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THE OLIO.

From the New-Bedford Mercury. TAKING A WHALE. A FISH STORY BY AN OLD WHALER.

It was one of those delightful days so often passing beneath a tropical sun in the Pacific Ocean, that our attention was suddenly roused by one of the look-outs at mast head, who reported that he saw spouts at the weather bow.

There was at the time, as is usual on board of a whaler when several days have elapsed without seeing whales, an air of quietude pervading all parts of the ship; there being nothing at these times in the monotonous, everyday occupations of a ship, to call forth the active energies of her crew.

Whether our whale found bottom and so could go no further down, which is not very likely; or whether he went so far as to get a most terrible squeezing from the vast body of water pressing upon him, and so was glad to come to the surface for relief; or finally, whether he thought there was absolutely no limit to the length of line appended to him can only be matters of conjecture.

The whale assumed an attitude of defiance at once on ceasing his efforts to escape, so that it now required a good share of intrepidity to approach him again; for whales like individuals and nations, when put to a last shift and roused to desperation, are sometimes most formidable animals to encounter.

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recovering a little from his fright, he pursued his way to windward, and exerted his propelling powers with such success as sent him forward with a fleetness that gave to the crew who were thus harnessed to him, a "glorious sleigh-ride," as whalers sometimes love to term these flighty transits.

Finding flight along the surface of the sea of no avail, he now tried what security the depths below afforded him. Pointing his head downward and rearing his "flukes" in the air for a perpendicular descent, he made a plunge and away he went, down, down—the line whistling merrily around the smoking loggerhead as he went.

The whale continued his downward course with such rapidity as to take the whole length of a line from one boat in an incredibly short space of time; but luckily another boat chanced to be near by, the line of which was fastened to the latter end of the first one, just as it was about to leave the boat.

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As one boat had got a little in advance of the others, when they had arrived within a hundred yards or so of the whale, the race was given up, the sternmost crews resting upon their oars, anxiously awaiting the issue of the first onset. When this near boat got within a short distance of the whale, the harpooner, who had been rowing away at his oar all the while, received his laconic orders to "stand up," while the rest of the oarsmen were told with equal brevity to "stern all!"

Now, though man can find his way through the sea rather better than he can wing it through the air, he makes after all but an indifferent fish, especially on the open ocean, where toppling waves are roaring about his ears, and a monstrous leviathan is within a few feet of him.

The crew of the stoven boat, supported, part of them on its bottom, and part with oars under their arms, lay soaking in the brine until their zeal for the attack was most effectively cooled. They were taken in however, by the first boat that could get to them and conveyed forthwith to the ship.

After this specimen of what our whale could do in the way of patronising boat-builders, it was necessary to proceed with some degree of caution. The boats were next rowed up, one on each side; but as he had before given up all hopes of finding safety in flight, so now, on seeing these, he abandoned all thought of self-defence, and stretching himself along the surface of the sea, calmly submitted to his fate.

The blow was so mortal and caused the effort of like to flow so freely, that, notwithstanding his mighty bulk and giant strength, there was no possibility of his escaping, nor even of spinning out his existence beyond an hour. He continued spouting thick blood for some minutes, reddening the blue waters with the vital fluid wherever he bent his way.

At length the emissions of blood became gradually less frequent, and finally issued forth so feebly as only just to gurgie about the spout-hole; and the whale laying like a hulk upon the sea, seemed about to draw his last gasp. But all at once he concentrated his whole strength for a momentary, and as it proved, his last effort. Raising the upper part of the head a little above the sea, he started off with amazing velocity; but instead of going straight forward as before, he went circularly round like a horse in a circus, only with this difference, that each circle became narrower and narrower like the mainspring of a time piece.

It is therefore ordered by the Court, that publication be made in the Raleigh Register, for six weeks, successively, for the said Defendant to appear at the Court to be held for the County of Granville, at the Court House in Oxford, on the first Monday in November next, then and there to plead, or reply; otherwise, judgment final will be rendered against him, and the property levied on condemned, subject to Plaintiff's claims.

RALEIGH AND GASTON RAIL ROAD.



Expedition increased and no detention.

The Raleigh and Gaston Rail Road is now completed and in full operation. This road connects with the Greensville and Roanoke Rail Road at Gaston, which road unites with the Petersburg Rail Road near Bedford.

Passengers travelling South leave Baltimore at 9 o'clock, A. M. and arrive at Petersburg at 1 A. M. next morning; leave Petersburg at 2 A. M. and arrive Raleigh at 5 P. M. the same day.

Table with columns for routes (Knoxville to Bloomville, Knoxville to Asheville, etc.), Miles, Hours, and Fare.

The above rates are believed to be accurate and nearly so. The route from Knoxville by Jonesboro, W. Va., and Salem, N. C., is also a shorter route than either of the above routes, and the fare perhaps a little less.

CAUTION.—Persons travelling from North to South by the way of the Raleigh and Gaston Rail Road should be careful not to enter their names or procure tickets further than to Petersburg, Va.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, GRANVILLE COUNTY, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, August Term, A. D. 1840. John S. Eaton & Co. vs. William Wilson, Pr. E. A. Jones, Same, N. N. Southall, Same.

SWAIM'S PANACEA—FOR THE CURE OF SCROFULA, OR KING'S EVIL, RHEUMATISM, Ulcerous Sores, Syphilis, and the host of painful and hitherto incurable affections resulting therefrom.

This medicine is particularly recommended as an alterative and purifier of the blood. It gives a tone and vigor to debilitated Constitutions, which invalids are unconscious of until they have experienced its effects.

It is also recommended in Diseases where the Lungs and Breast are supposed to be affected, and also where the constitution is broken down by the use of Mercury or Quinine.

SWAIM'S VERMIFUGE—THE MOST SUCCESSFUL FAMILY MEDICINE EVER OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC. This well known Anti-Dysenteric and Worm Medicine has proved successful these twelve years past, and is universally acknowledged by all who have tried it.

Worms being especially apt to infest persons of debilitated digestive organs and uncorrected constipation, much mischief is often done by the ordinary worm medicines, which generally consist of the strongest purgatives, calomel, that destroyer of the constitution, blisters, pink root, spirits of turpentine, wormseed oil, &c. &c.

VALUABLE REAL ESTATE ADJOINING THE CITY OF RALEIGH, FOR SALE.—By order of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, that valuable property known as the Episcopal School, together with the Land attached thereto, is now offered for sale.

BLACKSMITH.—The Subscriber has commenced the Blacksmithing business in this City, on his own account, and will be prepared to carry it on in all its branches.

JAMES G. McPHEETERS, COMMISSIONER OF THE LAND OFFICE, Petersburg, Va.

Continues to transact business on his usual liberal and prompt terms, at the old stand, formerly occupied by Holdery & McPheeters, Bollingbrook Street, where he will be pleased, at all times, to see his North Carolina friends, and solicit a continuance of their favors.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL BOOK AND STATIONERY ESTABLISHMENT IN PETERSBURG, VA.—James Woodhouse & Co. deal extensively in Books in the various departments of Literature.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTORS OF THE CAPE FEAR BANK at Wilmington: Take notice, that I shall make application for a new Certificate for FIVE SHARES of Stock held in your Bank, of which I am entitled to one share.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL FASHIONABLE HAT AND CAP Warehouse, On Seymour Street, next door to Messrs. Paul, McIlwaine & Co., Petersburg, Va.

NOTICE.—Will be sold at the Court House door in Rockingham, Richmond County, on the 3d Monday of October next, so much of the following tract of unpatented Land, for the years 1838 and 1839, as will be sufficient to satisfy the taxes due thereon and cost, viz: 640 Acres, belonging to Samuel Weir.

NOTICE.—Will be sold to the highest bidder, on a credit of 12 months, on Tuesday, 12th of September next, before the Court House door, in the City of Raleigh, at 1 o'clock, the well known Station Young Conqueror, raised by Benjamin F. Stanfield, of Caswell county. As Conqueror is well known, comment is unnecessary. The sale is intended to settle a partnership in said horse. A further description of Pedigree, &c. will be given on the day.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF THE Approaching General Assembly.—The Subscriber would respectfully inform Members elect to the Legislature, that he is prepared to accommodate comfortably with Board and Lodging, from 30 to 40 of their bodies.

FRANKLIN HOTEL.—The Subscriber has opened a House of Entertainment at Frankfort, 20 miles from Raleigh, on the Raleigh and Gaston Rail Road, where he is prepared to accommodate Rail Road and Stage Passengers and the public generally with all kinds of refreshments.

STATE OF NORTH-CAROLINA, Nash County, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions. Henry G. Williams and others vs. Isaac F. Dorch, Defendant.

Roanoke Navigation Company.—The annual meeting of the Roanoke Navigation Company will be held at Weldon, on Tuesday, the 27th day of October next.