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DOMESTIC.

At the last term of Burke Superior Court, says the Salisbury Journal, Tisdale Spencer was convicted of manslaughter for killing James Murphy.—*Ral. Star.*

Great shot.—The Charlotte Journal states that Mr. Dan. Moore, of Mecklenburg county, a few days ago, killed fourteen wild turkeys at one shot; one of which weighed 25 lbs. nett, and all of which made an aggregate nett weight of 237 lbs. He must have inherited Capt. Bobstay's old *Blue Trigger*.—*ib.*

Atrocious Murder.—On the morning of the 31st ult. two young men at Nashville, Tenn. by the names of Michael Hoover of that city, and William Pryor, from Clarksville, were found in the room of the former individual, dangerously wounded. Pryor died in a few hours after, and Hoover's recovery was considered very doubtful. An investigation into the facts connected with this atrocious outrage, led to the suspicion that Thomas Hill, a youth of about 19 or 20 years of age, had committed it. Hill made his escape, and several persons were in pursuit of him.—*ib.*

Memphis, Ten. March 20.—On Monday last, Underwood, the pilot of the steamer Scotland, was arrested at our wharf, for having shot 11 years since, a Mr. Davidson, of the Western District. Young Mr. Davidson was the only witness that appeared against the accused, upon whose testimony he was committed to Jail, to await his final trial.—*Times.*

What next?—A new College has just been chartered by the Legislature of Indiana, to be called the "Christian College," alike open to males and females, with power to confer degrees. In the female department, they have established the degrees of *Doctress* of Natural Science, of English Literature, Belles Lettres, Languages and the Fine Arts—so that in a few years, *Doctresses* of the Sciences will be made, as commonly as our medical schools turn out doctors of medicine. There is something radically wrong in all this; indeed had we not the fear of the ladies before our eyes, we would say, that the idea of their participation in these learned distinctions, is supremely ridiculous. And while remarking on this subject, there is another connected with it, in some degree, on which we would say a word or two. We allude to the practice of teaching the learned languages to young ladies, which we understand has become quite fashionable in some of our northern seminaries. We are sure that the early years of the sex might be more suitably and profitably employed, even in cases in which real erudition should be the result. It has been well said, that education ought to bear relation to the state of society, in which the individual is destined to live. That which awaits the American females of the present day, is in no manner suited to the display of scholarship on their part, and in fact, requires the devotion of their youth to the acquisition of other accomplishments. The paucity of the instances, in which any thing more than a smattering of the ancient tongues, is like-

ly to be obtained, and the almost certainty of even that superficial knowledge being neglected and lost in after life, form additional objections, upon which we need not dwell.—*Raleigh Reg.*

Important Legal Decision... The Court of Appeals of South Carolina has *unanimously* reversed the decision of Judge Bay, requiring an oath of allegiance to the State, in addition to the oath of fidelity to the Federal Constitution, as a condition of admission to citizenship. It will be recollected what a handle was made of Judge Bay's decision, by the Mercury, and the Nullifiers generally, during the last State elections, to persuade adopted citizens that their primary allegiance was due to the State. It was in vain that we contended, that the oath of allegiance to the State was required without warrant of law—that it was an interpolation into the law of naturalization—the Mercury could not be convinced, because it would not. The highest judicial tribunal in our State has now however settled, beyond further cavil, that foreigners may now become citizens of our great and glorious Republic, without other pledge of their allegiance than to the Constitution of the U. States—in which, we readily admit, is implied and included, fidelity to each and every State in the Union, in which they may happen to reside, in all matters not conflicting with the "supreme law of the land," to which they have pledged their faith by a solemn appeal to heaven. It may also be remarked, that as the Appeal Court has now unanimously decided that a foreigner, by simply taking an oath to support the Federal Constitution, may become "a citizen of the United States," it is time that the Nullifiers should begin to suspect that "there is such a thing, strictly speaking, as a citizen of the United States." The Court of Appeals consisted of Judges David Johnson, O'Neale and Harper.—*Courier.*

The New York Standard says:—The encounter which enlivened Wall-street yesterday, has excited so much interest that we suppose we must give some account of it, and have made the necessary inquiries. Mr. Webb of the Courier and Enquirer having in his paper charged Mr. Leggett of the Evening Post with asserting a wilful falsehood, the latter demanded that it should be retracted, and that being refused, satisfaction of another kind was required, which also was refused. Mr. Leggett then meeting him in the street, called him a "coward and a scoundrel," and spat in his face; upon which Mr. Webb struck two or three blows at him with a stout stick, and that being wrested away after a running fight across the street, some fisticuffs were interchanged, and then the bystanders separated them. Neither was much hurt, though each had a blow or two in the face; but the general opinion seemed to be that Leggett was rapidly getting the advantage when they were separated.

Atrocious Murder.—Passengers from Bordentown, N. J. in the steamboat yesterday morning, brought the thrilling intelligence that a most singular, unlooked for and inhuman murder had been perpetrated in that place, by a young man named Joel Clough, upon the person of Mrs. Mary Hamilton, an estimable young widow lady, consort of the late Dr. Hamilton. It appears that Clough had been for some time a boarder in the house of Mahlon Longstreth, Mr. Hamilton's father, at the corner of the Main street and the road leading to Trenton, where Mrs. H. also resided; in the course of which time, Clough had formed an ardent attachment to Mrs. H. and had repeatedly offered to wed her. She in the meantime, however, had favored a rival suitor, a highly respectable citizen of Borden-

town, and it became rumored that ere long they would be united. This was too much for the unfortunate Clough. About twelve days ago, he left Bordentown and went to New York, returned on Thursday, and on Saturday feigned sickness, retired to his room, and thus prevailed upon the lady to enter his apartment, under the expectation of administering relief; when he suddenly sprang up, seized her by the arm, drew a dagger and threatened her with instant death if she refused to marry him. She did refuse; and he instantly stabbed her; and before her screams brought assistance, he had inflicted eleven wounds upon her, each of which would have probably killed her! A gentleman hearing her cries rushed up stairs, just as she had broke from the demon's grasp, and was descending them, the blood gushed from her mouth and wounds! She fell in his arms, and was thus carried into the parlor below. She lived about a minute, during which she told her mother who had wounded her, and why it was done, and died. On examination, it was found that the weapon had entered her heart three times; seven times in her side breaking a rib, and once in the left arm, which was also broken.

Mr. Clough, we learn, has parents or other relations, residing somewhere in New England, and has hitherto bore an unsullied and amiable character. He has been an extensive contractor for stone work on rail roads, and was recently engaged on the Camden and Amboy rail road at Bordentown. After he committed the rash act, he swallowed a quantity of laudanum he had prepared, with the hope of destroying his own life; but a medical process soon frustrated that part of his purpose, and he was secured and committed to Mount Holly jail, to await his trial at the next Court.—*Phil. Inq.*

Rail road accident.—The Baltimore Patriot says: We learn that the passengers in the train of cars yesterday, on the Newcastle and Frenchtown Rail Road, on their way from Philadelphia, were most completely *cowed*. The particulars, as they have been communicated to us by one of the passengers, are these: About 8 miles from Frenchtown, one of those stupid animals, enemies to rail road travelling, was in a ditch unobserved by the Engineer—the car going at the rate of about twelve miles an hour. The cow sprang from the ditch on the track of the road, as the train of cars approached—the engineer, as soon as he perceived the luckless animal, endeavored to reverse the engine, but in vain!—it was too late—one victim must be sacrificed and endanger the lives of about two hundred and fifty passengers, to teach the rail road company caution for the future—the poor cow was knocked down by the engine, and dragged about sixty yards by the ash-pan. The engine then passed over the cow—she was then thrown across the rails, and passed over by every car in the train: the engine, together with two cars immediately attached to it, kept the track, but the third was thrown off the rail—in that position the train was drawn for a considerable distance, till the frame holding the iron bar which connects the cars together, was broken to pieces, and thus released the cars. The engine, with two cars, passed on for about a hundred yards before it was stopped. One of the cars was broken from the train and thrown into a ditch against a bank, and thus saved the lives of the passengers. As good luck would have it, no one was injured in the east degree—the whole catastrophe was so sudden that the passengers were not aware of their critical situation before they were apprised of their safety.

The Philadelphia Herald says: We learn that a person on horseback was run down on Saturday last on the German-

town rail road. It appears the horse refused to move to his master's bidding, or was refractory, and not getting out of the way, the locomotive struck him, and turned him over several times. The unfortunate rider falling on the line of one of the rails, was run over by the car and killed instantaneously.

Steamboat accident.—The Cincinnati Gazette states that the steamboat Reaper had sunk in the Mississippi, about sixty miles above New Orleans, and that 15 persons had lost their lives.

Horrid Murder.—The Canton Ohio Repository of the 5th inst. says: We have this week to record a most horrid murder, and the first ever committed in the county. On Tuesday morning last, Mrs. Mary Bachtle, wife of Christian Bachtle, of this township, was found murdered in her bed. The act was committed during the night previous, and by her unfeeling husband. A jury of inquest was called by A. Lind, Esq. coroner of this county, who on examining the body, found a large cut in her head, which fractured the skull, and one of her ears was nearly cut off. From the evidence given before the jury it appeared, that on Monday Bachtle was working for his mother-in-law, who lives near his residence; that he left there to go home about 4 o'clock, in company with his wife and their three small children, apparently on friendly terms; that he is an habitually intemperate man, and kept whiskey in his house; that he drank on an average more than a quart a day; and when drunk was of a violent and vindictive temper. Bachtle fled, but was pursued, overtaken near Wooster, and on Wednesday night safely lodged in the jail of this county. Since his apprehension, we learn, he has confessed the murder; but as the subject will undergo a legal investigation, we forbear saying any thing further on the subject.

On Monday, the 8th instant, at Edward S. Jones's Long Point plantation, in Jones county, a large wolf was caught by Mr. John R. Chesnut. Having suffered no other injury than a fracture, inflicted by the steel trap, the valorous captor spared his life, and conveyed him home for the gratification of the curious. From the day on which he was taken, to the following Sunday, when our informant left that neighborhood, he sullenly refused all kinds of food that were offered, showing a desire for nothing but liberty, water, and the delicate fingers of his keeper, on the latter of which he made a partially successful attempt. His influence among the sheep may be inferred from the fact that he weighed eighty-three pounds.—*Newbern Sent.*

Blooded Horses.—Why is it that our Farmers neglect their own manifest interest in not paying more attention to the raising of fine blooded horses? The fact is notorious, that one of this description can be raised at the same cost, with that of the meanest scrub. Yet the first will command at any time, and in almost any place, from 100 to 500 dollars; whilst it is difficult to sell the other at more than from 40 to 75 dollars. But beauty and value out of sight, and yet the blooded horse is still the best for the farmer, tradesman or gentleman: He is more hardy, lives longer, is more healthy, and more useful in any capacity he may be placed than the common horse.

Ohio Repository.

Mr. Wm. Carver, one of the oldest and most experienced farriers of Philadelphia, who has written many newspaper articles and pamphlets against cruelty to horses, says: No worse is worth so much by twenty-five per cent, with his tail cut off."

A wager is a fool's argument.