

Terms of the Watchman. For the Watchman. Mr. Editor:—I wish to call the attention of the public...

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EDGEFIELD COURT—A BLACK CATALOGUE OF CRIME.

A letter from an esteemed friend, dated Edgefield C. H. Oct. 12, informs us that his Honor, Judge O'Neal had been engaged all the week on the Sessions Docket...

We learn that the subject of this brutal outrage, was a highly respectable maiden lady of 55 years of age. The act was committed in the house, where she, her brother, and two other maiden sisters lived...

For one other man was convicted of an assault with intent to kill and murder. The cases in which convictions took place, were sentenced on Saturday as follows:

The State vs. Stonecker, the little boy convicted of killing a little boy slave, on sudden heat and passion, sentenced to 3 months imprisonment, and a fine of \$100.

The State vs. Parker, convicted of manslaughter in killing Stephen Stalnaker—3 months imprisonment, fine \$100.

The State vs. Freeman, convicted of an assault with intent to kill Col. James Tomkins—sentenced to be imprisoned six months, and pay a fine of \$100.

The Greensboro' Patriot, speaking of the number of persons leaving the State, says: A gentleman of this place has kept a cursory count of the number of emigrants who have gone through here during the past thirty days.

There is but one remedy. We must have more attention from the people and their legislators, to State concerns, and less to Federal politics.

But, remarks a cotemporary, "there is one consolation to those who have had the privilege of legislating for the good of the State, and have not done it; viz: that if we have not greatly increased our own population, our stand-still policy has certainly helped to swell that of other States which have had more public spirit, and thus contributed to a prosperity which invited emigration.

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FORSYTHE SUPERIOR COURT.

The Fall Term of the Superior Court for Forsythe county was held last week. Judge Manly presiding. There was but one case of general importance disposed of, to wit: "The State vs. Jesse McBride and Adam Crooks," on a charge of circulating an incendiary publication.

"If any person shall knowingly bring into this State, with an intent to circulate, or knowingly circulate or publish within this State, or shall aid or abet the bringing into this State or the circulation or publication within the State, any written or printed pamphlet or paper, whether written or printed in or out of the State, the evident tendency whereof would be to excite insurrection, conspiracy or resistance in the slaves or free negroes and persons of color within the State, or which shall advise or persuade slaves or free persons of color to insurrection, conspiracy or resistance, such person so offending shall be deemed guilty of felony, and on conviction thereof in any court having jurisdiction thereof, shall for the first offence be imprisoned not less than one year and be put in the pillory and whipped, at the discretion of the court, and for the second offence shall suffer death without benefit of clergy."

This case had excited intense interest in Forsythe and the adjoining counties, and the trial was attended by a large crowd of anxious spectators. It was taken up on Friday morning and occupied the whole day and until 9 or 10 o'clock at night.

After the arguments of counsel, and a clear and intelligent charge from the Judge, admitted on both sides to be impartial, at late hour the jury retired and remained together all night. At the opening of the Court on Saturday morning the jury came in with their verdict of Guilty as to McBride, and not guilty as to Crooks.

These men have been travelling in neighboring sections for some time, in the character of preachers, sent here from some ecclesiastical body in Ohio. It is for us to discern the motives of their mission; and the effect is evil, notoriously evil; and seeing this, we can hardly fail to perceive it, they ought now to desist from their operations among us.

Another remedy for the South. The Portsmouth Pilot says that "the enterprise for establishing a Virginia Ocean House upon the Atlantic, near Cape Charles, has formed a nucleus—and that President Falls of the Baltimore Steam Packet Company, with Mr. Wise and several gentlemen of Norfolk and Portsmouth, have reconnoitred and found a delightful and commanding site for the purpose."

In Philadelphia, on Friday, a man was arrested on the charge of having altered the election returns of two wards after they had been made up by the proper officers. Judge King, in holding him to bail, remarked: "He looked upon the act of polluting the ballot box as next in heinousness to the commission of murder, as it struck at the very existence of our institutions. He therefore would hold him in \$1,500 to answer."

From the Raleigh Register. ASHEVILLE, N. C., Oct. 9, 1850.

To the Editor of the Register:

The Hon. T. L. Clingman, M. C., made his appearance to-day on the public square, to give an account of his political stewardship to a large and intelligent auditory. Such had never before been the custom of Members of Congress, as we are aware, from this District, but the great dissatisfaction expressed pretty generally with Mr. C.'s course seemed to render such a step necessary on his part.

When Mr. C. took his seat, Mr. Baxter, of Henderson arose in reply. Mr. Baxter is one of our most sensible and practical Lawyers.—His ambition is confined within his profession, and we hope he may one day wear the ermine of the Law.

Of all 'PresSES' deliver us from this 'Southern Press' Humbug—soon to be among the things that were, 'a school-boy's tale, the wonder of an hour.' But good-bye, Mr. Editor, till you hear again from

OLD BUNCOMBE.

ODDING THE BALLS.

We make the following amusing extract from "Recollections of a Campaign, by one who saw the Elephant," which we find in the Illinois State Register. It has reference to the siege of Vera Cruz:

The morning after the flag had been so triumphantly raised upon the hill overlooking the city, was a busy one to those who had kept watch and guard over that estimable treasure during the night. Scarcely was it light enough to recognise your fellow sentinel from a pile of sand, ere the "villainous saltpetre" was again put in requisition from every fort in the city, from the castle out in the sea, and the escopets and muskets of the lancers and infantry, who occupied the hills. It fairly rained iron.

"Dodging the balls" was also much in vogue, and many were the twists and turns, the falling down and the rising up, the jumps, the leaps, and the jokes that were practised by "the boys." It was the most serious game of "corner ball" I ever saw played. This thing of dodging cannon balls may sound strange to the reader, but it is no less strange than true.—Now, to attempt to dodge or get out of the way of a musket ball, or even six pound shot, I admit, would be no easy task, but to move backward or forward, to the right or left, and thus escape one of those tremendous 68 pounders, as that were favored with from the castle, was as easy as "falling off a log."

It was amusing to see the gyrations, and the ground and lofty tumbling of our black hero, Sam on this occasion. Poor Sam's heroism at length could stand it no longer. As the sharp, quick, cutting—is it—is it—the musket balls would fly over his head, he would throw up the whites of his eyes like a duck in a thunder-storm, and cry out: "Lord, a mussy, bress dis nigger!" "Good Lord, dat was close." And as a large ball would strike the tops of the hill and throw up a perfect column of sand, Sam would throw himself flat on his face and lay still for two or three minutes, for fear, as he said, "de black rascal might burst."

were relieved and were filing off to the rear of the hill, the colonel accidentally caught sight of a pair of shoes sticking out from beneath a huge pile of sand. Upon closer investigation, a pair of feet, with legs to them, then a body, and presently Sam's woolly head was disinterred.

"You black villain, what are you doing here," said the colonel. "Why, look beah, colonel, I don't care for the escopet and muskets—much, or de six pounders and de shot of dat size—but when de dam Mexicans begin to shoot de reg'lar Pennsylvany Dutch ovens, by golly, I think its time for all nigger servants to hide 'em diminished heads."

There was more truth than poetry in Sam's idea of the size of a sixty-eight pounder.

FLYING MACHINE.

The practicability of navigating the air by means of a flying machine, has been satisfactorily demonstrated and settled, as he thinks, by Mr. John Taggart, of Charlestown, Mass., who, the N. Y. Evening Post says, is at present to be seen with his invention in Dunlap's Hotel, 135 Fulton street. The flying machine consists of a car, to the front of which is attached a pair of wings somewhat like the screws used by propellers, and a float or balloon fastened to the car in the ordinary way at an elevation of six or eight feet. The wings, which may be moved in any direction so as to assist in the ascent or descent of the machine, are put in motion by turning a small axle running through the centre of the car.

The inventor told us that he had already made one ascension in it, for the purpose of practically testing its powers. The ascent was made from the commons at Lowell, Mass., in the presence of a large number of spectators. Owing to some fault in inflating the balloon, a quantity of steam was allowed to intermix with the gas, thus greatly diminishing its buoyancy so that when the ropes which held it to the ground were cut, the machine ascended only to the height of a few feet, when it fell down, to the imminent peril of the occupant.

After two or three ineffectual attempts, Mr. Taggart elevated the wings considerably above the line of the car, which had the desired effect, and away went the machine, far above the heads of the spectators, until it had dwindled in their gaze to the size of a swallow.

Mr. Taggart says that at one time he had obtained an elevation where the air became so rarified that it was with the greatest difficulty he could retain his powers of animation; his hands, and other parts of his body, swelled, and blood spurting from his mouth and nose.

The invention, he tells us, has met with the support and countenance of several of the scientific men in Massachusetts. It is the intention of Mr. Taggart to make an ascent in this city, in the course of two or three weeks.

Our farming readers will remember a short notice, published in this paper early in the summer, of a field of remarkable wheat, then ripening on the farm of Edwin J. Coad, of St. Mary's county, Maryland, some ears of which we had seen, and the qualities of which we endeavored to describe.

"I have shown the specimens received to all our millers, and to a very large portion of the farmers, and with scarcely an exception, they pronounce it the finest specimen of wheat they have ever seen. I am not surprised to hear that you could have gotten twenty dollars for a single bushel of wheat; for, had I that much now at the present time, I could easily sell it at a dollar per pound. I have been offered, over and over again, five cents per grain for the specimen you sent me, which would amount to over twelve dollars. But its scarcity makes it valuable." &c.

Even in Mr. Coad's own neighborhood, at home, enormous prices have been offered for it. We are glad to learn that he is making preparations to seed a large crop this fall; and, if no disaster befalls the crop, he will be able to supply a good many demands. Persons at home and abroad are already engaging wheat for another year, and he has been obliged to make out a list for the purpose of registering their names, residences, quantity wanted, &c.—Nat. Int.

THE WRECK OF THE ISAAC MEAD.

If you deem the following notice of the wreck of the bark Isaac Mead worthy of an insertion in your valuable paper, it is at your service.

I was lying awake in my state room, when I heard the watch on deck give orders to the helmsman to steer to the windward of a vessel, which order seemed to be obeyed. In a moment after, the order was countermanded, as the vessel appeared to be crossing our track. Springing up, I commenced dressing, but just as I took my coat and vest up to put them on, the watch cried out that the vessel would be into us. At the same time he hailed her to steer away; but before the sound of his voice had ceased, the vessel, which proved to be the steamer Southern struck us on our bowsprit, which, acted as a lever, pryed the bow of the bark wide open.

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