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THE WEEK.

DEATH.—The grim monster whose fatal darts respect neither age nor condition seems to have paid our fair city a special visit. On Friday evening last two of our most aged and respected citizens were called hence, Capt. A. J. Lawrence and Mr. William J. Griffee.

Capt. Lawrence was perhaps the oldest of our prominent citizens, being in his 81st year. In early life he followed the occupation of a printer, and was at one time the proprietor of the Raleigh Star which he afterwards sold to T. J. Lemay, Esq. Our first recollection of him commenced in the month of December, 1857. We had ridden all night in the stage from Goldsboro to Raleigh, and just about day we arrived at the old hotel that stood where the present post office now stands. The old gentleman was up and received us in the veranda. We shall never forget the hot coffee, and excellent breakfast our venerable friend furnished on that occasion. Capt. Lawrence was a good man. His integrity was beyond suspicion. He was honored and loved by all, and has doubtless gone to reap the reward to which the just only are entitled. He leaves a widow and two children, one son and one daughter. The son Capt. A. W. Lawrence is one of our most energetic and respected citizens, and the daughter one of our most estimable Ladies. We have frequently heard the devotion of these children to their aged father commented upon in the most favorable manner.

We deeply sympathize with them in their grief, but hope and believe that their loss, is their aged father's eternal gain.

Mr. William J. Griffee, was one of our best citizens. He was a native of Virginia, and came to this city many years since. He for a long time engaged in the baking and confectionery business. He was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, an honest man, kind husband, and warm friend. Disease had for a long period prior to his death, prevented him from pursuing active business. He died as he had lived, a pure christian and an upright man.

He leaves a widow, but no children.

SOME HOGS.—Mr. Troy of Cumberland county, has lately killed some fine hogs, four of which, one and a half years old, weighed 1210 pounds, and one, two and a half years old, weighed 610 pounds, and measured seven feet four inches long, five feet ten inches around the jaw, and the fat around the kidney seven inches thick. The above is Troy weight.

FEDERAL COURT HOUSE AND POST OFFICE.—In order that our people may be posted in regard to the progress that is being made towards the erection of the new Federal Court House and Post Office in Raleigh, we publish the following letters upon the subject addressed to our distinguished member of Congress Hon. W. A. Smith. We can with confidence assure the Public that Maj. Smith, and Col. Carrow, are using every effort to have such a building erected in our midst as will be a credit to the General Government, and the pride of our people:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE SUPERVISING ARCHITECT,
Dec. 18th, 1873.

Hon. W. A. Smith, House of Representatives:

DEAR SIR: I have just returned and found your letter of the 7th inst.

In reply I have to say that I shall be glad to have a personal conference with you on the subject at your own convenience. Meantime rest assured no action will be taken.

It may perhaps be proper for me to add, that I do not wish to build a brick building, but would greatly prefer to erect such a building as would be gratifying to your citizens and a matter of pride to myself. It is, however, impossible for me to erect a good stone building with the present appropriation, of which I can very readily convince you. This is a matter, however, in regard to which no immediate decision is necessary and therefore can be discussed at our meeting.

Very respectfully yours,
A. B. MULLETT,
Supervising Architect.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Washington, Dec. 27, '73.

Hon. W. A. Smith, House of Representatives:

SIR:—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from you of a resolution of the General Assembly of North Carolina in regard to the proposed Government building at Raleigh, requesting and recommending the erection of the proposed Government building in that city of stone, instead of brick and stone, as proposed by the Department.

I reply, I have to say that the General Assembly is mistaken in supposing that the Architect desires to erect a brick and stone building. It is, however, impossible to comply with the request of the General Assembly with the present restrictions on the cost of the structure.

Should Congress authorize the expenditure of such a sum as the erection of a cut stone building would require, the Department would take great pleasure in complying with the request of the General Assembly.

Very respectfully,
F. A. SAWYER,
Acting Sec'y.

WOOD'S MAGAZINE.—We have received the January number of Woods' Household Magazine. It is now in its fourteenth Volume, and every year has increased its popularity and added new friends to its list of admirers. Though retaining its old name, it has not the least connection with its former proprietor, but has for many months been the exclusive property of Mr. S. E. Sheets, its present publisher. H. V. Osborne (Tenaroon) still continues as its Editor and is the only person employed in that capacity—giving to the Magazine not a careless supervision, but a direct personal attention in every department. The Magazine is improving constantly, and is splendidly adopted to the members of the Household. The present number contains three engravings and other good things in proportion.

Price of Magazine one dollar per year, with chromo. **YO, SEMITE** one dollar and a half. Address Wood's Household Magazine, Newburgh, N. Y.

John S. Leary, Esq., delivered the Emancipation address in Fayetteville on the 1st inst. It is said to have been an appropriate and eloquent speech.

NATIONAL CELEBRATIONS.—On the 8th day of January, 1815, fifty-nine years ago, Gen. Jackson repulsed the British at New Orleans. This event for many years after was celebrated throughout the country on each succeeding return of the day. Of late years however no notice seems to be taken of it, and but for the reunion in some sections of the few remaining veterans of 1812, the people would altogether lose sight of that memorable battle. Even our glorious 4th day of July is not now celebrated as of old, and frequently WASHINGTON'S birthday, the 22nd of February, passes by unnoticed. This should not be. We contend that the celebration by all of our people of these grand events tends to more closely bind our people together and recalls to memory the deeds of our ancestors. These days belong to no section. They are the property of the whole country. We regret that the late civil war has had the effect to dampen the patriotic ardor of some of the Southern people, and apparently to lessen their zeal in doing homage to the memory and deeds of the earlier patriots of the Republic. It is passing strange that the birthday of WASHINGTON, the Virginian, should pass almost unnoticed in the South, while it is celebrated with pomp and parade in the North. It is unaccountable that the memorable declaration of liberty penned by Jefferson, the Virginian, should pass almost unnoticed among our people, while the booming of cannon and general rejoicings proclaim its return in the North. We hope this will not be the case in the future. The birthday of WASHINGTON is fast approaching and we hope that arrangements will be made in Raleigh to celebrate its return in a proper manner. Such celebrations do good in binding together in friendship the different sections of the country, and by inspiring in the minds of the young a proper love of our country and its institutions.

BRADLEY'S PATENT ENAMEL PAINT.—It is but a little over a quarter of a century since the art of mixing paint was confined almost exclusively to a few, comparatively speaking. Now, however, through the ingenuity of BRADLEY A PRACTICAL PAINTER, as well as a CHEMIST, we are not only enabled to apply the PAINT, if we desire, but can see the shades in advance, BEAUTIFUL SAMPLE CARDS, being furnished GRATIS, with the different shades, or tints numbered. Not having used the ENAMEL PAINT, we can't "of course speak from experience, but we have not a doubt, it is all that is claimed for it, and must evidently supercede the OLD STYLE PAINT." As an evidence of the great worth of the ENAMEL PAINT, we most respectfully request all of our readers, to carefully read the excellent testimonials of Mr. C. P. Knight, on the 6th page of our paper. 29-6t.

AWFUL DEATH.—About 2 o'clock on Friday evening last, Richard Moss, son of the late Jack Moss of this city, went into the bar room of James Baker badly under the influence of liquor. After staggering about for awhile, he laid down upon the floor and fell asleep. The proprietor, Baker, moved him to a rear room and left him. About dark the room was again visited to see how he was getting on, when it was found that Moss was dead. Moss was about 30 years of age and was at one time a policeman of this city. The coroner's jury decided that the deceased came to his death from the use of intoxicating stimulants.

See proclamation of Governor.

The North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in Lexington North Carolina, on Wednesday January, 7th, Bishop Hanen presiding. Among the Ministers are, Rev. Dr. Dashiell, Missionary Secretary from New York, and Rev. Dr. Cobleigh, Editor of the Methodist Advocate Atlanta, Ga. This Church is doing throughout the South an extensive work among the colored people, and large sums of money are spent every year in the education and religious training of this race. Bishop Haven is a native of Massachusetts, Dr. Dashiell is a native of Southern Maryland, understands the colored people and is deeply interested in their welfare. He is visiting the prominent cities of the South enquiring into the conditions of Missionaries and ascertaining the needs of the thousands who are under the care of the church. Bishop Haven and Dr. Dashiell, are the guests of Col. W. F. Henderson.

ACADEMY OF MEDICINE.—This Institution situated in Raleigh has been in operation since 1869. All the regular physicians of Raleigh are members of it, and monthly meetings are held at their rooms on Hargett street on the first Wednesday night in each month. The object of the association is to promote medical science. Every member is required to participate in the discussions. The following officers were chosen at the last election:
Dr. E. Burke Haywood, President.
Dr. Jas. McKee, Secretary.
Dr. Wm. Jones, Treasurer.

RALEIGH GRANGE.—The following officers of this order were installed on the 3rd inst:
M. A. Biedsoe, Overseer.
John Gatling, Lecturer.
C. B. Harrison, Chaplain.
R. B. Saunders, Secretary.
Paul F. Faison, Treasurer.
R. G. Dunn, Steward.
Geo. C. Taylor, Asst. Steward.
L. S. Doub, Gate Keeper.
Mrs. R. T. Fulghum, Ceres
Mrs. V. Mial, Pomona.
Mrs. M. D. Green, Flora.
Mrs. V. C. Williams, L. A. Steward.

ORPHAN ASYLUM.—A concert for the benefit of the Orphan Asylum at Oxford was given a short time since at Little River Academy, at which the sum of one hundred dollars was netted for the Asylum.—Fayetteville Eagle.

We hope the above will have the effect of stirring up our people to aid the Orphans. We have an abundant of musical talent in Raleigh of both sexes who might make arrangements for a concert for the benefit of the helpless children. We have no doubt such an entertainment would meet with marked success at the hands of our citizens.

We invite attention to the advertisement of Rev. Aldert Smedes, Rector of St. Mary's Female Institute, and also to the announcement of the re-opening of J. M. Lovejoy's male academy. Both are excellent schools and deserve the liberal patronage of our people.

INSURANCE COMPANIES.—We call attention in this issue to the statement of the condition of the Aetna Insurance Company to the 31st December, 1873. We are informed that the time is drawing to a close in which these companies are required to make their reports to the Secretary of State, and would remind officers of the different companies of the fact.

Mr. John Bostain, of Iredell county, has a pair of shoes he wore 36 years ago, a pocket knife his grandfather carried 100 years ago, and another knife his father-in-law used 50 years since. A born antiquarian!

DEDICATION.—On Tuesday night last the 13th inst, the new Hall of the Hickman Lodge I. O. G. Templars of this city was appropriately dedicated. Although the night was exceedingly inclement a very respectable crowd was present to witness the ceremonies.

After the Dedication services a handsome banner was presented to the Lodge as a gift from Mrs. Mary Little and Miss Mary Conn. It is made of white silk and bears the mottoes of the order, Faith Hope and Charity. Rev. A. W. Mangum, presented the banner in a few and appropriate remarks which were responded to by T. N. Ramsay, Esq.

SENTENCED.—Allen McPherson and Henry Williams, both colored, convicted of Burglary, at the present Term of the Superior Court, were sentenced on Tuesday last by Judge Watts, to be hung on Friday the 13th day of February.

CONSOLIDATION.—The Tarboro Enquirer and Southerner have been consolidated under the name of Enquirer-Southerner, and under the editorial control of Mr. E. R. Stamps.

DRAMATIC.—Capt. Benj. Robinson, of Fayetteville has written a play, founded on the present Cuban Revolution.

The drama is entitled the "Gem of the Antilles," and is said to present a graphic description of Cuban affairs.

We hope friend Robinson will make a decided hit.

Allen Jordan, Esq., of Montgomery county, arrived in the city on Saturday last, and is stopping at the Exchange Hotel. Mr. Jordan has some important business in the Supreme Court. He is a faithful representative in the Legislature, and the people of Montgomery have cause to be proud of him.

The snow in Graham county, N. C., was ten inches deep during Christmas week.

John Davis, who drives the stage from Old Fort to Asheville, fell under the wheels and was severely injured.

Mr. C. H. Smith's store, in Ashe county, and stock of goods, all valued at \$4,000, was burned Christmas Eve.

CONVICTED.—The Superior Court was engaged during the day on Saturday last in trying the case of the prisoners who broke into Mr. Murray's house a short time since. They were convicted. The prisoners were defended by Messrs. J. C. L. Harris and T. R. Purnell. We have heard the efforts of these gentlemen in behalf of the prisoners spoken of in the highest terms. The Solicitor appeared for the State. We hope the fate of these men will have a good effect towards breaking up crime in our midst.

SUPERIOR COURT—CRIME, &c.—The Superior Court for this county is now in the second week of its session, and we learn that the criminal docket is far from being cleared. The increase of crime of late has been fearful. Scarcely a day passes that we do not hear of cases of robbery or murder, and when the cases are traced back whiskey is found to be at the bottom of nearly all of them. Is there no remedy for this State of things? If liquor is to be sold, cannot our law makers throw such restrictions around the sellers as to prevent them from allowing men to make beasts of themselves in their houses? Three-fourths of the drunken men we see or hear of on the streets or elsewhere become so at the shops of the retail liquor dealers as they are called, and many of these venders will not scruple to sell it even