

THE TORCH-LIGHT.

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EDITORIAL SPLINTERS.

A frog was seen to swallow a chicken in Charlotte.

Washer woman's motto—"while there's life there's oop."

Raleigh has a light infantry company of seventy-five men.

The prospects for a good cotton crop on Flat River are encouraging.

"Tom Collins" has arrived in Oxford. He can be seen at Mitchell's drug store.

Watermelons still continue to roll in rapidly, bearing juiciness and colics on their emerald crests.

Precocious peaches of diminutive proportions and shrivelled exteriors have put in an appearance.

Most of the railroad depots are infested by shrewd thieves. Strangers, beware! and heedless citizens, have a care!

We would be happy if we could only get a peep at the man who runs a newspaper that pleased everybody.

A true picture of despair is a pig reaching through a hole in the fence to get a cabbage (an early York) that lies a few inches beyond his reach.

This is a free country. Folks that don't like us have a perfect right to hate us. As for us we like everybody generally and the ladies particularly.

The dissatisfied folks that found so much fault with Winter lingering in the lap of Spring, would be delighted to see Autumn rushing into the arms of Summer.

To become famous now, one must pull babies, discover a comet, or ship a coach-and-four to the seaside. Thus is life ever becoming a burden harder to be borne.

There is certainly a man of feeling in Selma, Ala. He has six fingers on one hand and seven on the other. He can brag of fifteen feelers, counting his thumbs. He is a candidate for Congress.

A lively contest was had in the Congressional district embracing Richmond, Va., between Gov. Walker and J. H. Guy; both these gentlemen being candidates for Congress. Walker was nominated.

Won't somebody hold us while we read the following from a Missouri editor whom some one has evidently aroused from a lethargy of years. Says this startled quill-driver:

"Give us back the palmy days of the inquisition, or the foul fires of witchcraft lifting their black columns to the sky, but let the low principle of such midnight cliques, in whose breast is lurking in embryo the feelings of a highwayman, like the putrid yeast of death that often spreads throughout the physician's frame and reduces it to a living skeleton be banished from the nation over whose domain the star of empire now trembles in his fast resolutions in the historic heavens."

What's the Matter?

After a careful study we have come to the conclusion that there are too many people upon this terrestrial ball who try to live without work. Pride and laziness rule the age. Too many of our young men leaving and going abroad to be clerks, lawyers, doctors, or nothing! They can't bear the idea of learning a trade—oh no! If a boy learns a trade in the present day he must master it in a few months, and ere he knows the alphabet of his profession, he thinks what he don't know ain't worth knowing, and "strikes" for tall wages. He fails nine times out of ten to make a support—quits the business. Goes about complaining of hard times and studying the art of living without work, and "that's what the matter with old aunt Hannah!"

Daily Torch, 2 cents a copy.

Adolescent Depravity.

An item is going the rounds of the papers that "a boy of thirteen, in an Eastern town, has run away with a circus."

We don't know anything about this boy, but we suppose, of course, he was educated by pious parents, that he lisp'd his infant prayers on his mother's knee. And yet this wretched child of sin, in the very morning of his days, dashed into the maddening vortex of vice, and began a career of crime by "running away with" whole circuses! We are not appalled so much at the gigantic character of the undertaking as we are at the promise for the future of this boy.

A youth who can embezzle a circus at the age of thirteen, will have no difficulty in stealing the island of Cuba or the State of New Jersey by the time he arrives at the years of discretion. And if he is put in the penitentiary, it is absolutely certain that he may be depended upon to confiscate the institution, and run off with the whole concern, convicts included. It seems as if some children were born with special qualifications for the Legislature or Congress.

Habit is Everything.

We suppose most of our readers have heard the story of the man who slept above a baker's oven for twenty years, then changed his lodgings, but had to go back to the oven before he could sleep. A case illustrating the same principle is reported in Ohio.

A city man, accustomed to lodge on one of the noisiest streets, visited a country friend. Too much quiet destroyed his rest at night. His friend felt for his distress, and said he would try and relieve it. Accordingly he went to a neighbor's and procured a bass drum, which he beat under the guest's bedroom window, and had his boy run a squeaking wheelbarrow up and down on the porch, while his wife played on the piano, and his servant girl pounded on the chamber door with the tongs. In this manner the sufferer was enabled to get two or three hours of refreshing sleep, though it was heavy on the family.

The Man and Wife.

There is a man in Johnson county, by the name of Z. J. Stickland, aged 42 years, who never tasted a drop of liquor, nor never voted, nor never heard a religious sermon preached, and his wife, about the same age, declares she never tasted a drop of sweetening of any kind, whiskey or sugar.

And still they are happy.

Every boy in Germany is obliged to learn a trade. The Emperor is a practical printer. How different it is with us of the Southern States. Here there is not one boy out of every five hundred, who ever serves an apprenticeship to any trade, and the consequence is, we have too many loafers around grog-shops.—Exchange.

That's just what's the matter.

The act of Congress providing for the payment of special taxes, by wholesale and retail dealers in liquors and tobacco, requires that planters, farmers and others, who supply liquors or tobacco to their hands for cash or in payment for labor, shall pay special taxes and procure stamps as in the case of ordinary dealers.—Messenger.

Our planters and farmers had better make a note of the above.

Nearly half a million National Bank notes were received at the Treasury on the 30th ult., to be exchanged for legal tenders.—Er.

Pity us! we had none to tender.

Good Times Ahead.

The Macon Telegraph hears from many sources that if the cotton and other crops of South-Western Georgia at all fulfill their present promise, that there will be flush times in the Fall. One reason given, and a very sound one too, is that the farmers have not been able to run in debt; credit being dead, they will owe very little when the crops are gathered. They have been forced to economize by the refusal of merchants and money lenders to credit them, and will have few or no debts to pay when Fall comes. It is astonishing, too, to hear how well they get along—how many things heretofore deemed almost necessary to existence they have found out can be dispensed with, and how easy it is to economize under the pressure of necessity. This is certainly cheerful news; and not the least cheerful aspect of the case is, that next year it will be twice as easy to economize as it has been this.—Savannah Advertiser.

"A newspaper that has no enemies, is a newspaper that has no character—no courage—no boldness—no backbone, or "spinality," as elegant writers say now-a-days. And its influence is not a feathers weight. "Woe unto you when men shall speak well of you?" is a warning that we pay heed to. There is more good sense in the Scriptures than in all other books of the world combined.—Charlotte Observer.

There are no truer words than the above. A newspaper and a newspaper Editor that people don't talk about and sometimes abuse are rather poor concerns. The men and business that an Editor sometimes feels it a duty to defend at the risk of making enemies of another class, are often the very first to show ingratitude. The Editor who expects to receive much charity or gratitude will soon find out his mistake; but he should go ahead and say and do what he conscientiously thinks right without regard to frowns or smiles.—Charlotte Democrat.

These are our thoughts on the subject exactly.

Death of Dr. Beke.

The death of Dr. Charles T. Beke, the great Abyssinian explorer, is announced. He was born in London in 1800. He entered in commercial pursuits during several years, but the natural bent of his mind soon discovered itself, and he became famous for his explorations in Abyssinia and his searches for the sources of the river Nile. He was held in great honor among scientific and literary circles, and was placed on the British civil pension list in consideration of the value of his geographical researches.—Er.

Affecting Scene.

There was a strange, pathetic scene at the Milwaukee depot, a little while ago. A young German, who by four years hard work in a brewery had saved enough money to make a home was waiting for his betrothed, who was to arrive from Germany. She came, all radiant, to his arms, there was a close embrace, but when the young man tried to disengage himself, the girl's hands were firmly clasped about his neck: she moved not, spoke not—she had literally broken her heart with joy.

Fatal Shooting.

A young man named Ferrell was shot and killed by another young man named Gunter in the lower part of Chatham last week. They were turkey hunting, and approaching each other from opposite directions, both yelping in reply to each other. The imitation was so perfect, that when Ferrell saw a motion through the bushes, he fired, thinking it was a turkey heshot at. On running up to secure his game, he found to his horror he had shot a neighbor and friend. There were 15 buckshot in the head of Gunter and he had died instantly.—Hills Recorder.

News of the Week.

Chicago is to have no more wooden buildings.

Coal Oil reported to be discovered in Halifax, Va.

Photographers are comical fellows, making faces for the living.

Four persons are held in Philadelphia, accused of kidnapping the child Charlie Ross.

In St Louis, Mo., there were about twenty cases of sun stroke within a very few days.

A man dropped dead in Albany the other day from drinking too much ice water while he was over-heated.

Poffessor Reinhardt, of the Raleigh Bap. Female Seminary has purchased the female College at Thomasville.

Frank Walworth, who shot his father in New York, has been removed from the State prison to the insane asylum.

There are twenty-six counties and two hundred and forty-five towns bearing the name of Washington.

The question has been raised in the North of having all railroads do their own express business.

There is over three hundred guests at the Atlantic House, Beaufort, and accessions are constantly making to the number.

The yield of sugar in Louisiana, notwithstanding the inundation, will be larger than any year since the war. It is expected to reach 100,000 hogsheads.

The amount of wheat destroyed by the grasshoppers in Minnesota is estimated at 1,500,000 bushels. Notwithstanding this, the yield of the State will be over 23,000,000 of bushels.

The Vestry of St John's Lutheran Church, Salisbury, has presented their pastor, the Rev. J. G. Neffer, with a gold-headed cane as a testimonial of their respect and love for him.

Watermelons are only five cents apiece in Columbus, Ga., and a first class colic is within the reach of the humblest. In Milton it takes from 50 cents to \$1 to buy a watermelon large enough to hold "colic drops."—Milton Chronicle.

It is announced that the Pope has been expelled from the Masonic fraternity. It seems that the Pope was at one time a member of the order, but subsequently excommunicated all Masons and made war upon Masonry.

A lively trade in rattlesnakes and moecasins, for foreign exportation, is springing up in some parts of Georgia, where the colored people catch the reptiles alive and sell them to dealers at fifty cents apiece.

The Comanches in large numbers are on the war path, and have had several bloody encounters with U. S. soldiers near Fort Sill, Indian Territory. Old Indian traders predict a general war, and great alarm is felt at the unrestrained barbarities of the savages.

It is sometimes unaccountable how these sober and sedate old fellows, as soon as their families have gone to the country to spend the heated term, commence to wear their Sunday clothes every day, and to argue that four hours sleep is all that the human frame requires to be healthy.—Detroit Free Press.

A small child of Mr. Edmondson of Concord township, Louisa county, Iowa, came running into the house exclaiming: "Look, mama, pretty, pretty!" She had caught a rattlesnake around the neck, its body and tail were wrapping around her arm, and the child thought she had the prettiest thing imaginable. The mother, thoroughly frightened, fainted; but the father with great presence of mind caught the child's arm and held his snake-ship so tightly that it could not bite, until with the other hand he had unwound the snake from the child's arm, when with a sudden jerk he threw it out of the door and then killed it.

Killed by Her Lover.

At Moffitsville, Henderson county, South Carolina, a young German named Garseum, shot and killed a young lady named Miss Katie Tucker. It appears that Garseum was employed by the father of the young lady, with whom he fell desperately in love. He became jealous of the attentions of a supposed rival, and deliberately killed the young lady while the three were sitting in Mr. Tucker's parlor. The murderer fled, but was arrested and is in jail at Henderson Court House.

What a Woman Can Do.

A young woman of Middletown, Conn., is engaged in the endeavor to collect a million postage stamps in two years. She is now on the last three months of her time and has 900,000. Some of her friends thought at first that her scheme was a very wild one, and offered her fine presents if she were successful. It looks now as if she would win the gifts, which will be ponies, phaetons, new dresses, diamonds, etc.

While a portion of Greenland, six hundred miles in length from north to south, and of the coast of Italy near the temple of Jupiter Scrapis, are slowly sinking below the waters of the sea, in the northwest of Europe from North Cape to Sweden, a distance of a thousand miles, the land is rising at the rate of a few feet in a century. Again, while an area of one hundred thousand square miles in Chili, has been permanently raised as much as three feet by the shock of a single earthquake, a large tract of two thousand square miles in extent, in Hindostan has been sunk with the houses on it below the waters of the Indian Ocean. Between these two classes of violence which represents the extremes of slow and sudden action, there may be many degrees of force greater or less.—Gen. Clingman on Bald Mountain.

The bees are damaging the peach crop in Mecklenburg. Says the Observer: We are told that some of the peaches in this section have been injured by the bees, which eat into them before they are fully ripe, causing them to rot and fall off. This is something of which we never heard before. We do not know to what extent the damage has extended.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

of the County of Granville, State of North Carolina.

We, R. W. Harris, J. K. Wood and W. H. Young, the Committee appointed by your Board May 5th, 1874, to examine into the financial matters of the County of Granville, and report to your Board the indebtedness of the County, make the following report:

We find the whole amount of County orders, issued and approved from 4th August, 1868, up to the 1st day of July, 1874, amount to the sum of \$98,346.42, of which about \$14,000 is for indebtedness prior to 1st of August, 1868.

Amount of County Orders taken in and cancelled up to 1st day July, 1874, \$88,142.18, leaving the amount of outstanding Order on the 1st day of July, 1874, \$10,204.24.

If the unpaid Orders carry interest, the indebtedness will be increased to the amount of the interest.

We also find the County is owing the School Fund the sum of \$2,165.17, which amount was misapplied to county purposes.

We also find that the Treasurer whose term expired when M. B. Jones, the present Treasurer, came in office, is indebted to the county in the sum of \$407.94.

We also find the county indebted to the sheriff in the sum of \$28.29, amount overpaid by him.

All of which will more fully appear by reference to the papers marked 'A', 'B', 'C', and 'D'.

R. W. HARRIS, Chairman Com.

J. K. WOOD, Com.

July 4th 1874.

TICK! TICK!! TICK!!!

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