

THE SIAMESE TWINS.  
These remarkable *list naturæ* passed through this City, a few days since, on a Summer's tour of Exhibition. It is many years since they have made themselves a public spectacle, and during that period, time has placed unmistakable marks upon them. They must now be forty-two years old and do not bear their age well. Their sallow complexions are furrowed with deep wrinkles, and their little oblique eyes seem scarcely able to peep from the heavy covering of their lids. Notwithstanding, they are an interesting couple. It is a phenomenon, not, perhaps, to be witnessed again in this Country, to see Asiatics transformed to good American citizens, not only in language but in feeling. They have lost every vestige of their native tongue, and though in correspondence for years with their parents, have been unable to retain the tones of their childhood. In fact, they speak English fluently, and almost without foreign accent. A few words seem to be impracticable, and hence their perfection in our language. They are altogether American in feeling, and warm politicians,—and by the way, good Whigs. They are farmers, moreover, and very successful and prosperous ones, owning four plantations in Surry and Wilkes, besides a large fund in invested stocks.

WAKE SUPERIOR COURT.  
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These grounds were controverted, on the part of the State, by B. F. Moore, Esq., who was answered by G. W. Haywood, and Perrin Busler, Esqs., in behalf of the prisoner, who were replied to by Mr. Ransom, the Attorney General, who, throughout the trial proved himself an able, vigilant and faithful officer. Mr. Miller required, in support of the grounds he had taken, The Judge very deliberately examined all the grounds urged for a new trial and declared them to be insufficient; and pronounced the sentence of death, to be executed on Friday the 29th instant. From this decision, Mr. Miller, on behalf of the prisoner, took an appeal to the Supreme Court.—*Raleigh Star.*

ANOTHER RAIL ROAD ACCIDENT.  
We are pained to learn, that a most fearful accident occurred on the Richmond and Petersburg Rail Road, on Sunday afternoon, about nine miles from the latter City, by which the passenger car was totally demolished, two lives lost and several persons wounded. It appears that the axle of the car broke, by which it fell to the track, and dragged over the rails, the flat bar piercing its floor and tearing it out,—the passengers dropping through.—Mrs. Purnell, daughter of Ex-Gov. Dudley, was much hurt, a young child killed, and another wounded, and a servant girl had both legs cut off. Our esteemed fellow citizen, E. B. Freeman, and his daughter, were in the train, and the former was considerably bruised, though we are happy to learn that he was not seriously hurt.  
We have no further particulars at the moment of writing.—*Rail Register.*

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Another Sale of North Carolina Copper Ore.—On the 5th inst., 200 tons of copper ore from the (SITTU) mine of the North Carolina Copper Company, were sold at auction in New York. The competition was spirited, and the entire amount was bought by the Revere Copper Works of Boston. The 30 per cent ore sold at \$6 89, a per cent equal to \$204 per ton, and the 20 per cent ore at \$6 12, a per cent equal to \$122 50 per ton. The Revere Works bought the lot previously sold at \$6, a per cent of \$180 per ton. The aggregate amount of the sale on Tuesday was about \$32,000, making \$50,000 for the two sales, the produce of about four months' operations with 15 or 20 men.—There have been 35 or 40 additional hands sent to the mine, and the yield for the coming months, it is thought, will be 200 to 300 tons per month. After the sale of ore, 1,028 shares of the stock of the Company were sold at \$8 87, a \$9 per share. So says the "Baltimore Sun."

INCREASE OF SALARIES.  
The New York Express gives the following list of the increase of salaries made by Congress at its recent session.  
The Vice President, from \$5,000 to \$8,000.  
The Secretaries of State, Treasury, Navy, War, Interior, Attorney General, and Post Master General, each from \$6,000 to \$8,000.  
The Sandwich Islands Commissioner has his salary raised to \$5,000; the China mission was raised a full mission, with a salary and new outfit of \$18,000. A new full mission was made in Central America, (filled by Mr. Sidel) Peru takes a full mission instead of a Charge as heretofore. A new Minister resident is to go to Switzerland. The Senate went much further than this—but the House not concurred in most of their additions.

Encourage Home Industry.—We understand that one of our countrymen, a short time since, started to market with the intention of selling a carriage before his return. On going through Hillsborough, he fell in with a carpenter and cooper, Mr. A. C. M., who induced him to examine the carriage, manufactured at his establishment. Finding that it pressed him, a bargain was soon made. This was one hundred and eighty dollars at home; and in all probability, a good deal more than it would be worth if it were sold abroad in the country. Where he had gone to make the purchase, he would have been made to feel that much more, and the mechanics at home would have received of the stimulus which is given by the ready sale of their work.—*Hills Recorder.*

From the Dollar Weekly News.  
The intelligence we have from Cuba in relation to Vice President King's health is of a very contradictory character. The most reliable, however, seems to hold out but a meagre prospect of his recovery.—*The N. York Journal of Commerce* says: One of the Presidential Electors of this State, who has just returned from a visit to Cuba, informs us that the health of Mr. King, the Vice President elect, is such as to give little encouragement to his friends. He had not taken the oath of office, and was so feeble as to be hardly able to receive visitors. There is no foundation whatever for the accounts that have been circulated of discourtesy shown to him by Gen. Canedo; on the contrary, the Governor or General was inclined to treat Americans of distinction with respect and attention; in proof of which he had furnished Senator Jones with a travelling passport granting unusual privileges.

Remarkable Bear.—A collection of wild animals is on its way from California to the New York World's Fair, containing a singular phenomenon in the bruin line.—This creature, it is said, is of no color here before appropriate to his species, but is curiously marked with all the colors of the rainbow.  
An Ox with a Wooden Leg.—A Pennsylvania farmer had the following misfortune happen to a fine work ox. The animal was grazing near where the farmer was at work making a fence. The ox stepped into a post hole and broke his leg. As it was too lean to kill, the farmer consulted a physician who lived close by, and the result was that it was determined to cut off the broken leg. The ox refused food one day only after cutting off the leg. A wooden leg was substituted in proper time, and when the ox was finally killed it presented the finest beef seen in the Philadelphia market.

Mr. Wiley, General Superintendent of Common Schools, visited our community during the past week, and delivered an interesting lecture on the subject of Education. We found Mr. Wiley a most agreeable gentleman, with a well cultivated mind, and very pleasing manners.—His lecture is universally admitted to have been an excellent one, abounding in interesting information, sound views, and sensible suggestions. We predict for him in his new vocation a career of usefulness and honor, and for the State, incalculable benefits, from his energy and ability.  
The Norfolk Beacon of the 8th instant, says: "A large number of merchants and other citizens assembled, agreeably to notice yesterday evening at the Argus office, for the purpose of adopting measures for celebrating the opening of the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad. Wm. D. Roberts, Esq., was unanimously chosen President, and C. H. Beale, editor of the News Secretary.  
The President explained the object of the meeting in a few well delivered remarks, and the whole proceedings were characterized by unanimity. It was resolved that a committee of twelve be appointed to prepare the proper celebration on the occasion, and that they be empowered to invite the good people along the line of the road to visit Norfolk and be present at it.  
"Our North Carolina friends may be sure of a hearty welcome."

More of the Rappings.—Ebenezer Pope, a respectable citizen of Milton, hung himself in his barn on Thursday. He leaves a family. Insanity, resulting from the rapping delusion, caused the mournful act. He was one of the selectmen of the town.  
Drowned.—We understand that a negro man named Fred, the property of Mr. John M. Horst, of Salisbury, fell off the Henrietta steamboat into the river near Whitehall, on Monday last, and was drowned.—*North Carolinian.*

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