

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

Our town has happily been long exempted from the calamity of fire, owing, doubtless, to the less combustible character of its new structures...

The fire originated, as we learn, in the back building of the two-story brick tenement on Main street, at the head of Bush's lane, nearly opposite Johnson's Norfolk House...

The wind being from the S. W. when the fire broke out, the flames rapidly communicated to the frame house on the opposite side of the lane, occupied by Mr. J. Butler, Saddle and Harness Maker...

The next doomed to destruction was the two-story brick house owned by Mrs. Amy Blanchard, and occupied by Messrs. Mayer and Hodges, and Mr. Thomas Filman, Saddlers and Harness Makers...

During the progress of the fire the heat was so intense, as to scorch the doors and windows of the range of new brick buildings on the North side of the street...

BRACON OFFICE, Sunday night, 12 o'clock. About two hours since, when our paper was nearly ready for press, an alarm of fire was given, which proved to be from Portsmouth...

The fire in Portsmouth. We were prevented by the inclemency of the weather yesterday, from paying a visit to the conflagration in Portsmouth, as designed. We saw, however, several citizens of that place yesterday morning...

THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED SHIP ENGINES from the Navy Yard, rendered most important services, while the Revolution Pitts Company of Portsmouth, under the orders of Capt. C. Gorham, gave a fine sample of what may be effected by good organization and discipline...

In Portsmouth, as there is too much reason to regard the late conflagration as the act of some incendiary, as no fire has been kept during the day in the house where the mischief originated...

WORTH READING.

We ask the attention of the following remarks by Major Nonhi, they are calculated for the meridian of New York, but, as the almanac makers say, will serve for any of the adjoining States...

A fellow of another mind, nor morals, may demand and receive an office as the reward of his exertions. He wins it easily, receives it readily and holds it impudently...

The subject of joining one side or going over to another without reference to principle, is sufficiently melancholy, but there is as evil which now is spreading far and wide over the country...

The result of this mistaken zeal and anxiety for office, has produced an army of incumbents and expectants, and his army is removed by the will of one or two persons, the deposites of power...

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NATIVE GRAPES AND DOMESTIC WINE.

The Judges of vines report, that N. Longworth, Esq. is entitled to the premium, for a rich light wine made from the Catawba grape at his vineyard...

N. B. The bottles of wine were all of the same size and shape, and the Judges were not apprised, till after the decision was made, which bottle contained the domestic wines.

We copy the above account of the proceedings, at the Hamilton County Agricultural Society, published in the Farmer & Mechanic, of Cincinnati, (Ohio.) Mr. Longworth, richly merits the premium awarded him, independently of the excellence of the wines exhibited on this occasion...

Since writing the above, we have learned another fact, strikingly illustrative of the richness and abundance of the vintage in this region. Last year, Mr. Longworth selected in his principal vineyard, four miles below this city, the one-fourteenth part of an acre, from which he manufactured 105 gallons of wine.

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NEW MODE OF FISHING.

New Mode of Fishing. Several years ago a farmer in Scotland, kept a gander who not only had a great trick of wandering himself but also delighted to lead forth the geese to play the trumpet and stray among the forbidden fields...

NEW APPLICATION OF STEAM. We have already mentioned the invention, by Mr. Murfree of Nashville of a new mode of applying the power of steam directly to the periphery of a wheel, and thus dispensing with the cumbersome, expensive and bulky apparatus required, upon the old plan, between the generator and the machinery intended to be operated upon...

THE wheel in the model we have seen is two feet in diameter. The saw-mill driven by it is constructed upon Overman's plan; the generator is 36 inches long and 15 in diameter, furnishing a cubic ft of steam three or four times the amount of an inch square, under a pressure of fifteen pounds...

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FROM THE RALEIGH CONSTITUTIONALIST.

Francis S. Key, Esq. spent several hours in our City last week, on his way to the State, with instructions from the Governor of the attempt to remove the seat of the General Assembly from Raleigh...

THE last Richmond Enquirer contains a copy of the instructions to the commanding Officer directing the course which he is to pursue, wise an extract of the instructions to Mr. Key, which we lay before our readers...

EXTRACT OF A LETTER TO MAJOR J. S. ALBRIGHT, dated October, 29th, 1833. Sir—Your letter of the 21st instant in relation to General Jackson has been laid before me in answer, I have to inform you, that you interpose no obstacle to the service of legal process upon any officer or soldier under command, whether issuing from the Courts of the State of Alabama or of the United States...

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FEMALE BOARDING SCHOOL.

THE SEMINARY for young ladies, recently under the superintendence of WALKER ANDERSON, in the vicinity of Hillsborough, will in future, be conducted on the same principles, under the direction of the subscribers...

THE Session will commence on the 1st of January, 1834. WILLIAM E. ANDERSON, SAMUEL J. JOHNSTON.

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