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Suicide.—A month has not elapsed, since we recorded a case of Suicide which occurred in this city, the proximate cause of which was Intemperance! We have now, to notice another instance of self-murder, which may be traced to the same source—a source, from which more crime originates than all others combined. On Friday last, an alarm was given from our Jail, that a prisoner had killed himself. A number of persons repaired instantly to the prison, on entering which, a most shocking spectacle presented itself.—Warren Beasley, who had been committed a few days before on a Peace Warrant, issued on the application of his own Father, was lying on the floor drenched in blood, with his throat cut from ear to ear! He was not then dead, but expired in a few moments, a dreadful warning to the intemperate! Two prisoners, who were in a room adjoining that in which the deed was perpetrated, hearing an unusual noise, went to Beasley's apartment, when they discovered him drawing a Razor across his throat very rapidly. One of them made a humane effort to arrest his purpose, but his interference was too late. The deceased has left a large family in indigent circumstances.

Awful Calamity.—That devoted town, Wilmington, has been again visited with a most calamitous fire, which has destroyed a large amount of property and reduced some from situations of comfort, to poverty and distress. The worthy Editor of the *Cape Fear Recorder* is amongst the principal sufferers, and we cannot here, withhold the expression of our most cordial sympathy for his loss. A friend informs us that all the sufferers are most deserving citizens, and with one or two exceptions, unable to sustain the burden of their misfortune. The account which we submit, is copied from an extra issued by Mr. HOOPER, with borrowed implements, his own, as will be seen, having been entirely destroyed:—

The 2nd of August was a day of excessive heat. At about 10 o'clock at night, the atmosphere changed and we had heavy falls of rain, attended by brilliant trails of lightning and heavy claps of thunder. At about 11 o'clock, the electric fluid descended on the northern end of Mr. Langdon's large wooden building on Market and Second street and in a few seconds more, struck the same building, near the partition, which separated it from the house in which was the Office of the Cape-Fear Recorder.—In its course, it set fire to quantities of produce and merchandise, combustible in their nature, and ignited some casks of liquor which burst with a tremendous explosion. The flames then began to blaze forth and to spread through the contiguous buildings and soon reached those which were adjoining on the south and east, on Second street; and burned with prodigious fury, until the whole block of wooden houses, from Second street to Mrs. Wright's alley, was consumed.—During the whole of this awful and sublime spectacle, the fire companies of the town performed their duty with admirable spirit and firmness. One engine was stationed to protect the South side of the Town Hall; another, at the east end of the same; and another, in Second street near Mr. Hall's Livery Stable. These engines were plied with an unflinching courage, amidst torrents of rain; and amidst flashes of lightning the most vivid and piercing; and such rending claps of thunder, that the stoutest heart might have quailed under the portentous display of warring elements. Twice the belfry of the Town Hall was taking fire. The houses on the west side of Second street, sweated continually from the prodigious mass of fire on the opposite side; and large flakes of fire were falling on the roofs of adjacent and distant houses.—The progress of the fire, was arrested at Mrs. Wright's alley, by the activity of the firemen in blowing up and pulling to pieces a small two story house belonging to Mrs. Wright, on the east side of the alley.

The sufferers in this dreadful fire which did not last much longer than two hours, were, Samuel Langdon, Esq. Mr. Chambers, Mr. John Brown, E. P. Hall, Esq. Mrs. Scott, Wm. C. Lord, Esq. Ancrum Berry, Esq. Mrs. Wright, Gabriel Holmes, Esq. Mr. Tibbitts, Archibald M. Hooper, and Henry Sampson, (a coloured man.) After these details, the subscribers to the Recorder, can have no difficulty in accounting for the non-receipt of their papers. The loss being total, the proprietor of that Paper, saw no feasibility of re-issuing his journal under existing circumstances; but the gratuitous liberality of his excellent friends has enabled him, and the encouragement of his sympathising fellow citizens, induces him, to resume the publication of the Cape Fear Recorder, which he will do, as soon as materials can be obtained from the North.

P. S. The proprietor of the Cape-Fear Recorder having lost every book and paper in his office, will have some difficulty in ascertaining the names of his subscribers who reside in the country, or at distant points. He therefore respectfully requests all Postmasters, to whom this bill is addressed, to furnish him as

speedily as may be convenient, with the names of subscribers to whom papers were sent directed to their respective offices."

A correspondent of the New-York American pays a just compliment to the talents of the Hon. JOHN H. BRYAN. In speaking of his excellent Address before the two Literary Societies of our University, but more particularly of that part of it which alludes with becoming indignation to the excitement in S. Carolina, the writer says, "it is refreshing to see the tide of sound opinion rolling so calmly near the breakers of misrule and breasting with its smooth and glassy bosom, the encroachments of their shallow waves."

Nomination of Henry Clay.—At a public meeting held at Woodbridge, New-Jersey, on the 24th ult. Joseph Crowell, President, and Robert Lee, Secretary, it was unanimously agreed to support HENRY CLAY for President of the U. States, at the next Presidential Election. An address was agreed upon by the Meeting, in which they recommend to the friends of Henry Clay in the several townships in the State to choose delegates to a Convention to be held at Trenton on the 27th October next, for the purpose of nominating a Ticket to be supported at the Congressional Election to be held in December next.

He who makes it a point to accommodate his situation to the changes which are continually taking place in the political community, so as always to be found with the dominant party for the time being, must be a shrewd calculator, not to mistake sometimes his mark in endeavoring to anticipate popular feeling. The Editor of a Jackson paper in Columbus, Ohio, has just discovered this. He formerly abused the General without measure, but finding that the current was running in his favor, he suddenly hoisted the Jackson flag and got along well enough until the *Veto Message*. This has produced so great a reaction in public sentiment in Ohio, that abusing Mr. CLAY is an unprofitable business. Some of his subscribers have withdrawn, and he complains most piteously, of proscription.

In the general complaint of drought which prevails throughout the Southern country, the Norfolk Herald says, it is consoling to hear of exceptions like the following:—

Mr. Daniel Lindsay, a farmer of Currituck county, (N. C. calculated on making 1000 bbls. of corn the present year, which he considered a fair crop; but the rains having been as seasonable as if he had bespoken them, he confidently calculates on 1500 barrels, an increase of fifty per cent. His large crop of wheat was harvested in fine order, and weighs from 5 to 7 lbs. heavier than the average weight per bushel of former years.

The present population of Elizabeth City in this State is 961. In 1820, it was a little upwards of 700.

The following statement, which we copy from the Philadelphia Chronicle, may be interesting to some of the inhabitants of the Gold Region.

Standard gold (11-12 fine) of the United States Mint, is worth 88 cents per penny weight. Pure gold is worth 97 cents per penny weight. The gold of North-Carolina as by assays at the Mint, averages 85 cents per pennyweight. That of South Carolina, averages 95 cents. That of Georgia and Virginia, 90 1/2.

Value of a Frenchman.—The Dey of Algiers, it is said, pays \$200 for a live Frenchman and \$160 for a dead one.

Mr. Edmund Chaucey, of Houston, county Ga. lately put a period to his existence by blowing out his brains. He was a young man in easy circumstances, and this rash act is attributed to connubial infelicity.

Awful effects of Intemperance.—Peter Douglass, a shoemaker, was taken with a fit, on Sunday evening last, about 4 o'clock, in the back yard attached to his employer's shop, in this town, and expired in about twenty minutes.

The deceased was an habitual hard drinker, and his death is ascribed to that cause. He came to this town in January last. He was apparently, about thirty years of age.—N. C. Journal.

Death by Lightning.—We have been informed that Mr. William Bruce, of Spartanburg District S. C. was killed by lightning on the 10th instant. The circumstances as related, are that he had

attended a muster on that day, and had returned home and put his horse in the stable; but in returning to his house the lightning descended an apple tree under which he was passing, and struck him on the back part of his head, tearing off his hat, clothes &c., and scorching the skin down to his feet. Mr. B. was a young man, about twenty-one years of age; he has left a wife and one child, who were standing in the door of the house and were witnesses of his untimely death. *Rutherford Spectator.*

Disgraceful Outrage.—On Saturday night the 19th ult. a rape was committed on Celia Williams, a poor but honest and industrious woman. She lived in a cabin by herself, near Col. Mills' Mill, on White Oak Creek. She awoke in the night & heard something making a noise, she arose to see what it was, and laid her hand on some person who immediately seized her, threw her on the bed, and perpetrated his villainous purpose.

There was no light in the house, and she could only ascertain that it was a negro. He had got in at a window, without awaking her, and made his escape in the same way. Nothing has transpired to fix guilt on any one, but it is to be hoped that the villain may be yet discovered and suffer the penalty of his crime. *Ibid.*

The Prospect.—Thanks to Providence first, and then to the industry of our farmers, this section of the country has been blessed with bountiful crops of excellent Wheat—but the prospect of Corn crops is indeed gloomy beyond description.—We have had nothing like a general good season for more than two months. We are happy to understand however, that this excessive drought is not general, but that it is confined principally to this and the adjoining counties. With us,—that is, in the neighborhood of Greensborough, many large and fertile, and well cultivated fields of corn will not yield one-fourth part of an ordinary crop. If this should be the case throughout the country, it is time the people would begin printer like, to make their hoe cakes short! *Greensborough Patriot.*

A fact to be noted.—Mr. Hamm of Ohio was, before the adjournment of Congress, appointed *Charge d' Affairs* of the United States to Chili. Mr. Hamm who is still at home, and, as we presume, drawing his pay, is enumerated in a recent Ohio paper as one of a *Committee of Vigilance* to aid in the success of his political friends in the election next fall. A new instance of Gen. Jackson's declaration "that the patronage of the general government should not be brought to bear on the freedom of elections."

Those who remember the outcry made because, under the late administration, Mr. Barbour and Gen. Harrison did not immediately depart on their mission—tho' they carefully abstained, as was admitted by their opponents, from meddling in politics after their appointment—will be edified by the practice as compared with the profession, of those now in power. *N. Y. American.*

The Rail Road.—We are informed that the third division of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road, extending from the forks of Patasco to the Par Spring Ridge, was yesterday let out upon contract, and that the bridging, masonry, excavation, and embankment upon this division will not exceed a cost of \$7000 per mile.

It is highly gratifying to us to say that that the superintendent of Construction, whose efforts to banish spirituous liquors from the road have been indefatigable, has at length succeeded in introducing as a condition in all the present contracts, that no ardent spirits shall be introduced on the line. This stipulation, to the credit of the contractors, has been willingly assented to in every instance.

Travelling on the Rail Road.—Notwithstanding the great heat of the weather for three weeks past, the amount of weekly travel on the Rail Road has not diminished—the average receipts being much above one thousand dollars per week. In the hottest time of the hottest days the quick motion of the cars causes a current of air, which renders the ride at all times agreeable. In many instances strangers passing through Baltimore, or visiting it, postpone their departure for a day, and sometimes longer, to enjoy the pleasure of an additional ride on the Rail Road.—We only repeat the general sentiment when we say "that it is the most delightful of all kinds of travelling."

Forgery.—We regret to learn from a correspondent at Augusta that Mr. Sturges, hitherto a respectable merchant of that city, has been committed to jail (after being pursued and taken in Milledgeville) charged with forgeries to a vast amount. He was the agent of two opulent planters of Burke county. Messrs. Whitehead and Dowse, on whose genuine notes he had raised and appropriated to his own use \$17,000, besides obtaining

from the Banks and others (as far as yet discovered) \$23,000, on the forged notes of the same gentlemen. This system of renewing one forged note by another, has been practised for about 18 months. Our Correspondent says "to what further extent and what other species of frauds he had committed is not known. His whole assets assigned are small indeed compared to the amount he seems to owe.—A member of the Church he has been above suspicion, and the thing comes on us very suddenly indeed."

Capital Trial.—The Court Room in New-York presented the last week an unusual spectacle; a husband tried for the murder of his wife; the witnesses, their own children; upon their testimony, a verdict of guilty found and recorded.

The murder was committed by Stephen G. Simmons, on the 14th of June last, in the house kept by him as a tavern, half way between New-York and Ypsilanti.

The evidence made the hearers acquainted with the condition of the family for many years past. It represented a husband sometimes forcing, always encouraging his wife to drink; in his moments of intoxication beating her with the hand, or instruments of wood or iron, and driving her forth at night to seek shelter in the woods, following her and stamping upon her. It represented a mother in a drunken carousal with her husband in the presence of their children; or raving like a fury, and grasping chairs or boards to beat them from the house.—Intemperate men and intemperate women, can you learn nothing from this?

Cholera Morbus.—This disorder, so prevalent at this season of the year, frequently baffles the most skilled of our medical practitioners. We published a week or two since a communication, touching the merits of a medicine prepared by one of our city druggists, in cases of Cholera Morbus and Diarrhoea, or Bowel Complaint. Since then we have received from Mr. Joseph Morrison, 518 North Front Street, an account of the efficacy of the *White Plantain*, in similar diseases, which he desires us to notice for public good. Mr. M. has himself been twice cured of the united disorders, and considers the salvation of his life solely attributable, under Providence, to the great efficacy of this simple herb. His directions are as follows. Take two handfulls of the *White Plantain*, boil it in three half pints of sweet milk until reduced one fourth, then pour the milk off and drink it occasionally until relieved. *Phila. Bulletin.*

Casualty.—A man by the name of Austin, a negro speculator, lately from Virginia, was killed near Clinton some short time ago, by the kick of a horse. Mr. A. had just purchased the animal, which was a very vicious one, and he was trying to break him when he met with the accident. He had hold of the horse by the bit, when he suddenly flung himself round, struck Mr. A. with his shoulder and knocked him down, and as he rose, gave him a kick in the abdomen, which caused his death in a short time. The horse had previously thrown and kicked several persons, some of whom were severely injured.—*Macon Telegraph.*

The Alabama Journal says a lady in his district has had *five children* at one accouchement, & claims for them according to the Tennessee law two hundred acres of land each.—1,000 acres. How long will the public lands hold out at that rate? *Courtland Ala. Herald.*

Conjugal Affection.—We announced a few days since that M. M., Comptroller of the Mint, had shot himself.—This dreadful act was committed in the presence of his wife, who had been for several years dumb and deprived of the use of her limbs by a severe paralysis; the shock she received from viewing this horrible scene, instantly restored, not only her power of speech, but all her other faculties.—*Paris Adv.*

Fatal Mistake.—On Saturday last a woman named Bagley, a native of England, residing in New-York, sent a small girl to a druggist for some *opening pills*; the girl's pronunciation being indistinct, the druggist mistook the word opening for *opium*, and gave her opium pills accordingly, one or two of which being taken by Mrs. Bagley, caused her death in 24 hrs. *Norfolk Herald.*

The origin of Nullification.—Mrs. Royall claims the rather equivocal merit of having originated the entire doctrine of Nullification in a letter to Judge Cooper of Columbia, who, ungraciously, has refused and still doth refuse to give her credit therefor.—*Charleston Gazette.*

Junius.—The London Herald of the 11th June states, that by documents in the library at Stowe, the author of Junius had been discovered. Lord Temple, who was killed by a fall from his horse in 1775, is said to have been the person.

Fire.—Yesterday morning, between 3 and 4 o'clock, the elegant mansion in Prides' field, belonging to Thos. Wilcox, Esq. was discovered to be on fire—the flames had made such progress before the arrival of the engines, that the main building was entirely consumed. Fortunately it was unoccupied, the last occupant having removed the day previous. *Petersburg Times.*

The President of the United States, on his return from Nashville to the Hermitage, on Thursday 15th inst. stopped in a beautiful grove about 3 miles from town, and there took dinner with about four hundred of his old friends and neighbors, who had assembled for the express purpose of meeting him. Every thing was conducted with the plainness and simplicity of republican farmers. A table upwards of one hundred yards in length was spread in the woods, and filled with cheerful, contented, happy citizens. The fare was substantial but not luxurious, there was no parade of effort at display; the utmost freedom and respectful decorous familiarity prevailed, and the chief Magis rate of this great nation mingled with the crowd of his fellow citizens as a companion and a friend. Every one had an opportunity of social unreserved intercourse with him, and he appeared anxious to converse freely with all who approached him. Such a scene might well astonish the subjects of European monarchs, who are accustomed to view their sovereigns at an awful distance, and to witness the imposing splendor, the pomp and parade with which it is thought necessary to surround them. It is difficult perhaps for the inmates of palaces and the attendants of princes to imagine such a scene. The chief executive magistrate of a great and widely extended nation, unarm'd, unprotected, unattended even by a train of household servants, unobscured by his dress, equipage, or style, from the rest of the community, mingled with the multitude of farmers, mechanics, merchants & others, with the familiarity of an equal, and partook of their plain humble fare without ostentation or parade. Such is a practical illustration of the blessings and comforts of a republican government. *Nashville Banner.*

Gen. Sumter.—A South Carolina paper of the 29th ult. in noticing a trial that took place at Bradford Springs, in Sumter District, contains the following notice of this relic of the Revolution:—

"The trial was an interesting one, but a circumstance extraneous to the trial, still more excited our feelings—that was the presence of the aged warrior and remarkable patriot, General Sumter, for a few minutes on the second day. We had a strong curiosity to see this venerable Soldier of the Revolution, and we scarcely ever experienced greater gratification than when we pressed the hand which had so often "wielded the sword of Liberty!"—The whole assemblage regarded this Chief, and Statesman of other days, with a common feeling of admiration, gratitude and enthusiastic attachment. He is now in his 97th year—has a healthy appearance—moves with activity and firmness of step—mounts his horse and dismounts with great ease, and is entertaining and instructive in conversation."



The highly important paragraph which follows, is taken from the Augusta (Maine) Patriot:—

General Webster, who was appointed by the Marshal of this State to assist in taking the Census, has been driven back and compelled to desist from the performance of his duty in that portion of our territory to which the British have set up their iniquitous claims.—The authorities of New Brunswick have extended their jurisdiction over this territory, and we are informed that a Proclamation was published forbidding the inhabitants to give in their census, and Gen. W. was threatened with an arrest in case he proceeded further in carrying into effect one of the laws of the U. States. He has returned to lay the subject before the marshal, who will, no doubt, with his usual promptitude, acquaint the Secretary of State with this high handed measure of the Colonists, and act under his instructions.

MARRIED.
In Hillsborough, on the 26th ult. by the Rev. Joseph Caldwell, Samuel W. Tillinghast, Esq. merchant of Fayetteville, to Miss Jane B. Norwood, daughter of the Hon. Judge Norwood. In Robeson county, on the 29th ult. Joseph Biggs to Miss Elizabeth Davis.

DIED.
In Greensborough, on the 23d ult. Miss Mary Ann Paisley, daughter of the Rev. Wm. D. Paisley. She was in her 23th year—her sickness, which was painful, and which lasted through near three weeks, she bore with patience, while its protracted nature afforded her long time to try, and to realize the power of religion, to support its votaries in the prospect of death. In Lincolnton, on the 20th ult. Beverly J. Thompson, Esq. Attorney at Law. In Lexington, on the 23d ult. Mr. Jesse Hargrave.

DRAWING OF THE Union Canal Lottery, NO. 13.
58, 32, 5, 51, 6, 24, 11, 39, 35.

Unprecedented Luck! AT HEWSON'S OFFICE, PETERSBURG, VA. SYCAMORE-STREET.

No. 2, 21, 57, the Grand Little Prize of Two Thousand Dollars, was sold and paid at sight in the Delaware and N. Carolina Lottery, Class 1.