

CHARGE OF JUDGE SAUNDERS.

We publish below, for the gratification of public curiosity, the recent charge of Judge Saunders to the Bancombe Grand Jury.

This remarkable stretch of judicial authority is destined to give Judge Saunders anything but a favorable notoriety, especially when taken in connection with the fact, which must be patent to every one, that its purpose was to promote the prospects of CLINGMAN'S election.

The declaration of Judge SAUNDERS that "the administration of an oath to the members of any Society, not to divulge its secrets, or to do or not to do any particular act, is legally of no binding obligation, and in a moral point of view decidedly wrong," will embrace Masons, Odd Fellows, Sons of Temperance, &c. &c. I am prepared to go the whole figure.

We are compelled to defer any comment, however, in regard to this matter, until another day.

"The Grand Jury applied to the Judge for instructions as to whether it was an indictable offense, if it should appear that a Society had been formed in the county, the object and design of which was to influence men to join the Society, and then, by oath, to bind its members to secrecy and to compel them to vote against their will for or against a particular candidate."

"The Louisville Journal," without claiming the right to speak for the American party, yet having expressed a preference for its principles over those of the Democratic party, and being therefore committed to some extent in its behalf, asks the privilege of advising it, which it does, by recommending to the organization, "as its proper policy, to secure its nationality; to select none for office but men of decided ability, and, when practicable, of some practical experience; to abrogate to a great extent the practice of placing preachers in the Legislature or in Congress; to avoid ultramarianism in reference to foreigners or to anything else; and, last, to maintain in all its vigor, for the present, the secrecy of the individual member."

"The dates from England are to the 14th instant, but the news, though late, is not important. Matters still remain before Sebastopol pretty much as they were—fighting and skirmishing—but nothing decisive; and as to the negotiations at Vienna, not much progress has been made, and the prospect for peace does not seem to improve. The belligerent powers seem to be rather preparing for the spring campaign than to be anticipating a cessation of hostilities."

A CHANCE. The love of money is the besetting sin of the people of this world. We scarcely ever meet a man who doesn't want more than he has got.

Mr. L. Kosoth appears extremely anxious to involve the United States in the Eastern war. In his last letter, he expresses himself puzzled to understand how it is that the United States do not even claim to have a voice in the settlement of the limitation of the Russian Navy in the Black Sea and similar matters of general policy.

The "Hillsboro Recorder," speaking of Judge SAUNDERS' recent remarkable charge to the Grand Jury of Bancombe, remarks that: "It is a question of serious moment. If men are to be dragged into Court for their political opinions, where will the matter end? To what extent of persecution and absurdity will not partisan heat carry the principle, if once sanctioned by our Courts? We hope the people of the State will indignantly frown upon this first attempt, we believe, in North Carolina, since the Revolution, to punish men in the Courts for their political principles."

PRESENTED FOR CONSPIRACY.

We learn from the Asheville Spectator that under a charge from Judge Saunders, the Grand Jury of Bancombe county presented the Know Nothing party for conspiracy.

"An agreement between two or more persons falsely and maliciously to indict or procure to be indicted an innocent person or felony."

"Webster, in his quarto Dictionary, gives the following as the different definitions: "A combination of men for an evil purpose; an agreement between two or more persons, to commit some crime in concert; particularly a combination to commit treason, or excite sedition or insurrection, against the government of a State; a plot; a conspiracy against the government."

"SAM" IN LONDON. "Sam" has turned up in London, we see, and the people there seem to think he is, generally good looking. The London Times publishes, without abbreviation, the State Central K. N. address issued at Syracuse, not long since.

"The N. Y. Churchman states that a meeting of the Ecological Society in that city was held on the 16th inst., at St. Paul's Chapel, when the Rev. Mr. Hopkins read a report on the Ecological Society, proposing certain changes in the constitution of the Society."

DEMOCRATIC POW-WOW.—The Dem.'s of this county had a rich pow-wow at the Court House last evening. We have the particulars, and could paint a scene which, while true in all essentials, would, nevertheless, be a good showing up of the characters of the forces on the canvass. Our Democratic opponents will appreciate, doubtless, our forbearance.

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THE NEW CONGRESS.—For the information of the free soilers and politicians of all parties, we publish to-day a classified list of the members already elected to the approaching Congress, and an estimate of those yet to be elected, and the general result. From these tables it will appear that the Anti Nebraska free soilers have very little to boast of, and their prospects for a repeal of the Kansas and Nebraska bill are exceedingly slim.

A LAWYER IN TROUBLE.—A lawyer in Boston has got into trouble with a jury for calling them the "greatest set of knaves he ever knew."

THE ENGLISH VERSION OF THE BIBLE.—The power of our version of the Scriptures, its influence upon the mind and language of the race, is thus beautifully set forth in a passage from the Dublin Review: "Who will not say that the uncommon beauty and marvellous English of the Protestant Bible is not one of the great strongholds of heresy in this country of Great Britain?"

A SOUTHERN VIEW OF THE CUBA QUESTION.

Every one who is struck with the increasing progress of insanity, and the consequent development in the killing of people, is inclined to the improved condition of the world, that we rarely hear of a murder in modern times which is not committed either in self-defense or in insanity.

After all, what's the use of making such a grand fuss about human life? It is true that the law of God makes murder an abominable crime, and that in all the civilized countries of the old world—in England, France, Austria, Prussia—no plea of insult, no stuff about self-defense, unless the quarrel was begun by the deceased and his slayer was absolutely forced to the wall and in real danger of his own life, can lawfully excuse a murder.

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—THE CONVENTION. Whilst new buildings are constantly being erected in Warrenton, we have been pleased to observe that the Episcopal Church has been considerably enlarged in its dimensions, and is now undergoing a thorough renovation.

THE JEWISH SABBATH.—It is unlawful to ride on horseback or in a carriage—to walk more than a mile from their dwellings—to use any kind of carriage, or to employ any tool to write—to play upon any musical instrument—to bathe—comb the hair—and even to carry a pin in their clothes which is unnecessary.

THE FALL OF THE TREE.—Last evening, a stout six o'clock, tall under the stroke of the axe, and a noble existence has fallen from the great symphony tree of the College Grove.

ATTENTION, "OAK CITY GUARDS." YOU are hereby commanded to meet on Nash square on Saturday evening, 28th inst., at 8 o'clock, for drill.

Teachers Wanted. THE Trustees of Wilson Institute desire to engage the services of a Male teacher to assist in the instruction of the English and Classical branches of the Institute.

Oregon Peas. A SUPPLY of these most productive of all peas for sale at the FARMER'S HALL, at greatly reduced prices.

WOLFE TAKE IT! We are authorized by a gentleman of undoubted responsibility to state that he is ready to stake \$100 that Henry A. Wise will not be elected Governor of Virginia—\$500 that Dr. Stone will not be elected to Congress from this District.

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BY LAST NIGHT'S MAIL.

ARRIVAL OF THE AFRICA. SEVEN DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE. NO DESPATCHES OF PEACE!!!

Hullfax, April 25.—The Africa arrived here last night, with seven days later advices from Europe. She sailed from Liverpool on the 14th. Her news is not possessed of much importance.

MARKETS. LIVERPOOL, April 7.—Cotton continued active, but closed dull, without reduction of prices.—Breadstuffs were in demand at limited prices, except for Indian corn, which continued in good request.

FURTHER BY THE AFRICA. The North Carolina, a splendid screw propeller steamship, had been sunk off Hillybush in collision with the ship Robert for New Orleans, which had murdered the vessel.

LATER FROM CALIFORNIA. NEW YORK, April 25.—The Steamer George Law arrived this morning, bringing California dates to the 21st of March. She brings 372 passengers and \$720,000 of treasure.

AGENCY AT WASHINGTON CITY. JENNINGS PIFFITT and J. W. HANCOCK (late of North Carolina). WILL prosecute claims of every description before Congress, and the several Executive Departments, and also in the Courts.

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Superior French Cassimers. WE WOULD CALL PARTICULAR ATTENTION to our style of Cassimers. They are "just the thing." One hundred pair just received, March 30th, '55.

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DIKE TINKER'S PARISIAN SKETCHES.

Colorful Sketches in Paris, During the Years 1851-53. With an account of the Revolution of 1848. London, 1854. 32s.

THE COUNTRY NEIGHBOURHOOD. A Novel, by Miss E. D. Dyer, Author of "The Conspirator," "Florence," or "The Fatal Vow," "Celestine," &c. &c. 12s. 6d.

LADY BLESINGTON'S MEMOIR. The Literary Life and Character of the late Lady Blesington. Compiled and Edited by G. A. Dyer, Esq. With Portrait. 2 vols. 12s. 6d.

MATHEW'S PEASANT BOY. PUBLISHED BY "The United States of America," No. 10, Nassau Street, N. Y. (Formerly in the early life of George Washington.)

MAUAY-GEOGRAPHY OF THE SEA. The Physical Geography of the Sea. By F. Mauay, Esq. 1 vol. 12s. 6d.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA. Term A. D. 1855. Mary Reid vs. Green E. Id. Term A. D. 1855.

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