

THE COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1851.

METHODIST CHURCH.

We would state for the information of those who may desire to know, that the Bishop who presided at the late sessions of the North and South Carolina Conferences, has, after reviewing all the circumstances of the case, made the following appointments for Wilmington during the present year.

Rev. E. T. Harris, Preacher in charge, Rev. L. B. Bonanza, Assistant.

CALIFORNIA.

We have not yet received our papers by the last arrival from California, but a friend has favored us with the Sacramento Times of November 28. There is nothing of importance to report from that place.

CONGRESS.

We still find nothing of general interest in the proceedings of Congress. By this it should not be inferred that our National Legislature is idle, or inactive to business.

COUNCIL OF STATE.

The following gentlemen were elected on Monday week, by the two Houses, Councillors of State for the ensuing two years: James J. McKay, of Bladen county, William K. Lane, of Wayne, Whitwell Stallings, of Gates, John U. Kirkland, of Orange, Montfort Sydney Stokes, of Wilkes, Archibald Henderson, of Rowan, Wilson B. Hill, of Guilford.

LEGISLATURE.

The Slavery Resolutions went through a pretty severe ordeal in the House, on Friday. It is now certain that our Legislature will, in no shape, assert the right of secession.

What will be finally done in regard to amendments of the Constitution, cannot yet be guessed at. It is worthy of note, in recording the customs of the times, that the boasted reform on the part of the Democrats, expressed at the election precincts last summer, has wonderfully subsided in the Legislature.

It appears, on the whole, that the Democrats are afraid to trust the organic law into the hands of the people. And yet they boast of their exclusive democracy.

The Democratic party of North Carolina cannot sustain the position they have ever assumed as politicians, without passing an act to entrust to the people the question of "Convention or no Convention."

The Raleigh Star says: "Col. W. L. Leno has purchased the establishment of the Weldon Herald, and will publish the paper in the town of Halifax. While we regret to part with our excellent friend, Mr. Suson, we know no one to whom we would extend the hand of fellowship more cordially than to Col. Leno—a good Whig and a gentleman of the finest quality."

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THE CHOLERA.

The Cholera still exists in some parts of the Island of Cuba, both on the North and South side. Accounts from Jamaica to the middle of last month, represent the disease as spreading all over the island, even the mountainous regions, with rightful mortality.

A SINGULAR CASE.

The Louisville Courier of the 3d inst. says: "On the steamer Bunker Hill that arrived from New Orleans, Wednesday, there were several Californians, one of whom had the cholera, and his case was considered hopeless. Capt. Miller was applied to for the purpose of procuring materials to make him a coffin in case he died. Instead of doing this, he administered Elixaria tea, which acted like a charm, and a few doses entirely cured him."

DELAWARE.

The Legislature of Delaware assembled at Dover, on Tuesday last. Governor Truitt, in his message, says of the compromise measures: "Most of them are, in fact, and all should be considered as irrevocable for their agitation can only be productive of increased exasperation and distraction."

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

A series of Resolutions have been adopted by the Legislature of New Hampshire, unanimously, sustaining the compromise measures of the last session of Congress.

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A Melancholy History—All Gone.

There is a singular and lamentable history connected with the Bark Abbey Baker, of Yarmouth Me., now lying at our levee. She was commanded by Capt. Timothy Pratt, his wife and family were also on board with him. Captain Pratt died a short time before the arrival of the bark at San Francisco. Augustus Pratt, his son, who had been acting as mate, then took charge and brought the bark into Bay and up to Sacramento.

The one Plank—two Noble Hearts—which deserved to Live!

A Russian ship of war was overtaken by a violent storm on the coast of Kamschatka, stranded and dashed to pieces on a reef. A sailor attempted to reach the shore upon a fragment of the wreck. In a little while he perceived one of the officers, M. Minski struggling with the waves, and offered him a share of his plank.

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ANOTHER COLLISION.

It appears that the collision on the New Haven Railroad, noticed this morning, was the occasion of another of a more serious nature. The evening trains from New York being detained at Manaroneck by the accident aforesaid, and thus thrown out of time, the 5 p. m. train came in collision with the 4.30 p. m. train from New Haven—both of which were under rapid headway.

FIRE ACCIDENTS.

Within the last twenty-four hours we have had a continuous series of fires and alarms. On Sunday morning Scott's board-yard was set on fire and damaged to the amount of about \$1,000, and on Sunday night the bells were ringing all night.

The first alarm was caused by the burning of a board pile in the fifth ward, at which a fireman was seriously injured. His life is despaired of. The next was a frame house in the same ward, which was burned to the ground. An attempt was also made to fire Mr. Fehel's stables on Irwin street, also Mr. Robb's shoe store on Market street.

A REAL YANKEE TRICK.

A man in Connecticut obtained a winter's supply of excellent potatoes, in the following cute manner. He gave out that he was desirous of obtaining a specimen of the best sort of potatoes, and would pay \$3 for a peck of such, himself to be the judge.

LUCID.

The stolid sons of St. Nicholas, have occasionally, a very singular method of expressing themselves. One day last summer, one of them who had been at work in a corn-field, came limping up to the farm-house, grasping the calf of his leg, and his face expressive of the greatest pain.

"'O, mine cut!" exclaimed the sufferer—"I pit myself very bad mit a snake, out in ter field."—And he pressed the wounded part with a tighter grasp.

"You pit yourself mit a snake!" exclaimed the terrified and humane proprietor. "Den ry, you don't make hase and tie a bantag mit your leg, else you will git a coffin in your pooly de next ting."

PHILADELPHIA, JAN. 10, 1851.

A fatal event occurred last evening on the old York road, five or six miles from the city, which should be a warning to those who are intemperate in their habits. Daniel Irwin, aged about 50, employed as a wagoner, was driving his team near Logan's Mills in Bristol township, when he is supposed to have stumbled and fallen while walking beside his horses.

From the Fayetteville North Carolinian of Saturday.

The Directors of the Fayetteville and Western Plank Road Company, at their meeting on Monday last, directed Mr. Cooper, the Engineer to run lines of survey from a point near McDougald's in Moore county, to the coal region on Deep River, say to Watson's, Evans' and Haughton's bridges—proposing to build a branch road or roads if desired and aided by the Deep River interest.

During the past year there were 182 deaths in Boston of the small pox, the largest number for many years. The number of births was 5,000, marriages 2,500, and deaths 4,467. The number of emigrants was 30,075, arrived in 1,007 vessels. About 20,000 were Irish. The amount of City debt on the 31st of December, exclusive of the Water debt, was \$1,756,652.84.

According to an official return just issued, the total number of factories, of all kinds in the United Kingdom, is 4,330, containing 25,638,716 spindles, and 298,916 power looms. The moving power employed is 108,113 in steam, and 26,104 in water. In the silkthrowing mills, 1,737 boys and 3916 girls, between 11 and 13, are employed—The total number of children under 13 years of age employed in factories who attend school is 19,400 boys and 15,722 girls. The total number of males employed between 13 and 18, is 67,964, that of females above 13 is 320,577, and that of males above 18 is 157,866. The total number of persons of both sexes employed in factories is 596,082.

FIRE IN SACO, Me.

We are indebted to Longly & Co's. Express for a slip from the office of the Saco Democrat, giving an account of the destruction of the Thornton House, in that place, last night. The house was owned by Mr. J. P. Philbrook, the landlord, and was one of the most elegant edifices in the town. It was insured for \$8000, and \$2000 more on the furniture. Originally cost \$16,000—Boston Trains, Friday.

BETTER THAN HEARING JENNY LIND.

A correspondent of the Richmond-Whig relates the following incident:

"A gentleman well known in Richmond left home on Friday evening, on his way to the concert, with ten dollars in his pocket; before reaching the theatre he met a poor fellow from the country in great distress. It seems the poor fellow's cart had been broken down; it was getting late, he was many miles from home, and had no means of paying for the repairs. The gentleman, seeing the man's distress, asked what the repairs would cost—he was told about ten dollars. The ten dollars intended for the concert were immediately given for this purpose, and he returned home without hearing the far-famed Miss Jenny. Here true sympathy and benevolence gained the victory over self-indulgence. And who doubts that this gentleman felt a calmer and purer joy than any of the hundred who thronged the theatre on Friday night!"

THE FRIGATE ST. LAWRENCE.

Which is being fitted out at the Brooklyn navy yard to convey the contributions from the United States to the World's Fair, at London, is expected to be ready in about thirty days.

EXCITEMENT IN WISCONSIN.

The recent seizures and sale of lumber cut up on the Government lands in Northern Wisconsin, by the United States Marshal, have created considerable excitement among the residents of that region. Meetings have been held at Oshkosh, by the lumbermen, at which they resolved that, with each other, they would use all honorable means of resisting a repetition of a similar transaction.

Why is a clock the most humble thing in existence?

Because it always holds its hands before its face, and however good its works may be, it is always running itself down.

The Winnebago tribe of Indians has at length been entirely removed from the State of Wisconsin, through the instrumentality of the U. S. agent. The U. S. troops in that region were unable to effect their removal without resorting to force.

A man who was rescued from drowning, a night or two since, in Boston, abused the man who rescued him because he did not save his hat!

RATHER BITTER.

A bachelor's reply to a young lady who significantly sent him as a present, some wormwood: I'm glad your gift is not a Miss; Much worse might me befall; The wormwood's bad alone, but worse The wormwood and the gal(l).

TO PREVENT THE NAILS GROWING DOWN INTO THE TOES.—This is a very troublesome and sometimes dangerous thing, for I know an instance of a toe's having to be amputated in consequence. But the cure is very simple. Take a sharp pointed knife and cut a little furrow all along the top of the nail lengthwise. As it fills up scrape it out again. This will cause the nail to contract at the top and so loosen its hold from the flesh. Persevere until the difficulty is entirely overcome.

HIBERNICISM.

"Susan" said an Irish gentleman to his servant, "what are the bells ringing for?" "In honor of the Duke of York's birthday," was the reply—"Be easy, my jewel," rejoined Pat, "none of your tricks upon travellers; and 'twas the Prince Regent's on Tuesday, and how can it be his brother's four days after, unless indeed, they are twins?"

MARINE NEWS.

PORT OF WILMINGTON, JANUARY 14.

HIGH WATER AT THE BAR.—11 25

ARRIVED.

11. Schr. Ustaloga, Burke, from Bath, Me., with Hay and Bricks, to Wm. M. Harris. Steamer Evergreen, Rush, from Fayetteville, to A. D. Cazaux, with Rosin, Yarn, Cotton and Dried Fruit.

CLEARED.

13. Schr. Manson, Munson, for Cape Haytien, by Adams, Brother & Co. Schr. Ira Brewster, Horton, for New York, by Miles Costin, with 382 bbls. Spirits Turpentine, 649 bbls. Rosin, 64 bales Cotton, 498 bags Pea Nuts, and 146 bags Flax Seed.

14. Br. brig Towed, McDugald, for Porto Rico, by DeRosset & Brown. Steamer Geo. Graham, Evans, for Fayetteville, by T. C. Wattle, with Lighter Express, with goods for H. L. Myrner & Co., W. McIntyre, M. & A. Waldron, Williams, Haywood & Co., Rev. J. H. Coffman, J. W. Baker, King & Hege, Boger & Reese, Hall, Sackett & Co., Boger & Maxwell, W. J. Parker, S. Farlow, Stanley & Murrow, Shelly & Field, Alfred Smith, D. Lewis, Gen. McKay, Murchison, Reid & Co., Warren & Rimer, Geo. Lauder, J. Utley, M. W. McNair & Co., J. R. & J. Sloan, Cedar Falls Manufacturing Co., D. J. McAllister, S. Brown, Blocker & Bullard, J. D. Williams, W. Draughton, M. Greenlee & Co.

Exports of sch. Alarie, cleared in our last by DeRosset & Brown. 593 bbls. Rosin, 405 bbls. Spirits Turpentine, 2 bales Rags, 397 bags Pea Nuts, 1 cask, 1 half barrel, 9 bbls. Potatoes, 99 bales Cotton, 1 box Wax, 1 keg, 2 bags Wax, 1 hhd. Wax, 1 bag Routs.

Exports of sch. Adele, cleared in our last by DeRosset & Brown. 629 bbls. Rosin, 450 bbls. Spirits, 82 bags Seed, 2 hdds. Furs, 3 bbls. Brandy, 258 bbls. Turpentine, 609 bushels Pea Nuts.

From the Charleston Courier of Friday last.

LOSS OF THE SHIP TORONTO.

The brig Vandalla, Capt. PENNICKS, from New Orleans, arrived here yesterday, brought in the officers, crew and passengers of the ship Toronto, Capt. PARKER, from New Orleans bound to New York, which vessel ran ashore on Matanzas Reef on the 3d inst. When taken from the wreck, they had been exposed for forty hours to the severity of the weather. At the time the ship went on the reef the weather was thick and the wind blowing heavy from the S. W.

WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.

Table listing various commodities and their prices, including Naval Stores, Lumber, Flour, and other goods.

PRIGHTS.

Table listing shipping rates and prices for various goods, including turpentine, spirits, and other commodities.

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REMARKS ON MARKET.

We have but few remarks to make in this number, and they are chiefly confined to Naval Stores and Timber, the arrival of which has not been so abundant as for a week or two past.

EXPORTS FOR THE WEEK, ENDING 13th INST.

Table showing export statistics for various goods, including lumber, shingles, timber, turpentine, and other commodities.

NEW YORK MARKET.

For three days preceding. Jan 11. Cotton.—The sales for 3 days are 6,300 bales—we quote 18 a 16. Flour.—Southern has been in good demand, chiefly for export, but closes heavily without particular change in prices; the sales are \$800 bbls, at \$5 06; a \$5 12; for Alexandria, Richmond, Baltimore, Brandywine, Georgetown and Petersburg, and \$5 25 a \$5 75 for fancy brands; besides which, 5000 bbls. Richmond have changed hands at \$6 25 for extra and \$6 02 for Gallego. Buckwheat Flour is in active demand, and very scarce; we quote \$5 a \$5 50 per bbl. \$2 50 a \$2 62 1/2 per 100 lbs. and 70 a 75 cents per bag of 25 lbs. Corn continues extremely scarce, and prices gradually advance, but quotations owing to the small supply, are but little better than nominal; the sales are 23,000 bushels, at 69 a 70 cents for New Jersey White, 70 for old and new Jersey Yellow (mixed), 71 for old and new Southern Yellow (mixed) and 68 for damaged; White is scarce and wanted.