

DEATH OF EX-GOV. DUDLEY.

Edward B. Dudley, Ex-Governor of the State of North Carolina, died at his residence in this city, at ten o'clock on Tuesday evening last. He had been in bad health for several years, so that his death was not unexpected, though a source of deep sorrow and regret to his family and numerous friends.

Mr. Dudley had filled many important offices in his country. He was a representative in the House of Commons, from this town, under the borough system; a member of Congress from this District, and Governor of the State.

He was among the most ardent and efficient agents of Internal Improvement in this State, and was the first President of the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road Company—and has since filled several offices connected with internal improvement operations.

We look for a more ample detail of the acts and conduct of this excellent man and patriotic citizen than we can at present give. He was intelligent, high minded, honorable and honest; firm in his course when convinced of being right; but never vindictive or revengeful. We have occasion to know that the benevolence of his disposition and the kindness of his heart were prominent traits in his character, on all occasions; and he was ever ready to be reconciled to his political or personal enemies, on suitable grounds. Gov. Dudley was in the 63th year of his age.

The facts of the shipping in port were at half past yesterday. On the motion of George Davis, Esq., Judge Stiles adjourned the Superior Court now in session here, on the announcement of this sad event. Both these gentlemen delivered appropriate and feeling remarks on the occasion.

A meeting was called by the Mayor and held at the Court House yesterday afternoon. Col. John McRae, Mayor, in the chair. Lucius Holmes Esq., Secretary. The meeting was addressed by Joshua G. Wright, Geo. Davis, and John H. Bryant, Esqs., and Dr. F. J. Hill. The remarks of these gentlemen exhibited deep feeling and a high respect and regard for the object of their eulogium. The latter named gentleman alluded to the merits of the christian character as well as the public worth of the deceased.

A committee of five, consisting of J. G. Wright, Geo. Davis, T. J. Norcum, Eli W. Hall, Esqs., and Dr. F. J. Hill, was appointed to draft Resolutions, and reported the following, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the lamented death of Hon. Edward B. Dudley, North Carolina has lost an able, tried, and faithful public servant, and one of her most useful and worthy citizens.

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KANSAS. The "Squatter Sovereignty" has brought forth abundant fruit, in the way of disorder and disorganization. A letter from Kansas, under date of the 16th October, to the Springfield, Mass. Republican, declares, among other things, that there is no pro-slavery party in the Territory; that the Kansas people belong to the "progressive democratic" and "abolitionist" parties, and are ready to acknowledge the Territorial Government, the Legislature or their laws!

A pro-slavery man has been elected to Congress, notwithstanding this state of things. It is asserted, with how much truth we cannot of course know, that this officer was elected by those who, by the aid of light canoes, transported themselves from a neighboring State. And again: a few days after another set of voters elected a free State candidate to Congress.

While the Territorial Government is repudiated, a determination is manifested, by those who claim to hold a large majority of the voters, to organize a State Government, through a Constitutional Convention, which was to meet at Topeka, on the 23d ultimo. The Convention will submit the proposition to the people, and if approved, a Legislature will be convened, laws passed, and the State Government fully organized.

But when this proposition is submitted, suppose the "light canoes" hand turn out? This is a matter to be thought of amidst these scenes of confusion.

DUTCH REFORMED CHURCH.

There was in session last week, in New York, the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church. A New York paper gives the following, relative to the organization of this body:

"The Reformed Dutch Church, as at present constituted in this country, vests its legislative authority in four several assemblies. First, a consistory, which is the lowest, and consists of a minister and elder from each church; second, a classis—consist of representatives from an indefinite number of churches; third, a particular synod—there are two, one at Albany and one at New York—consists of ministers and elders from each district; and, fourth, a general synod—three ministers and three elders—from all the churches. There is also a fourth assembly, which is the General Synod, which is the highest, and consists of representatives from all the churches in the United States."

Several churches in North Carolina professing the doctrines of this church applied to the General Synod for admission as a separate classis, that they might enjoy the benefits of its organization. The debate on the application gave rise to much discussion.

After several days' discussion, and the rejection and rejection of propositions favorable to the application, the following was adopted:

WHEREAS, It is evident from opinions expressed upon the floor that the Synod cannot unite cordially in receiving the Classis of North Carolina without the consent of the churches; and whereas the Synod desires to treat the Classis of North Carolina with the courtesy and kindness due to respected Christian brethren: Therefore

Resolved, That the Commissioner from the Classis of North Carolina be requested to withdraw his papers.

Resolved, That a certified copy of the above preamble and resolutions, with the action of the Synod, as recorded in page 581 of the minutes, be sent to the Classis of North Carolina with our christian salutations.

So the application was courteously declined.—As at present constituted there are no Southern churches in connexion with the Synod, and the feeling is (as is learned from the Express) that if North Carolina is admitted now the door will be open to slavery agitation within the Reformed Dutch Church, which will result in rending it in twain, just as it has already rent the Methodist and Presbyterian denominations. There are also some minor objections to the admission of North Carolina, one of which is that their Classis possesses large property donated by the German Reformed church from which its members have seceded; they therefore wish to retain the name of German Reformed in order to the property also.

COUNTERFEIT MONEY.

A man named James L. Breeze was convicted in New York on Monday, having in his possession \$10,000 in counterfeit bills. The Journal of Commerce says:

"Most of the bills were signed and ready for issue, while on some the name of the city and State were left out, to be inserted at the convenience of the maker, who had stamps for the purpose on hand, and these were also secured by the officers. While the search was going on in the room of Breeze, a man named Charles A. Hurbit came in, and the officers immediately secured him on suspicion of his being concerned in the affair. He denied all knowledge of it.

The prisoners were taken before Justice Brennan, and committed to await examination. They are gentlemen appearing men, and each about 33 years of age. Breeze says his parents reside in Pennsylvania, and are respectable and wealthy.—He is charged with passing one of \$5 counterfeits, and his landlady, Mrs. Ritter, in payment for board, and was, when arrested, engaged in filling up and signing the counterfeit notes, and the pen with which he was doing it was secured by the officers. He was much agitated when captured, and almost fainted, but soon recovered and made some confessions of importance, besides which, he offered the officers \$500 to let him go, but did not mention the kind of funds he would pay it in. It is presumed that he was preparing this counterfeit money for others to pass, and but for this timely arrest the city would have been flooded with them. A thorough examination will probably develop the names of other parties who are concerned in the nefarious business with Breeze. The bills are well executed, and calculated easily to deceive the unwary.

Swindling Insurance Companies—Business Life in New York.

The New York Tribune gives the following account of the way they do things in New York, in the matter of "raising the wind" or rather one of the many ways to get people's money without an equivalent. This account, with that of the official knavery of the members of the Common Council, and a City Judge, and a Street Commissioner, and a Collector of Taxes, and a Commissioner of Repairs and Supplies, and a City Inspector, and a Commissioner of Lamps and Gas, and in fact nearly the entire lot of heads of Departments, Contractors, and their subordinates, show an absolutely frightful aspect of immorality in the chief Commercial City of the Union, and in quarters where we have a right to expect moral rectitude, and to look for virtuous examples.

The Tribune says: "The latest discovered of these delusions in the Trustee Fire Insurance Company, organized in May last, under the act of 1853, and in fact it has paid-up cash capital of \$200,000. But it appears on investigation that this entire sum was borrowed by a banker at enormous usury and deposited in Bank for the purpose of organizing this Company on an apparent capital; the said money, though deposited in the name of this Company, could only be drawn on checks countersigned by the banker aforesaid, and in fact it was so drawn within the succeeding three or four days, leaving the Company not only without capital, but actually in debt \$200,000 for the 'advance' on its pretended capital for the two or three days it could make a show of having any, yet this Company immediately set to work insuring all applicants against fire; and up the 12th inst. had issued 112 policies and received \$8,809 thereon, besides \$772 remaining unpaid; had sustained and paid two losses, amounting together to \$695, and now has about twenty agents employed in soliciting risks in different parts of this country and Canada, at an average compensation of ten per cent,

on premiums received and five per cent on the profits realized by the Company on the business of the agency, beside a general agent in this city and a sub-general agent at Louisville, Ky. This Company has now outstanding risks to the amount of hundreds of thousands of dollars, to meet which it has \$288 in cash, and \$40,000 (nominally) in mortgages (by stockholders) on lots in Buffalo, Newtown, and Bedford; N. Y., while it owes salaries to the amount of some \$350, and in uncertainty of withdrawal from the said Bank any part or portion of said moneys, until the same is wanted to be invested or otherwise used or appropriated to and for the sole and exclusive use and benefit of said Company."

A KIDNAPPER.

The Richmond correspondent of the Petersburg Express, under date of Oct. 30, says: A man named Alfred M. Talley, was arrested last night at the Petersburg Depot, on suspicion of kidnaping. He had with him a mulatto woman named Lucy, said to be a slave of James S. Moss, of Mecklenburg. She is an exceedingly fine looking woman, and well dressed. They were brought before the Mayor this morning, but remanded to jail for examination to-morrow.

EXCITING SCENE.

The Boston Herald relates the particulars of an exciting scene, which occurred on Monday week, at Hingham Mass. It appears that for some time a difficulty has existed between Wm. Humphrey, President of the South Shore rail road, and Alfred Hersey, ex-President of the road, in regard to some remarks made by Mr. Hersey some time since, on seeing Mr. Humphrey stumble and fall in getting out of the cars. These remarks reflected upon the personal habits and character of Mr. Humphrey, and he was much incensed on hearing them. He demanded a written retraction of the offensive remarks, and yesterday arming himself with a cowhide and brace of pistols, proceeded to Hingham to force compliance with his demand, which was prematurely refused. His weapon drew his pistols and offered to fight Mr. Hersey, who declined. The parties separated, but subsequently met again at the railroad depot. After making some remarks to Humphrey, Hersey seized the cowhide which he carried, and proceeded to lay it over the head and ears of Humphrey with much energy—the blood following each blow. No one interfered, and Mr. Humphrey was severely whipped.

MALIGNANT FEVER.

On the 24th inst., the schooner Ann, Capt. Conklin, arrived from Savannah. The captain, mate and one of the crew were sick of malignant fever, and sent to the hospital. The vessel being without officers, has been cared for by its consignees. The captain is not expected to recover. On the 26th inst., ship New York, Capt. Edwards, arrived from Havana. While in port two of the crew died of cholera, and the remainder of the schooner, including Captain Terry, arrived from New Orleans, during the passage two of the crew sickened of yellow fever. One recovered, and the other was buried at sea. On the same day the schooner Moonlight, Capt. Rodgers, arrived from Savannah, with the mate dangerously ill of malignant bilious fever. He was sent to the hospital, and his attack will prove fatal. On the 27th inst., schooner Helen Capt. Slate, arrived from Wilmington, N. C. Two of the crew were fatally sick with malignant bilious fever, and sent to the hospital.—N. Y. Tribune.

From the St. Louis News, Oct. 22.

KANSAS FILLING UP.

PRO-SLAVERY AND FREE SOIL EMIGRANTS. Last Saturday we saw two wagons, drawn by well fed good looking horses, loaded with children black and white, and followed by a lot of likely negroes on foot, wending their way to Kansas.—The emigrants were from Virginia, and seemed to be persons of substance. In the crowd were as many as 20 negroes. This is a considerable addition to the pro-slavery population.

RETURN OF MR. BUCHANAN—THE SOUND DUES QUESTION.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Reliable advices by the steamer Africa renders it probable that by this time Mr. Buchanan has left London for Paris.—He would probably visit Italy before returning home.

LITTLE EPIGRAM.

A Gentleman, who had lost his wife, whose maiden name was Little, addressed the following to Miss Moore, a lady of diminutive stature:— "I've lost the Little one I had; My heart is sad and sore; So now I should be very glad To have a little Moore."

THE ZOUAVE AND HIS CAP.

The Gazette de Lyons of the 19th states that amongst the numerous wounded soldiers just arrived there a soldier of the 2d Zouaves excited particular attention:

"He was dressed in a republican hat with a plume, a frock-coat buttoned up to the chin, and had with him a cat minus one leg. It appears that he was performing a character at the French theatre before Sebastopol when the drum beat to arms. Without having time to doff his theatrical costume, he was soon in the trenches, where he lost one arm from the splinter of a shell, and his right ear carried away by a musket ball; his cat, which remained during the engagement on his shoulder, losing a paw at the same time. Even in the hospital he would never part from his cat, which has come with him to France, where the Zouaves figures in the same dress that he wore when the alarms were given."

THE WEATHER AND HEALTH.

MONTGOMERY, Ala. Oct. 26.—We have had cold weather for several days past, but Thursday morning was the coldest of the season. Frost was abundant, and ice covered the top of standing water. This delightful state of the weather was preceded by copious showers of rain, sufficient for all our uses except, perhaps, the important item of navigation, which has improved a very little. At 8 o'clock yesterday morning, the mercury in Fahrenheit's thermometer stood at 41 deg.—weather clear. It is still cold enough, as we write, for another frost.

A BRAVE WOMAN.

The house of Choate Bamham, in Hampton, Mass., was entered by a thief, on Friday morning. There were only three females in the house at the time, one of whom jumped over the bed, and called out to know who was there, when the fellow decamped, leaving behind a bundle of silver articles which he had packed up.

BOYS IN A BEAR FIGHT.

Three lads in Rockingham county, Va., named George Begoon, Jas. Probst and Alex. Prikey, recently encountered a large bear in the woods and despatched him after a severe fight.

FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS DAMAGES.

The suit of Dr. Carrington vs. Flagg, Caldwell & Co., for damages received by the upsetting of a stage, between Lynchburg and the South Side Railroad, Va., in the month of August, 1854, was decided at the recent term of the Circuit Court for Campbell county, and a verdict of \$5,000 rendered for the plaintiff.

DENMARK AND THE SOUND DUES.

A Berlin paper confirms the report previously received that the sound dues question will be submitted to a Congress of States, to assemble for that purpose in November next.

DISCOVERY OF TWO MORE ASTEROIDS.

We received this morning intelligence of the discovery of two asteroids, or small planets, between Mars and Jupiter, on the same day, October 5th—one by Luther, at Bilk, in Prussia, situated at 9 P. M. of that day, in R. A. 2 deg. 25 min. and north declination 62 min; and the other by Goldmidt, of Paris, whose R. A. at 8 P. M. was 345 deg. 20 min. and south declination 7 deg. 45 min. Both planets were also again observed on the 7th at Alona or Paris, and their retrograde motion over the two days was found to be about fourteen and fifteen minutes daily.

The number of the discovered asteroids has of late years so rapidly increased that we are doubtful how many are now known, but believe these two last will be about the thirty-fifth and thirty-sixth.—Boston Transcript.

The King of Prussia, in taking part in the recent ceremony at Cologne, of laying the first stone of the new bridge over the Rhine, said: "The grace of God has permitted us to commence this work in the midst of peace; let us pray that this work may prosper under the blessings of peace; that it may rest eternally intact; and that long before the last stone is laid peace may be restored to the whole of Europe."

JAVA COFFEE.

A gentleman from Long Island has succeeded in growing the best of Java Coffee there, by sowing the dry berry in drills, having first soaked them in ashes and water for an hour. When the plants were an inch above the surface, he stuck a row of oak scraggs for them to climb on. Favored by alternate heat and rains they have come on finely, and the berries are nearly ready to be gathered.

INVENTIVE GENIUS OF THE AMERICANS.

Few are aware of the marvellous inventive triumphs constantly going forward in this country. A contemporary says: "We have seen lately, as a specimen of rare American mechanical genius, a machine, costing not over five hundred dollars, invented by a working man, which takes hold of a sheet of brass, copper, or iron, and turns out complete hinges at the rate of a gross in ten minutes—longer, shorter than are made by any other process; also, a machine that takes hold of an iron rod, and whips it into perfect bit-pointed screws with wonderful rapidity and by a single process. This is also the invention of a working man; and both these machines are superior to anything of the kind in the world. No other process of manufacture can compete with them."

TRUTHS WELL EXPRESSED.

In his address at the New York State Fair, Gov. Wright, of Ind. made the following excellent suggestions. They comprise a volume in a nutshell:— "We must cultivate the roots, not the tops.— We must make the family government, the school, the farm, the church, the shop, the agricultural fairs the laboratories of our future greatness.— We must educate our sons to be farmers, artisans, engineers, geologists, botanists, chemists—in a word practical men. Their eyes must be turned from Washington to their State counties, towns, ships, districts, homes. This is true patriotism, and the only patriotism that will perpetually preserve the nation."

THE CASE OF PASSMORE WILLIAMSON.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 29.—Judge Kane made an order to-day in the Williamson case, refusing the leave asked for his counsel to present a petition from him, because he is still in contempt, and by petition does not purge himself. But, to the end that he may purge himself, the Court also ordered that if he will declare under oath that he is willing to answer such interrogatories as may be addressed by the Court, touching matters heretofore inquired into by habeas corpus, that the Marshal shall bring him before the judge in court or chambers, to abide the action of the court.

CAUTION TO AUCTIONEERS.

An auctioneer in Detroit, a few days ago, while in the act of knocking down an article to a purchaser, let the hammer slip from his hand, and thus most unexpectedly struck a lady in the crowd, knocking her down. He was arrested and fined \$5, the justice not allowing an auctioneer to knock down purchasers as well as the thing they purchase.

FALL OF SEBASTOPOLE.

On the 17th instant, a public celebration took place in New Orleans for the fall of Sebastopol.—A te dem was chanted at the Cathedral, and a salute of three hundred guns fired. The celebration was, however, confined to the French part of the town, all the rest refusing to participate, and the shipping in port refusing to hoist their flags.

CRIMINAL AND PAUPER STATISTICS.

AND THE SPEECH OF J. CLEMENS, of Alabama, September 15.

LIQUORS AND WINES.

50 BBL. Old Blended Whiskey, 20 N. E. R. M., 20 N. C. Apple Brandy, French Brandy, Port, Madeira and Malaga Wine, Cider Vinegar, &c. In store and for sale by ZENO H. GREENE, No. 7, Market street.

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SINGULAR ORIGIN OF A FIRE.

On Sunday last, some children, playing in the house of Geo. W. Angell, of Bedford, Michigan, discovered smoke coming up through boards, and gave the alarm, when the boards were removed, and a mouse's nest discovered, into which the little animal had dragged a friction match. The match had probably been ignited by the movements of the mouse, and but for its timely discovery must have caused a serious fire.

MILITARY PAPERS BURNED.

The Austin Times of the 13th instant mentions the destruction by fire of the office of the Adjutant General of Texas, including the army rolls and every important paper in relation to the military affairs of Texas. There is no means (it says) to procure duplicates, and the burning of no other archives could have been a greater loss to Texas, as it will open the door to the defrauding of many persons.

DISASTER.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 29.—During the high wind yesterday morning a schooner was broken loose from her moorings, by one of the New York packets which came into collision with her. A hole was knocked in her side, and to prevent her from sinking she was taken across to the flats on the west side of the basin and run ashore. We heard of no other damage to the shipping, except perhaps a little chafing.

AGREEABLY DISAPPOINTED.

A correspondent of the Newark (N. J.) Eagle writes from Leavenworth city, Kansas, as follows:— "I am a great coward, and came here with fear and trembling, expecting to have my throat cut from car to car before I reached the hotel in the city of Leavenworth; but, so far from being molested, I have been treated with every civility, and I have never been among a people so universally polite as the 'border ruffians' of Kansas."

DEATH OF A CLERGYMAN.

The Rev. Mr. Worrell, Baptist minister of Melrose, has died of cholera, while passing over Charleston bridge, a few days since, was so badly injured by coming in contact with a wagon that he died on Thursday last.

DEATH OF A BRITISH OFFICER.

Read Admired the Hon. W. Percy died in London on the 6th instant. In 1814, early in the spring, he was appointed to the command of the Herms, 20 guns, which vessel, after having 25 men killed and 24 wounded, in an unsuccessful attack on Fort Boyer, Mobile, was set on fire and destroyed to prevent her falling into the hands of the Americans, in September of that year. Capt. Percy had under orders at that time, besides his own ship, the Canon, 20, and Sophie and Childers, of 18 each. He was honorably acquitted of all blame in the loss of the Herms by a court martial.

FEMALE PEDESTRIAN.

There is a young lady in Nashua, N. H., who makes nothing of walking sixteen miles before breakfast. Of course she is ruddy, attractive and hearty.

TEXAS.

The news of Capt. Callahan's battle with the Indians and Mexicans, in Mexico, had caused much excitement wherever it had reached. The San Antonio Texan, speaking of the fight, says:—"Many of our citizens have already gone to the rescue of the rangers, and we believe more are preparing to go. He is not half a grammar at his skill and it but a sword! There should be no delay, about thirty men in aid of march, belonging to the lives of one hundred of our brothers may be sacrificed on the delay of an hour. There can no harm accrue if so many go that they can rout completely the abominable den of Indian desperadoes, who we fear are sheltered by some unprincipled Mexicans without the knowledge of the Mexican Government."

MAYOR'S OFFICE.

In pursuance of a Resolution adopted in Town Meeting, the citizens of Wilmington are requested to suspend business, this day, at One o'clock, P. M., in honor of the funeral of our late Mayor, EDWARD B. DUDLEY, JNO. McRAE, Mayor. Nov. 1st, 1855.

Holloway's Pills, a cure for Sick Headache and Bile.—William Knapp, of Dover Maine, was, perhaps, one of the greatest sufferers from sick headache and bile, scarcely a day passed without his feeling the dreadful effects of these formidable evils, he put himself in the hands of the doctors, but they did him no good, he became worse, until his sufferings were more than human nature could bear, and he almost sunk under them; fortunately for him he commenced using Holloway's Pills, directed upon the system, cleared the bowels, cleared the head, and by persevering in them for eight weeks, thoroughly restored him to health. He has ever since been entirely free from these dreadful attacks.

GIOLERA.

A disease which strikes terror in any community where it exists, no medicine is more prompt in its action on this disease than Perry Davis' Vegetable Pain Killer. It is the acknowledged relief, and seldom fails if applied in its early symptoms, no family should be without a bottle of it always on hand. Act wise and if you have not a bottle get one at once—delays are dangerous.

PRINTING PRESS FOR SALE.

A Smith Printing Press will be sold very low at the office of The Commercial. The press is 30 by 21 1/2 inches. Application should be made early.

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MARINE NEWS.

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