

The absence of the Editor from this city will account for the deficiency of editorial matter in this issue. The Editor expected to have returned to Raleigh yesterday with his family, but as no train came from Petersburg, of course he is weather-bound.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

An election was held in this City on Monday last for municipal officers, and resulted in the selection of the Whig and American ticket by large majorities. We give below the vote cast, which, notwithstanding the disagreeable weather, is but 40 or 50 less than the vote cast at the election for President.

For Mayor, Wm. Dallas Haywood, 149; James Litchford, 90.

For Commissioners, Middle Ward—C. B. Root, 44; Edw. Yarbrough, 48; Richard Battle, 44; Kemp P. Battle, 9.

Eastern Ward—Eldridge Smith, 81; A. Adams, 71; L. W. Peck, 29; W. C. Upchurch, 6; John Hutchins, 5.

Western Ward—H. D. Turner, 68; Thos. H. Briggs, 50; A. M. Gorman, 27; Q. Barber, 6.

J. J. Christophers was re-elected Constable, without opposition, for District No. 1. I. D. Smith was elected Constable over John Taylor, for District No. 2.

There were seven Commissioners chosen, viz: Messrs. Root, Battle and Yarbrough in the Middle Ward; Messrs. Smith and Adams in the Eastern Ward; and Messrs. Turner and Briggs in the Western Ward.

INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS—REVENU.

At the time of issuing our last paper, the Executive and Col. Fields Road had just been ordered in the House of Commons. On Saturday, a motion was made to reconsider this vote, and pending a vote upon this motion, the House adjourned. Yesterday the proposition to reconsider was again brought up. Upon a very lively debate sprang up, during the course of which, Mr. Meares delivered several able and eloquent speeches.

In the course of his speech, there was a remark of Mr. Meares which struck us very forcibly. It was an amendment to the Revenue Bill, which he gave notice of his intention to present. The amendment is to tax through passengers and through freight upon the Railroads running through our State. In the course of his remarks he said that he thought the Finance Committee had not fulfilled their duty in laying so heavy a tax on the polls and land, and in not at all taxing this source of Revenue which had proved so profitable in other States. He thought it nothing but justice that Roads which had received so much money from the State should assist in paying the tax which they had caused. The House adjourned before a vote was taken on the re-consideration.

HEAVY SNOW STORM.

The ground is now covered with the deepest snow which has fallen in this region within twenty years. Snow commenced falling sometime during last Saturday night, and the heavy shower did not cease till after 12 o'clock Monday night. In some places it is two and three feet in depth, and it will average generally over 12 inches. The snow has cut us off from all communication with the rest of the world. We have not shot out or received a mail from any direction since Sunday morning last, and, as is usual on such occasions, the telegraph wire is down between here and Petersburg.

SUPREME COURT.

The following decisions have been delivered since our last report: By NASH, C. J. In Stevenson v. Simmons, from Beaufort, affirming the judgment. Also, in Brown v. Hodges, from Beaufort, in equity, declaring there is error, in the order appealed from. Also, in the State v. Rice, of Cumberland, directing a venire du jour.

FATAL RESULT OF A JOKE.—

In the County of DeWahire, England, on the 22d of December, two servants of a farmer, named Percival and Hudson, regaled an agricultural laborer only fifteen years of age, who had come in the evening for his milk, with some ghost stories until he was thoroughly frightened. After he left one of them clothed himself in a table cloth and met the young lad in a field. He arrived at home on a terrified state, and, although he went to work the next day, was obliged to be put to bed, where he was seized with violent vomiting and died raving wildly. The medical men were of opinion that he died from the effect of the shock to the nervous system.—Percival, who put on the table cloth, has been arrested on a charge of manslaughter.

LOTTERIES TO BE ABOLISHED.—

The people of Delaware have adopted an amendment to the constitution of the State prohibiting lotteries after Jan. 1, 1862. The Governor has signed the amendment, and he asks the Legislature to make the necessary legislation to carry the amendment into effect. In Maryland lotteries will cease to exist on the 1st of April, 1859, in virtue of a provision of the State constitution.—Balt. Sun.

SEND THEM A BIBLE!—

The inaugural ceremonies attendant upon the opening of the Missouri Legislature, the other day, were delayed, because no Bible could be found upon which to administer the necessary oath to the Governor! A committee was sent to look up a copy—but they did not find one after an hour's hunt, and one could be found in the capital. Gentlemen of the Home Missionary Society—At your next meeting we move an appropriation for Jefferson City.

ROWDYISM IN THE ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE.

There are plenty of rowdy's in Congress, but those in that disorderly assemblage even have more than their equals in some of the Legislatures of the Northern States. Take the following "scene" which occurred in the Illinois Legislature as a sample. (It happened on the 5th inst.)

"Mr. Arnold, of Chicago, commenced making a speech for the purpose of sustaining Bridges, and here we will proceed verbatim et liberatim.

Mr. Arnold.—"Mr. Speaker I wish to make a few remarks."

Speaker.—"Does the gentleman recognize me as the Speaker?"

Arnold.—"No, sir."

Speaker.—"Then the gentleman is out of order and will take his seat. The Clerk will proceed to call the roll."

Bridges.—"I protest. I have my rights here, and intend to maintain them. I am a member of this house, and intend to maintain my rights."

Speaker.—"Order."

Bridges.—"I call you to order, sir."

Logan, of Jackson.—"Mr. Speaker, I move that the Sergeant-at-Arms, pro tem., be instructed to take Mr. Bridges out of the House, if he persists in his course."

Bridges.—"I call you to order, sir."

Logan's motion being seconded, and the question being put and carried, the Speaker directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to show Mr. Bridges the door.

Mr. Greathouse, Sergeant-at-Arms, walked up to Mr. Bridges, and politely informed him that he was directed to show him out.—Mr. Bridges told him to keep his hands off, or he would get hurt. Greathouse took him by the collar, when Bridges struck him, and then commenced the scene. They cinched, while many of the members made up to the scene of action to assist the Sergeant in the discharge of his duties.

After some considerable wrestling, knocking over chairs, desks, inkstands, men, and things generally, Mr. Bridges was got out with his coat "shockingly torn." Five or six assistants Sergeant-at-Arms were then appointed to keep order, and the House proceeded to business. After the members had been sworn in, the House adjourned.

SCARCITY OF FUEL.

The snow coming so unexpectedly upon our citizens many of them were caught with a scant supply of fuel on hand, and consequently what little wood there was hauled into the city on yesterday sold at most exorbitant prices. For instance, loads of wood drawn by two horses, (and very small loads at that) which only sold at \$1 00 to \$1 25 previous to Saturday last, were taken readily yesterday at \$3 00, which is about at the rate of \$8 00 per cord! Is it not monstrous that fuel should sell at such unreasonable rates here in Raleigh, when there is so much wood in such close proximity to us?

Three of the Democrats in the Pennsylvania Legislature who voted for Mr. Forney in the Democratic Legislative caucus, when they came to the scratch on joint ballot, cast their votes for Cameron, the Black Republican. These are National Democrats!

MR. VILLIERS DECLINED THE APPOINTMENT OF MINISTER TO THE U. S.—

The New York Post learns that the Hon. Mr. Villiers has declined the appointment of Minister to this country, which was recently tendered him. It is now thought that Lord Elgin will be appointed.

IMPORTANT FROM NICARAGUA.—

The steamer Texas has arrived at New Orleans with later news from Nicaragua. The Purser of the Texas reports that the Costa Ricans, protected by the English fleet, had seized every steambark on the San Juan River. The steamer San Carlos left Virgin Bay with passengers on the 3d of January, but was captured by the Costa Ricans soon after she got into the river.

Col. Lookbridge, with 250 men, had possession of Punta Arenas, but the Costa Rican force of 1,000 men held every other point on the river.

It is confirmed that Gen. Henningsen had beaten the allies at Granada and joined Walker at Rivas.

Walker's army is represented to have been in good spirits and never more confident of success, while the allies were fighting among themselves.

The steamship James Adger, with the passengers which she took from the Tennessee at Norfolk, arrived at San Juan on the 9th inst., but in consequence of the difficulties on the Transit route she sailed next morning for Aspinwall to forward her passengers by the Panama route. The James Adger would return to Punta Arenas, and will be due in New York about the 22d inst.

A WINDFALL.—The Memphis News of Friday last has the following paragraph: A young man by the name of W. Dixon, who has been for some time engaged in Col. Locke's establishment, yesterday received the gratifying intelligence that a fortune of three million of dollars had been left him by an uncle lately deceased in North Carolina. We understand that he will start for the States in possession of his newly gotten wealth. Quite a handsome New Year present.

TRANSFER OF THE HERMITAGE TO THE STATES.—The Legislature of Tennessee at its last session passed an act authorizing the Governor of that State to purchase five hundred acres of the Hermitage, including the mansion of Gen. Jackson and the tomb where now repose the remains of the illustrious hero and patriot and those of his beloved wife, and to make a tender of the same to the general government, provided a branch of the Military Academy should be established at that place. In pursuance of this act Governor Johnson purchased the Hermitage for the sum of forty-eight thousand dollars, and on Wednesday arrived in Washington and made a formal tender of the property, with the condition annexed to the President. The President, in reply, stated that this offer by the State of Tennessee would be promptly communicated by him to Congress.

MARRYING A MOTHER-IN-LAW.—The Presbyterian General Assemblies have been disputing for a long time concerning the propriety of a man marrying his deceased wife's sister. The legality of a man and more delicate relationship being established by marriage has just been decided by the Court of Appeals of Kentucky. It is altogether proper, says the learned tribunal, the highest authority in the State, for a man to marry his mother-in-law—that marriage within the legal degree are not read though voidable.

BLOCKADE DECLARED.—The President of Costa Rica has issued a manifesto declaring the port of San Juan del Norte a state of blockade, and prohibiting the navigation of San Juan del Norte to every class of vessels so long as the war with Nicaragua shall last. He also says the steamers which go up the latter stream being actually at the absolute disposal of the filibuster Walker, and being his most active auxiliaries, will be taken and destroyed at every opportunity.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

The Rev. Dr. C. F. Deans lectured before the Literary and Scientific Institute of Norfolk, on Thursday evening last. The Daily News says: "The attention of a large and fashionable audience was enchained for more than an hour, by a chaste, solidly and truly eloquent lecture. The Dr. fully sustained his reputation as one of the most brilliant orators of the day."

The Greenborough Patriot and Flag describes a counterfeit \$6 note on the Farmer's Bank, Elizabeth City, which has made its appearance at Greenborough, as follows: "The counterfeit six dollar bills on the Farmer's Bank of North Carolina, referred to in our last, are much lighter in appearance than the genuine, and the face in the left hand lower corner is very defective. The large letters SIX across the bottom of the bill over the officers' signatures are dark and distinct in the genuine, but very pale and obscure in the counterfeit. One of the two story houses near the centre of the bill, under the tip end of the eagle's wing, is plain in the genuine, and each one of the two story houses has a cupola on it, while in the counterfeit the cupolas are scarcely visible, and the windows of the front building are imperfect."

Many other minor defects will appear upon comparing with the genuine, but the above, especially the face in the left hand lower corner will strike the most casual observer."

CAPT. HARTSTEIN NOT TO COME HOME IN THE RETRICTION.—Information has been received in Washington to the effect that Capt. Hartstein and the other officers who accompanied him when he went over to England to carry the "Resolute," will not come home in the Retribution, but in the steamer Washington. The change is made at the instance of Mr. Dallas, who thought the expense needless.

A SAD STORY.—Some time last summer a lawyer of Hamilton, C. W., eloped with the wife of Mr. Brodgin, another lawyer. Her husband shot the seducer, was tried for murder and acquitted. It is now said that Mr. Brodgin has committed suicide by cutting her throat. A late paper reports that Mr. Brodgin exhibited signs of insanity while on his way to the West. What a sorrowful and fearful consummation! A seducer shot, his paramour a suicide, and poor Brodgin likely to be insane.

SENATORIAL ELECTION.—The Legislature of Maine has elected Wm. Hamlin to the United States Senate for the long term, and Amos Norcross for the short term.

BLOODY RIOT.—A desperate riot occurred in Albion, N. Y., on Friday last between the Americans and Irish. Two men were killed, and several dangerously wounded.—Knives were freely used.

AMERICAN VICTORY.—The charter election took place at Seneca Falls, New York, on the 14th inst., and resulted in the American sweeping the decks by one hundred and twenty majority. The contest was animated in the highest degree, and the vote was largely taken in ever cast that village. It was a regular "stand up fight," the party lines being strictly drawn. The result was a signal American triumph!

SUPPRESSION OF FOREIGN COIN.—The bill to suppress the circulation of Spanish and Mexican silver coin in this country, and to regulate the exchange of the cent pieces, on Friday passed by the vote of Representatives.

HEALTH OF DR. KANE.—A late letter from Havana says: "Dr. Kane has almost recovered the use of his leg, which was paralyzed, and his arm is commencing to show signs of vitality. He contemplates returning home, if his health still improves, in the Quaker City, which will leave Havana on the 12th inst. Dr. Turner, surgeon of the Wahash, and Dr. Roverand, a celebrated physician of Havana, were his physicians, and admirably benefited his case."

BEN PERLEY POORE, the apple man, has been cited Secretary of the National Agricultural Society, to be held at Louisville, Ky. In the meeting, recently in session at Washington, a resolution was adopted looking to the purchase of Mount Vernon for the site of a National Agricultural Institute.

The committee on Agricultural Statistics reported in favor of obtaining accurate statistics of the staple productions of the United States, and recommending to the Governors of States and Territories to aid the plan. The report and resolutions were adopted.

THE CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE.—Mr. Raymond of New York, who was appeared before this committee in Washington, on Wednesday. A dispatch to the Times, says: Mr. Raymond declined to state the name of the writer of the article in the Times of the 6th inst., but avowed his responsibility for it. He maintained the duty of the press to act on moral convictions, and stated in answer to questions, that he had received ample information to satisfy him that there was corruption in Congress; that this was necessarily second-hand evidence, and that he declined being named as his informant, as he could not do so without a violation of confidence—and besides it was unnecessary.

A TRAGIC AFFAIR IN A BALLROOM.—The gayeties of a ball at National Hall, in West Forty-fourth street, Monday night, were very suddenly terminated by a most tragical event. A Mrs. Frederick, while dancing, dropped to the floor, and died instantly expired. The deceased was taken to her late residence in Broadway, near Fifty-first street. An inquest was held upon the body by Coroner Gaubler. The post mortem examination showed that death was caused by disease of the heart, and the jury so found.—N. Y. Times.

THE MILLIONAIRE NEGRO SINGER.

Among the celebrities of New York, is E. P. Christy, the negro minstrel singer, having made a fortune of burnt cork and Ethiopian melodies, now lives the life of a wealthy and fashionable New Yorker. He recently made a great dash in the streets with a magnificent sleigh, which attracted unusual attention from its splendor and the beauty of the prancing stud of snow white horses, to which it was attached. In the summer he drives out in an elegant carriage, behind two splendid bays, with a fine large coach-dog running under the carriage. He is quite a connoisseur in horsemanship, and in driving out alternates between his bay and white horses. In his promenade he is accompanied by a large bull terrier, a splendid specimen of the canine race. His wealth is prodigious, and as he has been economical and laborious while earning it, he feels authorized to spend it freely. He has, in reply, stated that this offer by the State of Tennessee would be promptly communicated by him to Congress.

THE REFRANT YOUTH.—In a metropolitan criminal court, eight years ago, a poor woman, whose boy had been sentenced to a long term in the penitentiary for an offence not well proven, said: "Would your Honor give him a shorer term? He is a good boy to me, your Honor—he always was. I've just made him some nice clothes, your Honor, which fit him beautiful, (and she looked, as she said, only as a mother can look at her boy), and if you give him a long time to stay in the prison, the clothes won't fit him when he comes out, for he's a growing boy." Wouldst thou that a man was a man, like some nice children's children? This was too much for her son. He indeed—he wept—he repented—he was forgiven. And he is now one of the most promising, enterprising, and honorable young merchants in our city. Every word of this is true, and known to be so by every man.—Knickerbocker.

THE SONG OF THE CLERK.

A parody on Hood's "Song of the Shirt," BY J. B. D.

With fingers weary and worn,
With cheeks blank pale to the tone,
With clank of pail on his high-galleged stool,
Lying his pencil and pen,
Write, write, write,
By the gong-bell still at work;
And thus for the ledger and laborious task,
He sings the Song of the Clerk.

Write, write, write,
While others are lounging around,
And write, write, write,
While others are sleeping sound,
It's 'til to be a machine,
That worries not o'er its work,
It's his to be anything else you please,
It fits in the life of a clerk.

Oh, if it were only his own,
Or some one else's to think,
Alas, every day to receive and to pay,
And yet be short of the "check,"
He sometimes gets a "check,"
And "orders" in plenty, 'tis feared,
The orders and checks will never be cashed,
And the takers will be cashiered.

Write, write, write,
His labor never dies,
Boats and ships, they take and they bring;
Cotton and sugar and hay,
Invoices come by the morning mail,
Accounts must be rendered to-day,
Boat goes at five—there are bills to make out,
And in general the deuce is to pay.

Add, add, add,
At his books by the morning light,
Add, add, add,
Far into the hours of the night;
Hunting up his balances in vain,
While the error escapes from his pen,
And the laugh in the street of the friends as they meet.

So he writes away, in a quiet way,
But what a time when he does get "let loose,"
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Sticks cannot drive him away;
He's shaggy and he's blind,
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The stews I've called my own have vanished one by one,
My mutton-chops and sassaunders have all passed away;
My beefsteaks they have flown, their pleasant grays gone,
All stolen by that old dog Tray.

While thinking on the past, and all the meat I eat,
I wish that some message man would take him far away;
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TEN YEARS IN JAIL FOR DEBT.—We copy the following from the Warren (Va.) Whig: "An old man named Gregg, who has been confined in Fauquier county jail since the 1st of October 1849, for debt, under the old law, was released on Christmas day by Jailer Cross, there being nothing left in the hands of the law to pay his jail expenses. We learn that this man had property enough to pay the debt against him; but that he preferred spending his weary hours in the county jail, to the confinement of prison for paying the debt which he owed. The person who had him confined has been dead some years, but we learn that a provision in his will appropriating a sufficient amount to keep him in limbo as long as he lived. Somehow or other this stipulation has given out, and of course Gregg becomes free again. When he left the jail-door he appeared to be perfectly bewildered, and did not know which way to travel, but in a short time he became fully conscious of his freedom, and strutted about with the air of one who knew what liberty used to be in '49-gone days."

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If you wish to comb their heads with ease, use Dresser's Bay Leaves.

If you wish to beautify their heads and give them the appearance of little ladies and gentlemen, use Dresser's Bay Leaves.

If you wish to promote the growth of their hair and cause it to flow in glossy and luxuriant ringlets, use Dresser's Bay Leaves.

Remember the "fixtore" attached to your desk, Has his own little quota of cures. Daily he talks of cash, And profits and interests and duns, But his pocket is lauk and his credit is blank, And his boarding bill gives him the blues.

Oh, if it were only his own, Or some one else's to think, Alas, every day to receive and to pay, And yet be short of the "check," He sometimes gets a "check," And "orders" in plenty, 'tis feared, The orders and checks will never be cashed, And the takers will be cashiered.

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COMMERCIAL.

The non-arrival of the mails for the last two days will account for our report of the Petersburg, Wilmington and Norfolk markets not being of later date than Saturday last.

WILMINGTON MARKET. Turpentine—Sales yesterday of 500 bbls at \$3.00 for virgin and yellow dip, and to-day of 190 do. at same price.

Spts.—Sales to-day of 235 casks at 49c per gallon.

Rosin—Nothing doing in either quality.

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Cotton—The offerings to-day are small, and prices are firm at 12 1/2 to 13c for good to choice parcels.

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Tobacco—The breaks are very light, and we notice a slight improvement in prices. The receipts are very small for the season. We quote primings at 5c to 5 1/2c; Logs of good weight 5c to 5 1/2c; Leaf 5c to 5 1/2c, as to quality.

Corn—We note a better inquiry, with but little offering. Quote country lots at 78 to 80c from vessel, 75c.

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