

RESOLVED, That a Dividend of 4 per cent. on the Capital Stock of this Bank...

ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD

LOST on the 10th instant, between the town of Halifax and the Subscriber's house in Halifax County, A POCKET BOOK...

LITTLEBURY WILCOX. Halifax county, N. C. May 27. The Pocket Book is supposed to have been found by a Negro Waggoner...

Halifax Register.

FRIDAY, MAY 30, 1823.

We invite the attention of our readers to the Agricultural Address on our first page. It was delivered before the Agricultural Society of North-Carolina...

Wake Agricultural Society.—An adjourned meeting of this Society, was held on the 21st inst. and we were pleased to see so many respectable Farmers present.

After offering the following premiums, amounting in the whole to \$144, the Society adjourned to meet again in this City at 10 o'clock in the morning of the 4th of July.

- For the best Essay on the formation and application of Manures, and generally on the means of retaining and improving the fertility of lands—a Silver Cup with suitable inscriptions, of the value of \$15

In awarding the Premiums upon articles offered, the respective owners will be required to give an account of the means used in preparing such article.

Foreign News.—The intelligence received at New-York by the arrival of the ship Leeds, contains details of which are given in to-day's paper.

We omitted to mention last week, that the Western (Salisbury) Carolinian, which has heretofore been conducted by Messrs. Bingham & White, is now under a recent arrangement of the Editors, solely conducted by Mr. White.

It is an extraordinary fact, that from a garden in this vicinity, there were lately gathered, in the space of ten successive days, one hundred quarts of Straw-berries.

John Cowan, Esq. is appointed Cashier of the Wilmington Branch of the State Bank, in the room of A. M. Hooper, Esq. resigned.

Pyrenean Mountains.—As these mountains are about becoming once more the seat of European war, the following short description of them may not be uninteresting to some of our readers:

This prodigious range of mountains extends from the Atlantic to the Mediterranean, a distance of two hundred miles, and many parts of them are one hundred miles in width.

There are nearly sixty other narrow passes, called openings, most of which are rugged, intricate, and hardly passable for laden beasts, and even those are frequently blocked up with snow.

Messrs. Carey & Lea, of Philadelphia, have received the new novel, by the author of Waverly, and will publish it immediately. It is called Quentin Durward, and has for its foundation the Gunpowder Plot.

Steam boats have been introduced into Italy by the American consul at Trieste, and are getting into high repute. It is not the first time that the inhabitants of the old world have profited by the genius of the new.

Hyson Tea.—The fact has been demonstrated (says the Fayetteville Observer) that the genuine Hyson Tea may be successfully cultivated in this state. The experiment has been tried, and the result has been the most satisfactory.

The writer of this article has distributed, of the small portion of the seed obtained by him, to many of his friends in this town and its vicinity.

Philadelphia, May 21. A convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States commenced its session yesterday, at St. Peter's in this city.

This state which under the late census had twenty three members, has now but twenty two. Of the number chosen nineteen were members of the late Congress, and the three new members come in, in place of Messrs. Nelson, Jackson, and Moore, who declined a re-election.

One hundred and sixty-three vessels entered the port of Havana in the month of April—of which 94 were American, 38 Spanish, 14 English, 8 French, 3 Danish, 2 Dutch, 1 Bremen, 1 Portuguese, and 1 Pirate—including 19 vessels of war.

New-York, May 20. The news by the Leeds has not, we understand, given that impulse to our commercial operations which was generally anticipated. Even in Europe no material change had taken place in the price of public stocks, the great political barometer, or in those articles of consumption most likely to advance when war commenced.

New-York, May 21. The ship Superior, arrived yesterday from Canton, has been absent only nine months and fifteen days. She left here on the 5th of August last, and made the eastern passage out in 120 days, and returned in 101 being the shortest passage, out of the season ever made by any vessel of the United States—8 days less than the Addison of Philadelphia made last year.

The New Hampshire Patriot, an old consistent democratic paper, thus speaks of a republican caucus at Washington:

"We have reason to believe that a vast majority of the people, whatever may be the local prejudices at present existing, will unite for any suitable and distinguished citizen who shall be designated for the office of President in the same manner as were the illustrious men who have held the office for the last six Presidential terms; and we trust that the republicans throughout the Union will hold on to this mode of nomination, as the great polar magnet which shall preserve the union and indivisibility of the republican party."

Missouri.—The following concluding paragraph of a letter from Mr. Benton, a Senator from the State of Missouri, to one of his constituents, dated 4th March last, gives us an imposing view of the resources and prospective importance of that State:

"I am happy to say that emigration is recommencing to Missouri, and that just notions of its pre-eminent advantages are again employing the public mind. In the debate in the Senate on the bill to sell the lead mines and salt springs, Mr. Lloyd of Massachusetts, declared it to be his opinion, that Missouri, taking into view her rich lands, fine climate, mineral wealth, navigable rivers, agricultural advantages, her fur trade, salines, and immeasurably extended lines of internal commerce, was the richest country upon the face of the globe. I say so too, and believe that eight or ten years will prove it."

State of Ireland.—The most frightful excesses continue to be perpetrated by the insubordinate peasantry in the south of Ireland. The civil authorities are openly resisted by these unhappy beings, driven to madness and to crime, by poverty, neglect and persecution. The burning of farm houses and the hanging of cattle, are stated to be a common pastime. The deplorable state of society in Ireland may be inferred from the fact, that at a late Assize above one hundred prisoners were to be tried for murder only! twenty for rape! and several for abduction.

A free Monarchy.—In the work of James I, entitled True Law of Free Monarchies, it is laid down that a free monarchy is one in which the Monarch is perfectly free to do as he pleases.

Swifter still.—The Eastern Stage arrived in this city yesterday, from Baltimore, at 10 o'clock precisely, being just five hours from the Post Office at Baltimore. No carriage has ever travelled that road before in so short a time. The distance we have heretofore stated at 87 miles. That is the distance from city to city; but the distance from the Post Office in Baltimore to the Post in Washington exceeds, it is said, 89 miles.

Sailor's Post Office.—At the desolate Island of Ascension, in the Atlantic, between Africa and Brazil, there is a peculiar crevice in a large rock, termed "The Sailor's Post office," in which the crews of vessels passing to India or returning, leave such letters as they wish to send back, and which are punctually taken to their destination by the next ship that passes in a contrary direction.

A match to ride on a horse 125 miles in twenty four hours was lately performed in England. The first half distance was done in 10 hours and a quarter. The horse was then bated and the rider refreshed. Forty miles more were then performed, when the rider went to bed for an hour and a half. The match was won, the rider much fatigued, but the horse fresh.

The Chinese are not remarkable for their taste but in imitation they are unrivalled. An Englishman who wished to have a silk coat, requested a friend who was going to procure one made there; and, as a pattern for fashion, sent an old garment that fitted him; to which the Chinese tailor adhered, so correctly, that he inserted a patch on one of the elbows, because the old coat had one?

Fire.—In the night of the 15th about 11 o'clock, the dwelling house of Mr. George Miller, of the east society of Lyme, Connecticut, was struck with lightning. The shock awoke Mr. Miller; but the cause of his awaking was at the time unknown to him. Some time after, he supposed he heard hail fall on the roof; but the noise rapidly increasing, and sounding like the crackling of fire, he rose up in his bed, and immediately saw the fire under the door. On opening it he found the upper floor falling in, and had barely time to escape out of the house, with his wife, taking with them the bed on which they had slept, before the roof fell in. There was but one other person in the house, who also escaped, saving her bed. No clothes were saved but those they slept in.

Tread-Wheel.—The British Secretary Peel, in January last, addressed a circular to the Visiting Magistrates of the twenty jails and houses of correction, where tread-wheels have been established, "asking how long the tread-wheels had been in operation, and whether they had found any injurious effects had been produced by it on the bodies and legs of the prisoners who had worked thereat?" The replies of the Magistrates, in effect were that no injury of the sort was complained of; on the contrary that the tread-wheel conducted to health rather than otherwise. At Brixton, it is stated by Mr. Harrison the Magistrate, one woman, who had been at the wheel one month, and who went to work with a Rheumatic complaint, being asked how she felt when she went away, replied that her rheumatism was completely cured.

Perhaps the reader may recollect that a prosecution was commenced, some time ago, by Mr. Matthews, the British Comedian, against the Editor of the Boston Galaxy, for an alleged libel in the shape of remarks upon his professional merits. It is a proof of the good sense of Mr. Matthews, that he has, as we are informed by the Boston Statesman dropped the prosecution.

AXIOMS IN FARMING.—By T. Cooper.

- 1. Two crops of grain should not succeed each other: they should be separated by potatoes, clover, grass, turnips, beets or carrots for stall feeding.
- 2. Good agriculture requires no naked fallows: fallow crops [any hoed crops] that compel you to keep the ground clean while they are growing, answer the purpose.
- 3. Manure once in four years.

New-York, May 13. A hoax has been played off on one of our knowing friends of Wall-street, at which we know not whether to laugh heartily, or be exceedingly angry. A tight fellow brought into this celebrated street a beautiful spotted pony for sale. The horse resembled a leopard in the richness and variety of his spots, and attracted universal attention. He was purchased by an honorable member of our board of brokers, who having made a lucky hit that day, was in good spirits, and gave a good price for the animal, who was soon caparisoned, and his new master, with whip in hand, cantered him out on the third avenue, and galloped him back. The horse performed exceedingly well, and was in a foam on his return to the city, when lo! and behold! as the sweat oozed from his flanks and the pores of his skin, the spots disappeared, and were washed away. The horse had been painted for the purpose, spotted, to cheat the knowing ones of Wall-street, and he stood by the door after the ride, in his original dirty grey and yellow "redeemed, regenerated, and disenthralled."—Advocate.

A singular incident occurred at Wilderhausen (Hanover) on the 2d March. It is there customary to inter the dead at night-fall or even later, by torch light. A short time since, at one of these nocturnal ceremonies for the burial of a female, as soon as the corpse was placed in the grave, a noise was heard, succeeded by indistinct groanings. No doubt existed that the body was resuscitated, and struggling in its confinement. The coffin was opened, but all present were convinced that the defunct was so in reality, and she was replaced in the grave, when the same movement and the same sounds were again heard. Alarm extended to all present, who believed that animation had again visited the incarcerated prisoner. A carpenter of the neighborhood, of unquestioned indifference to ghosts, was called in, who, having again opened the coffin and ascertained that the corpse was actually dead, resolved to examine the grave, in which was found an intoxicated man who had accidentally found a bed there. He was discovered to be a young man, who, crossing the burying yard, had evidently fallen into the grave, from whence his inebriation had prevented his extricating himself, and

who thus run the risk of being buried alive, without a suspicion of what had occurred to him.

Mr. Fernandez, collector of the tax on Steamboats, &c. at New-Orleans, put a period to his existence on the 23d ult. by blowing out his brains with a double-barrelled gun. No cause assigned.

Success to American Literature.—We are happy to state that one thousand copies of the new and highly interesting American novel, entitled "Wilderness," were disposed of at New-York, in the short space of four weeks. This is perhaps unprecedented success. We learn that the author in consequence of this encouragement, has been induced by the booksellers of that city to undertake another novel, the scene of which is to be laid in New England, and will embrace that singular portion of American history, in which the superstitious persecution of witchcraft, agitated the country. Aurora.

A new Science.—A man in Virginia has undertaken to teach the art of making horses gentle, and engages in less than an hour to make any horse follow him (upon a large company without taking hold of the bridle, upon a pair of steps three or four feet high, into a dwelling house and walk from one room to another without alarm. He asks 10 dollars for the secret.

Dr. Franklin.—The late Dr. Franklin concludes a letter to his friend, C. Whatley, Esq. (written May 18, 1787) in the following words:

"You are now 78, and I am 82—You tread fast upon my heels; but though you have more strength and spirit, you cannot come up with me till I stop, which must be soon; for I have grown so old as to have buried most of the friends of my youth; and I now often hear persons, whom I knew when children, called old Mr. Such-a-one, to distinguish them from their sons, now men grown and in business; so that by living 12 years beyond David's period, I seem to have intruded myself into the company of posterity, when I ought to be abed and asleep. Yet, had I gone at 70, it would have cut off twelve of the most active years of my life, employed too in matters of the greatest importance; but whether I have been doing good or mischief, is for time to discover. I only know that I intended well: and I hope all will end well."

FROM THE NATIONAL ADVOCATE.

DISASTROUS INTELLIGENCE.

By the ship Douglass, Capt. Brown, from Curacao, we have received the following disastrous intelligence respecting the Colombian squadron, from our attentive correspondent. The squadron has been captured, by allowing itself to fall in with a heavy Spanish fleet, under English colours; and, after a sanguinary action, was taken. The gallant Commodore Daniels, a native of the United States, was killed. He fought his vessel until he had not a shot in his locker, and she was sinking, with his flag nailed to the mast. This is a heavy loss, but by no means calculated to destroy the spirit of the Colombians; they may prolong the war, but eventually their independence will be achieved.

Curacao, May 3—10 A. M.

DEAR SIR—The affairs of Colombia, which but a few days ago shone forth with lustre, has unexpectedly met with repulse and disasters little to have been expected.

Porto Cabello was on the point of surrendering, and Colombia would have been free. Alas! how uncertain are the decrees of fortune. Two days ago (the first inst.) a fleet of vessels appeared off Porto Cabello, and was soon discovered to be vessels of war under the British flag; they advanced slowly; the unsuspecting Colombians met them as friends; but as soon as they were under the guns of this "would be" British squadron, down came their flags, and up went the Royal Spanish in their stead; an action took place, but the disparity of force compelled the Patriots to yield; thus was (in 7 hours and 10 minutes) Colombia deprived of her brightest ornament the best part of her army.

PRICES CURRENT.

Table with 3 columns: Commodity, Price per unit, and Location (Wilmington, Fayetteville, Newbern). Includes items like Brandy, Apple, Bacon, Butter, Beeswax, Coffee, Corn, Cotton, Candles, Flour, Gin, Holland, Iron, Lard, Molasses, Potatoes, Rum, W. India, Rice, Salt, Liverpool, Sugar, Tobacco, Whiskey.

MARRIED. In Milton on the 15th inst. Mr. Benjamin B. Dye, to Miss Elizabeth H. Dodson. In Person county on the same evening, Mr. Charles Bolton, to Miss Ann Swanfield.