

DIFFICULTIES IN CANADA.

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THE COMMERCIAL

WILMINGTON, N. C.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 1849.

CLOSE OF THE YEAR

The present number closes the third subscription year of the tri-weekly Commercial.

THE DISTIN'S.

We may daily expect the arrival of those celebrated performers. Of the nature of the instrument used by them, in their performances, we are ignorant...

MADAME BISHOP.

We were authorized to announce the expected arrival of Madame Bishop, which we did, a few days ago.

SHIPPING AND FREIGHTS.

We have already, under the proper head, called the attention of the public to the fact, that there is a great demand for shipping in this port at the present time...

BREAD.

A correspondent, last week, spoke of the deficiency in the weight of the Bread offered in market in this place...

CHEERING.

The North Carolina of the 10th Inst. says: \$55,000 have been subscribed, thus far, to the Plank road...

BRITISH WAR IN INDIA.

The English papers contain advices from Calcutta to the 8th and from Bombay, to the 19th January.

"On the 30th, a fort containing 800,000 pounds of powder was blown up by a well directed mortar."

The Moulmans made a sortie on the 31st, but were driven back, and the cannonading continued incessantly the two first days of the year.

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THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

The President of the United States, surrounded by his constitutional advisers, received the salutations of the Representatives of Foreign Governments at Washington, on the 12th Inst.

The whole number of the members of Foreign Legations present, was thirty-two, all in their official costumes.

The Address, on behalf of the Diplomatic Corps was delivered by the oldest Member of that Corps present, Gen. DON CARLOS MARIA DE ALVEAS, Minister Plenipotentiary and Extraordinary of the Argentine Confederation, in the following terms:

MR. PRESIDENT: The Diplomatic Corps, assembled to the Government of the United States, has the honor, through me, to express to the Chief Magistrate of this Republic their sincere congratulations on his recent election to the Presidency...

and happiness of the great people over whom you have been called to preside; and that those relations of peace and friendly intercourse which now so happily exist between the United States and the various countries which we have the honor to represent...

To which Address the President replied: GENTLEMEN: I accept, with lively satisfaction, the congratulations which you have been pleased to tender to me upon this occasion.

Indications of opposition to the administration of President TAYLOR have already appeared. This clearly demonstrates that he is not opposed on principle, because no act of his administration can become, thus early, the subject of animadversion.

There will be, doubtless, an organized opposition, conducted by leaders who want office. It will be a contest for the "spots," and nothing else.

The administration is too strongly supported, by disinterested patriots of both parties, to be easily overcome. As to the Democratic party, the immediate organization of which took place on the election of JACKSON, has done its last worst, and may be ranked among the things that are not.

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From the National Intelligencer. FRIGHTFUL LOSS OF LIFE IN A THEATRE. On the night of Saturday, the 17th ultimo, the Theatre Royal, in Glasgow, (Scotland,) took fire in the upper gallery, from a leakage in the gas pipes.

The fire was soon extinguished; but such was the alarm of the people that in the rush to get out sixty-five persons perished. The panic was principally in the upper gallery, where there were about five hundred people. The price of admission being only three or four cents, the rush was very great.

The noise of the stifled cries and groans, and the struggles for life which came from this horrid staircase, were most agonizing. Relief to the living was finally obtained by cutting through the partition. By 9 o'clock all the rooms in the Garrick Hotel, opposite the theatre, were filled with the dead.

Scarcely any of the bodies presented external wounds. They generally exhibited a placid aspect, and seemed as if death had been caused by pressure on the heart.

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An act to continue the office of the Commissioner of Penitents. An act to grant the right of way to the Mobile and Ohio Railroad Company. An act to provide for an increase of the medical staff, and for an additional number of chaplains of the army of the United States.

An act to define the period of disability imposed upon certain bidders for mail contracts. An act to grant to the Atlantic and Gulf Railroad Company the right of way through the public lands of the United States.

An act to establish the territorial government of Minnesota. An act to carry into effect certain stipulations of the treaty between the United States of America and the Republic of Mexico, of the 21 day of February, 1848.

An act to allow subsistence to certain Arkansas and other volunteers who have been prisoners of war in Mexico. An act for the relief of the forward officers of the late exploring expedition.

Joint resolution relative to evidences in applications for pensions by widows of deceased soldiers under the act of July 21st, 1848. Joint resolution for the relief of the pursers in the navy as to expenditures made in pursuance of orders during the war with Mexico.

Joint resolution directing that the Government of Russia be supplied with certain volumes of the Narrative of the Exploring Expedition, in lieu of those which were lost at sea. A resolution for the appointment of Regents in the Smithsonian Institution.

A resolution relating to the compensation of persons appointed to deliver the votes for President and Vice President of the United States to the President of the Senate. A resolution authorizing the Secretary of war to furnish arms and ammunition to persons emigrating to the territories of Oregon, California and New Mexico.

There is no news of interest from Havana. The California fever had commenced raging there, and will, in all probability, for some time to come, until the young and enterprising portion of the inhabitants and transient residents are disposed of.

Among the passengers by this ship, is a Mr. Gilman, direct from San Francisco, via the Isthmus, who brings \$1,500 worth of gold, specimens from the wet and dry "diggings;" he left San Francisco on the 10th of December. Our previous accounts from that place are to the 25th of December. Mr. Gilman's news is, therefore, quite old. It will be recollected that Mr. Atherton left San Francisco on the 10th.

The steamship California sailed from Panama on the 2d ultimo. She carried nearly one million of dollars in specie. The bark Templeton left Chagres for New York on the 14th of February, in company with a brig, name unknown. The Templeton carried out the surveying party, and arrived at Chagres on the 6th ult. The party had proceeded up the river and encamped near Gorgona.

INTERESTING FROM CALIFORNIA. FROM THE CALIFORNIA STAR OF DECEMBER 2d. WINTER IN THE MOUNTAINS.—We are glad to learn many of our citizens have abandoned the unwise project of wintering in the mountains, and returning, or are preparing to return, to their homes.

We are every day more convinced of the error those already encamped in the several mountain diggings have committed, and our fears are for even less, in many places, as the forlorn impudence. We conversed with a gentleman recently arrived from the mines, and who has pretty accurately calculated the chances favorable to a stay in that region this winter, who is prepared to speak indignantly in the matter, and from very fair experience.

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REVOLVING MURDER.—A fiend under date of Feb. 28th writes, that one of the most brutal and horrid murders that ever shocked the sense of any community, was perpetrated near the village of Wentworth, (Houghtling county, on Saturday the 24th. A negro woman belonging to Dr. John James, deceased from the house his little daughter about four years old, and a negro boy, the nurse of the child, and taking them into a secret retired place under a hill near the village, in cold blood, cut their throats with a case-knife. It appeared that she had first tied strings around both their necks, as it was thought to prevent their giving an alarm by crying; but she in her confusion says that it was by the use of those strings that she was enabled to toll them off, "pretending that they were little horses." The mother of the little girl becoming uneasy on account of her absence, insisted on the father making search for her, who tracked them up, unsuspecting, and found his little child, who had but a short time previous been prattling around him with childish glee, weltering in her blood.

The fact was immediately communicated, and the villagers sallied forth in pursuit and soon arrested the murderer, who confessed her guilt, and assigned as reason which influenced her to commit the deed, a threat on the part of her master to sell her. She has been committed to jail, and now awaits her trial.—Greenborough Patriot.

DEATH BY CHLORIFORM.—A servant girl named Abby Penock, 47 years of age, from Keene, N. H., employed at Mrs. Biomey's Mount Vernon street, was found dead in her bed on Wednesday morning, from congestion of the brain, produced by chloroform. A bottle of it stood near her bed, and her handkerchief, filled with it, was pressed to her face. She had taken chloroform once, to undergo a surgical operation, and was delighted with it.—Boston Atlas.

REJOICE, ALL YE OF WEAK STOMACH.—Formerly when you were sick, you were in for it, as phisic only sickened you ten times more, but now you have Clicker's Pills, which are bits of sugar in the mouth, but all that is mild, quiet, but irresistible in the stomach. To take any but Clicker's Sugar-coated Purgative Pills now would be an act in the face of reason. A man might as well shave himself with a rough reaping hook, having at the same time a keen razor in his dressing case.

In serious truth, Clicker's Sugar-coated Purgative Pills are the best general family medicine that has ever been introduced, for they have all the purifying advantages of phisic, without any of those drawbacks which makes phisic such an aversion to most people.

For sale, wholesale and retail by WM. H. LIPPITT, Druggist, Wilmington, N. C., and by dealers in Medicine generally throughout the U. S.

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