

We understand that a letter has been received in this city, communicating the melancholy intelligence of the death of Joseph Wilson, Esq., Solicitor of the sixth Judicial Circuit of this State, after a very short illness. We shall no doubt, in a day or two, hear the particulars of an event which has deprived our Bar of one of its most distinguished members.

The Presbytery of Orange will meet at the Hawfields Church, on the 7th October next. The Synod of North-Carolina will hold their next annual Session in Fayetteville, on the 10th November ensuing.

Bargain and Intrigue. We recollect, when a certain handbill was issued in N. York during the recent contest for the Presidency, embellished with a wood cut representing General Jackson cutting off Mordecai M. Noah's ears, that pink of consistency remarked in his paper, "my fate at the hands of Gen. Jackson, will yet disappoint and mortify the Adams men." That there was more in this prediction, than may have occurred at the time to the reader, is fully proven by the important and lucrative office which has been conferred by the President since his election, on this same Mr. Noah. Had there been any thing like this confession to sustain the charge of corruption brought against Messrs. Adams and Clay, by the Jackson party, there would have been some apology for the pertinacity with which they clung to the allegation.

Rhode-Island.—The Congressional election in this State has just concluded, and the former members, Messrs. Burges and Pearce have been re-elected by an overwhelming majority. The Jackson candidates were Messrs. Eddy & Durfee.

Reform.—Samuel Gwathmey, Register of the Land Office at Jeffersonville, Indiana, has been removed, and Ross Smiley, one of the Jackson Electors of that State, appointed in his place. It is said that a more shameful case of proscription than this, has not occurred under this Administration.

Capt. Whitlocke, Receiver of Public Moneys at Crawfordsville, Indiana, has been removed, and Dr. Canby, late Jackson candidate for Governor, has received the office. Capt. Whitlocke was formerly in the regular service, in which he rose from the ranks to the grade of Captain, having served his country faithfully and efficiently through the late war.

The Indianapolis Gazette, of the 15th ult. states, that Gen. Hanna has been removed out of the Land Office, at that place, to make room for a Mr. St. Clair; and a Mr. Drake, of Cincinnati, takes the place of Gen. Noble, as Receiver of Public Moneys.—Of course, all on the old maxim of rewarding friends and punishing opponents.

The Virginia planters on the Roanoke, since the opening of the Dismal Swamp Canal, have turned their attention to that channel of communication, instead of pursuing the old plan of waggoning to Lynchburg. Between six and seven hundred hogheads of tobacco, of the present inspection, have been shipped from Danville to Norfolk, by the route of the canal.

Execution.—Two men, Joshua Young & James White, were hung in the neighborhood of Knoxville, Tenn. a few days past. Young, a man 67 years old, for the murder of his wife, who, at the time, was 64 years old. White, about 24 years old, for the murder of George W. Brown, last December. Both fully confessed the crimes for which they suffered.

Heavy Damages.—At the late term of the Millidgeville, (Geo.) Superior Court in the suit of George W. Murray, Cashier of the Darien Bank, against Maj. John A. Jones, for slander, the Jury assessed the damages at \$9,000.

What next?—A man is performing in one of the Boston Theatres, who walks upon the ceiling of the house with his head downwards, with the same facility as he could upon the ground, holding at the same time, a flag in each hand; concluding this difficult performance by raising up to the ceiling with his hands, a table with refreshments, eating in the same position, and drinking the health of the spectators.

We copy the following paragraph from the New-York Journal of Commerce: "A letter from London received by a gentleman in this city, dated July 14th, states, that our late Minister at the Court of St. James has been presented by the University of Oxford, with the degree of L. L. D."

One day later from Paris.—The brig Columbian, at Philadelphia from Havre, brings Paris papers to the 22d ult, inclusive, one day later than by the Charlemagne at New-York. The Aurora has the following paragraph:—

A paper of the 22d of July, contains a Russian bulletin, dated Camp before Schumla, June 14, which states that the Grand Vizier, who returned to Schumla two days after his defeat, with a small detachment of cavalry, attempted in vain to re-organize his army. Many of the soldiers, both of the regular and irregular corps, took advantage of their defeat to return to their homes. Thus, of the 40,000 men which the Grand Vizier had in line, there remains scarcely 15,000.—The Russian Army remained in observation, but the Turks, still alarmed at their late defeat prudently kept within the walls of Schumla. Several small skirmishes had taken place on the banks of the Ikra.

Newspapers.—The Italians are said to be the first inventors of these "folios of four pages," and the original title *Gazetta*, a farthing coin peculiar to Venice, was the common price of Newspapers. The first paper was monthly & confined to the use of the Government, but the jealousy of this aristocratic Republic would not permit them to be printed long after the discovery of that "Art divine."

The first English paper was entitled the "English Mercurie," and issued in 1588. The first French paper was published by Renaudot, a Physician, for the amusement of his patients. He afterwards extended the circulation and obtained a privilege to do so, in 1632.

So late as Queen Anne, there was but one daily paper in England. Then as now, politics, morals, manners and literature were mingled, to render the newspaper interesting to all readers; but this mode, now so general, is considered by an eminent writer, as a "retrograde step for the independent dignity of literature."

There is certainly no country, where there are so many Newspapers published as in the United States, and taking them in general, they comprise a fund of amusement, information and intelligence, which cannot be equalled in any other country. We who see so many of these efforts of our learned and ingenious contemporaries, from Maine to Florida, believe that the superior intelligence of the mass of the community is derived principally, from these cheap and easy roads to knowledge. The following extract from the *Paris Constitutionnel*, is subjoined as a proof, that the advantages which the people of this country derive from Newspapers, is appreciated in other countries as well as our own:—

"There is not a city so small that it has not its printing office and its journal; a hamlet so obscure that the light of the periodical press does not penetrate it. A foreigner is surprised to hear common farmers debate, with a perfect knowledge of men and things, not only upon the affairs of their own country, but even upon the political events of which Europe is the theatre. There is more good sense, more sound ideas upon civilization, in such a log house in the U. States, than in our most brilliant saloons, and even in our academies."

We annex the substance of General Lafayette's address at the last 4th of July dinner at Paris:—

"The health of your venerable guest, General Lafayette," having been given.—The General, in returning thanks, stated the pleasure which he felt in celebrating this anniversary, which enabled him, as it were, again to breathe the American atmosphere. He spoke with high gratification of their associating him with the principles for which he had struggled under the illustrious and well-beloved Washington. The independence of the United States began a new era of political civilization—which will finally extend over the whole world, and which is founded on the natural rights of mankind. He was proud to own that the first declaration of those rights bore the indelible imprint of its American origin. He referred in eloquent terms, to the delight with which all generous minds had hailed the recent triumph in Great-Britain over religious intolerance; and earnestly advised the Americans in consolidating their constitution, not to listen to European suggestions nor admit any exotic materials. He concluded by giving a toast to "National Legitimacy, which, while it choaked and destroyed the weeds of privilege, nourished the roots of natural and social rights."

Rain.—Within a few days past an immense quantity of rain has fallen in this vicinity. The water courses have risen considerably and still continue rising; the lowlands are all overflowed and most of the roads rendered impassable. We have had no mails on the Petersburg and Newbern routes since last Saturday. It would be impossible to estimate the damage already sustained by our farmers, in the destruction of crops, stock, &c.

Fredericksburg, Va. Aug. 20. The fears expressed in our last, that great injury had been sustained in the upper country by the late freshet, have been fully realized. The north branch of the Rappahannock is said to have been four feet higher than ever known before, and the farms situated on it have suffered accordingly.

Of about 1,000 bushels of wheat, on Mr. Daniel Grinnan's farm, exposed to the inundation, but little it is feared has been saved, and much of the fencing destroyed. Mr. Wm. Giassel lost the whole of his crop of wheat, most of his horses, and all his stock, besides being otherwise injured. Mr. Browning lost about six miles of fencing, and has no doubt been considerably damaged in the loss of grain, &c. We have also heard of the destruction of several mills, and of much injury done to others. There have, no doubt, been many other cases of similar devastation, of which we have yet had no account.—*Herald.*

Gold.—A lump of this precious metal, intermixed with a considerable portion of quartz and particles of earth, and weighing altogether about six ounces, was ploughed up a few days since, on the farm of Mr. Haley, of this county. It was brought to town on Wednesday, and sold for eighty-five dollars.—*Ibid.*

Unexampl'd Abstinence.—Mr. Reuben Kelsey, a respectable young man of Fairfield, in this county, aged about 25, is said to have subsisted on nothing but cold water for more than forty days! His mind seems to have been partially abstracted, and he has chiefly kept his room, apparently averse to any intercourse with the world, for three years past. The quantity of food taken by him for the last twelve months is supposed to be less than that required for the ordinary nourishment of an infant; but during the period first named, neither persuasion, threats or force, have been effectual to make him swallow the least sustenance of any kind. Some particles of food crowded between his teeth two weeks ago, were discharged from his nostrils directly after, & no further compulsion has been used. He is described as wasted to a ghastly skeleton; still he is thought in a great measure to retain his senses, and to enjoy the benefit of sleep. This affecting case is believed to be almost unparalleled, and has thus far baffled all the efforts of medical skill.

Charleston, Aug. 27. Three occurrences of rather an extraordinary nature, have taken place in this city within a few days past—they are as follows:—

In the first instance—a young man residing at the corner of Queen and Church-streets, returning home during the storm on Sunday night last, and finding the doors of the house closed, and unwilling to disturb the family, attempted to scale the wall at the lower end of the lot, adjoining the iron railing at the corner of the Old Church Yard—after mounting the railing, he took hold of the ball which surmounts the brick pillar at the corner, which giving way with him, he was precipitated upon the sharp points of the railing, one of which penetrated his arm to the bone, near the armpit, and he was thus suspended, until by repeated efforts with his other arm, he was enabled to raise himself up so far as to extricate himself from the iron pike, and then fell, exhausted, upon the ground. In this situation he was found sometime after, laying upon the side pavement, from whence he was conveyed to a neighboring public house, which happened to be still open, and medical assistance immediately obtained; but we understand he still continues in a suffering state.

The second instance—was that of a gentleman residing in the rear of St. Andrew's Hall, Broad-st. who getting up in his sleep, precipitated himself out of the window of the chamber, (in the second story) in which he lodged, and falling upon a hard pavement in the yard, broke his thigh bone, near to the body, and was otherwise so much bruised, as to render his recovery extremely doubtful.

The third case—was that of a young gentleman, a clerk in a Dry Goods store, in King-st. who slept in the third story of his boarding-house. Getting up in his sleep, he was unconsciously letting himself down from the window, when he providentially awoke, and found himself hanging by his hands to the window-sill; fortunately he had sufficient presence of mind to realize the danger of his situation—and by powerful exertion was enabled to recover himself, and regain his chamber in safety.—*Courier.*

Painful and Singular Occurrence.—On Monday afternoon last, Mrs. Margaret Funk, wife of Jacob Funk, of Hilltown, and only daughter of Christian Haldeman, of New-Britain, attempted to drive a boar pig which was in the road into an adjoining field, when it turned upon and attacked her with much fury. It is thought she jumped back and endeavored to avoid it; but her foot caught against something and she fell—the hog sprang upon her and in an instant thrust his tusks into her abdomen, broke one of the main arteries and mangled her in such a manner that she died in a few minutes. Her husband was a near spectator at the time, but before he could get to her relief, the fatal work had been accomplished. Mrs. Funk was about 28 years of age, and was much respected in the neighborhood.

Another.—No sooner had we written the above than it became our painful duty to notice the sudden departure of Mrs. Riale, wife of John Riale, Esq. of Boyles-town Township. It appears that on Friday morning last, Mrs. Riale went to the spring near the house, and that in stooping down to get at the water, she was seized with a dizziness in the head, and fell head-foremost into the water. It is supposed that in falling her head came against a stone, as it was somewhat

bruised, and that she was so much stunned as to be unable to extricate herself, although the water was not more than a foot deep. She was discovered in a short time after by her husband, lying on her face in the water—efforts were made to resuscitate, but alas, the vital spark had forever fled. Mrs. Riale was about 50 years of age, was the mother of several children, and was deservedly esteemed and respected by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance.

"Dangers stand thick through all the ground To push us to the tomb."

"Years of Discretion."—At a recent meeting of the citizens of Essex and King and Queen Counties in Virginia, a Memorial to the Virginia Convention, in favour of the extension of the Right of Suffrage was adopted. Dr. Hagan moved an amendment to the Memorial, praying the Convention to reduce the age, at which the rights of citizenship shall be constitutionally exercised, from twenty-one to eighteen years. In support of this novel proposition Dr. Hagan maintained that, in the climate of Virginia, man is as mature morally, intellectually, and physically, at eighteen, as he is, in England, from which country the present rule was derived.—at twenty-one. "It is well known to Physiologists," said Dr. Hagan, "that man, like every other animal in creation, is influenced in his growth, maturity, decay, and dissolution, by the latitude and climate in which he is raised. As you recede from the equinoctial line, you find the human race either retarded or accelerated in their growth, according to their locality. In the Grecian Islands, females at the age of 9 or 10, and males at 13 or 14 years, have acquired all that maturity necessary for matrimonial engagements. When you arrive at the cold regions of Lapland, the sexes do not manifest similar developments until the ages of 20 or 28 years. The same course of observation and reasoning which pointed to the age of 21 as the natural period of freedom in Great Britain, would probably have placed it in Virginia at 18; and your memorialists believe, in revising the Constitution on this point, and in defining when Virginians shall become freemen, that the interests of the Commonwealth would be promoted by taking for our guide the immutable laws of nature, rather than the example of a nation differing from us in climate, habits, laws and political institutions." The Doctor's motion was negatived, by a small majority.

Jeremiah Smith.—A question of great interest was decided before Chancellor Harper at Columbia, during the last week. Jeremiah Smith, who was convicted of Negro Stealing in the year 1821, and sentenced to death, was pardoned by the late Gov. Bennet, upon condition that the prisoner would leave the State and never more return within its jurisdiction. Smith in violation of the terms of pardon, afterwards returned to the State, and was recently guilty of a high handed assault and battery upon the person of one of our citizens, for which offence, his Excellency Gov. Miller issued his proclamation offering a reward for his apprehension in this State. Whereupon some of our citizens followed him into N. Carolina, whither he had fled, and having got a Magistrate's warrant he was arrested, brought back and committed to the jail in this town. He was last week carried up by *Habeas Corpus*, before the Chancellor, and the questions growing out of these facts elaborately, and we understand very ably argued. We have not seen the opinion of the Court, and cannot, therefore, state the grounds taken in the decision, but Judge Harper refused to discharge the prisoner, who was remanded and is now in jail.

MARRIED,
In Lincoln county, on the 30th ult Mr. John Haase to Miss Barbary Clay.
In Salem, Lewis Plum to Miss Eliza P. Lemon.

DIED,
In Edgecomb county, a few days ago, of a bilious fever, Mr. Joel Battle, proprietor of the Cotton Factory at the Falls of Neuse River.
In Rowan county, on the 20th inst. Mrs. Mary Robinson, relict of George Robinson, dec. aged 65.
In Surry county, on the 14th inst. Mr. Charles Smith at the advanced age of ninety-nine years lacking six days. He was born in Albemarle county, Va. and emigrated to Surry about fifty years ago. He sustained the character of an honest man, a kind parent, an indulgent and humane master, and a good neighbor.

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COMMITTED
TO the Jail of Buncombe County, N. C. on the 15th of July last, a runaway Negro man, who calls his name GEORGE, and says he belongs to Elias Brock, in Laurens district, S. C. Said negro appears to be about twenty-four years old, rather slender built but tall. The owner is requested to come forward and take him away, according to law.
WM. COLEMAN, Jailor.
Asheville, N. C. 7th Aug. 1829. 983wp

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CALVIN JONES.
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NOTICE.
MRS. SARAH GLENDENNING, late of Granville county, formerly resident in Raleigh, has lately died intestate. Many of her next of kin reside at a distance from this place, and I do hereby notify all persons concerned, that at the expiration of two years from the 1st May, 1829, as prescribed by law, I shall be ready and willing to settle the said Estate.—The Administration of said Estate having been committed to me by the County Court of Granville County in May 1829.
I will attend to all communications (post paid) which may be addressed to me at Raleigh, N. C.
PARKER RAND, Adm'r.
Wake county, 21st May, 1829. 74 4m