. Passengers travelling to and from the North would avoid the inconvenience of travelling in the night, which they are compelled to submit to in the stages, meet with sure and certain dispatch in adopting the proposed route, and would reach Norfolk as early if not earlier, than at present from Fayetteville. The advantages to the whole Eastern section of this State, and particularly to the rich and fertile country bordering on Mattamuskeet Lake, and Alligator River, are incalculable. We are decidedly of opinion that it is a project in which our fellow citizens may engage with profit and success. This section of country has been surveyed by our Engineer, Mr. Nash: who not only reports favorably upon the propriety of cutting a canal through it, thus affording an inland communication between our two Sounds, but speaks in high and deserved terms of the uncommon fertility and richness of the soil. We would, however, submit to our citizens the propriety, of instructing our Representative in the next Congress, to procure the assistance of a detachment of the United States' Corps of Engineers, to make a thorough survey and report fully upon all its advantages, and the practicability of success, for we believe it has been long contemplated by the General Government to unite our Sounds, thus extending that great chain of internal communication which is so essentially requisite in time of war.—Sentinel.

The election of Paul Willard, Esq. for Clerk of the Senate of Massachusetts deserves a passing remark. Mr. Willard is a decided and efficient Jackson man. His sentiments are not only known, but he has been by no means backward in expressing them. The Senate, we believe, is, without exception, composed of friends of the late National Administration. Had they adopted the course of policy pursued by the present administration, they would have virtually removed Mr. Willard, by electing for Clerk some one who was for Adams. But Mr. Willard, having been a faithful public officer and Clerk to the Senate, though differing from him on the subject of the Presidency, 27 members out of 50 gave him their votes and continued him in office. This conduct is honorable

to the Senate, and goes to shew that in this State there is among the friends of the late Administration, no disposition to persecute and persecute the friends of Jackson, even under circumstances of excitement and irritation.—Boston Patriot.

The Milledgeville (Geo.) Statesman, of the 23d instant, states that the amount of notes received for discount at the Central Bank in that place, considerably exceeds eight hundred thousand dollars. It is therefore supposed, that there will be an enormous amount of notes offered on the 16th day of June, the day on which it is understood the Bank will commence business. Chas. Cour.

We learn from the New-Haven Chronicle, that the Congregational and Baptist clergymen in Hartford have refused to pray for the Connecticut Legislature, in consequence of an invitation from that body, to the Universalist preacher, to pray for them in his turn.—N. Y. Cour.



SHOCKING CATASTROPHE.

New-York, June 5. Dreadful Explosion of the Steam Frigate Fulton.

Between 2 and 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon an explosion took place on board the steam frigate Fulton, lying at the Navy Yard, Brooklyn. This vessel has been employed as a receiving ship, and was moored within 200 yards of the shore; and, at the time of the explosion, the officers whose names are given below, were dining in the ward room. The lady of Lieut. Breckenridge, & the son of Lieut. Platt, were present at the table as guests, and both were slightly wounded.

This dreadful accident was occasioned by the Gunner's going into the Magazine, to procure powder to fire the evening gun. He was cautioned by one of the officers previously to going below, to be careful; and soon after the explosion took place. We understand that he was a man between 50 and 60 years of age, and had just been appointed to that office; the old Gunner having been discharged the day previous. But in what particular manner fire was communicated to the powder, is not known, as the Gunner is among the unfortunate dead.

The magazine was in the bow of the ship, and contained, at the time of the explosion, but three barrels of damaged powder. The explosion was not louder than that produced by the discharge of a single cannon; and many persons in the Navy-Yard supposed the report to have proceeded from such a source, until they saw the immense column of smoke arising from the vessel. Although she was but two hundred yards from the Navy Yard, and many vessels near her, not one of them received the least damage; nor was the bridge, which led from the shore to the Fulton, at all damaged.

There were attached to the Fulton, by the roll of the ship, 143 persons; and, at the time of the explosion, there were supposed to have been on board the vessel from 60 to 100 persons. Of the latter number 24 were killed and 20 wounded, making 44, leaving the rest to be accounted for. A small number on board escaped with very slight wounds; the remainder, it is feared, have perished.

Commodore Chauncey was on board the Fulton yesterday, inspecting the ship; and left her, in company with John T. Newton, Esq. who command the Fulton, only ten or fifteen minutes before the explosion.

All the officers that were on board are accounted for, in the list of the killed and wounded, which follows.

It was a fortunate circumstance that there was a much smaller number of men on board the Fulton yesterday than she is accustomed to have. On Tuesday there were sixty-two of the crew drafted, who proceeded to Norfolk to join the Constellation frigate.

The bodies of the dead were shockingly mangled; their features distorted, and so much blackened that it was difficult to recognize them. They were placed in coffins shortly after the accident, and an inquest was held over them.

The decks of the Fulton were torn up from stem to stern, and among those missing, many, it is feared have been thrown into the water and drowned.

NAMES OF THE KILLED.

The bodies of the following persons were brought on shore and placed in coffins:

- Robert M. Peck, marine, William Kemp, seaman, Alex. Cameron, marine, Franklin Ely, do, Purser's steward, Henry Logan, do, Corporal, John McKeever, do, Chas. Williamson, do, Otto E. Ferguson, do, Sylvester O'Hara, do, Henry Megraw, do, James Livingston, seaman, Thomas W. Han, do, Thos. Burgher, do, Jacob Boise, do, N. York, John Dinos Bayes, Barber, of Mexico, John Brown, orderly a-man, acting cook, Peter Gillen, Landsman, Harman Vattel, a boatman, of N. York, Wm. Brown, a boy, Mrs. Brown, a mulatto, Mrs. Stockwell, of N. York, Mrs. Neilson, a Swede, whose husband was a seaman and died a few days since.

OFFICERS WOUNDED.

- Lieutenant Charles T. Platt, severely, do S. M. Brackenridge, do, do Alexander M. Mall, slightly, Sailing Master John Clough, severely.

MIDSHIPMEN.

- Robert E. Johnston, severely, David Douglass, do, Robert S. Welsh, do, Mr. Eckford, thigh broken.

PRIVATE WOUNDED.

- John Montgomery, Sergt. Marines, severely, Robert Kilpatrick, marine, do, Patrick Gilligan, do, slightly, John Driscoll, do, do, Nicholas D. Farrell, do, severely, Jacob De Hart, do, do, Buchanan, do, do, Thomas McCullough, cook, do, slightly.

- Charles Scott, seaman, severely, Zeb. Robertson, do, do, Joseph Moore, do, slightly, Thomas Neward, do, do, William Brown, musician, severely, Stephen Deatur, a boy, do.

A son of Henry Eckford, Esq. of this City, since the above, was in type, we have been politely furnished with the following note from an officer attached to the Navy Yard:

"Since you left the Navy Yard, Lieutenant Brackenridge, and two marines, have died; but no very particular information has been yet obtained respecting the sad explosion. Lieut. Mall states that the necessary precautions had been taken for opening the magazine, and a sentinel placed at the hatch before he left the deck, and that after being in the ward room some twenty minutes, the explosion took place. He further informed us that there was no other person in the magazine than the gunner; although there is a report in circulation, that a person whose term of service had recently expired, and who had committed some petty crime, for which he had recently been punished, went into the magazine with the gunner, and was supposed to have caused the explosion. There are five still missing.

The following is a continuation of the list killed: J. T. D. Burgen, Thomas Williams, gunner; Wm. A. Lehman, John Pierce, 1st seaman.

ADDITIONAL PARTICULARS.

We are pained to learn that Mrs. Brackenridge is not slightly, but very severely wounded; and the injury of Lieut. Platt, is so serious, that but a faint hope is indulged of his recovery.

What is a very remarkable circumstance, although several of the persons at dinner in the ward room escaped with their lives, and some of them uninjured, not a vestige of the table, chairs or any of the furniture in the room remains. Every thing was blown to atoms.

The scene, even this morning, at the Navy Yard, is distressing beyond description. Indeed to attempt a description of such a spectacle, at the very moment when our feelings are harrowed up to a painful degree by the shocking reality, seems too revolting to be undertaken.—We might speak of the wounded living, and the mangled dead, of the fragments of bodies blown to pieces, mingled among broken relics of the ship—but such particulars may better be left to the reader's imagination.

Supreme Court, June 10, 1859.

The Judges of this Court have received with profound sorrow and deep sensibility, the melancholy information of the death of the late estimable Chief Justice Taylor.—His learning, eloquence, talents and worth gave lustre to his character and enlarged the sphere of his influence and usefulness. As a testimonial of their high sense of his worth, the Judges will wear crape for thirty days.

Whereupon, it is ordered, that this resolution be entered on the minutes of this Court and be communicated to the family of the deceased.

The Members of the Bar attending the Supreme Court, now in session, met in the Court Room, on Wednesday last, after the adjournment of the Court—when, on motion, Henry Seawell, Esq. was called to the Chair, and R. M. Saunders appointed Secretary.—Whereupon the following Resolutions were offered and adopted:

Resolved, That the Members of this Bar, receive with deep regret and profound sorrow, the melancholy tidings of the death of the late highly esteemed Chief Justice Taylor. With talents of the first order, commanding eloquence, and great legal acquirements, he established a reputation in the community, that placed him in the highest station in his profession, where he sustained the character of an eminent Jurist and commanded the most profound respect for his decisions.

Resolved, as a testimonial of their regret for his loss, they will wear crape on their left arm for the space of thirty days, and that their proceedings be published in the papers of this city. HENRY SEAWELL, Chairman.

R. M. SAUNDERS, Sec'y.

MARRIED.

- In Halifax county, on the 26th ult. Captain Willis Wilcox to Mrs. Nancy Mitchell. Also, Mr. Wm. Priors, aged 86, to Miss Nancy Elmoro, aged 58. In Tarboro', Mr. John Williams to Miss Caroline Mathewson. Near Bath, in Beaufort county, Mr. James Smith, aged 70 years, to Miss Polly Elliott, aged 17 years. In Bertie county, on the 21st ult. Mr. Joseph Privet, of Chowan county, to Miss Winifred Harrell. Also, on the 17th ultimo, Mr. James Hughs to Miss Sally Byrum. In Rowan county, Henry S. Parker, Esq. to Miss Susan Pinkton. Also, by the Rev. Eli W. Caruthers, Mr. William W. Long, to Miss Judith Oakes, of Greensboro'. In Rutherford county, Mr. Joseph G. Davong, to Miss Catharine Hunt. On the 27th ult. the Hon. George McDuffie to Miss Mary Rebecca Singleton, daughter of Richard Singleton, Esq. of Sumter District, S. C.

DIED.

- In Warrenton, Mr. John Pierret, a native of France, but for the last three years a resident of that village. He was an ingenious mechanic, fond of abstract speculations, and singularly enthusiastic in the pursuit of novel discoveries. In Pasquotank county, Mr. Solomon Pool, Sr. aged 72 years. In Perquimans county, Mr. Benj. Albertson, aged about 25 years, son of Joseph Albertson, deceased. He has left a wife and one child. In Halifax county, on the 30th ult. Mrs. Martha Jones, consort of Mr. James Jones, Jr. Also, on the same day, William E. Webb, Esq. In Wilmington, Mrs. Theresa Jacoby, relict of the late Mr. Benjamin Jacobs, aged 60. In Iredell county, John Thomas, Esq. in the 75th year of his age, a soldier of the Revolution. In Rowan county, Mrs. Ann McConaughy, relict of the late James McConaughy, Esq. in the 52d year of his age. In Buncombe county, on the 10th ultimo, Mrs. Patience Jones, relict of John Jones, in her 67th year, after a short illness. She had been a member of the Baptist Church for many years. In Philadelphia, on the 19th ult. Mr. Adolph Ehringhaus, in the 54th year of his age. In February last, near Manassahawick (New-Jersey) Cato Pidgeon, a colored man. The general estimate of his age, from his own account, is near one hundred and thirty years! He recollected being last from Africa, and was the son of an African King. The evening of his days has been more comfortable, from the bounty of some part of the respectable family of the New-holds, of Burlington County.