

Mr. Tracy's Diplomatic Circular.

We have been favored by the New-York Daily Tribune of the 8th instant, with a gladiatorial exhibition highly interesting and instructive.

Our fellow-townsmen, Mr. Prescott, has seen fit to write, and with singular good taste, to write upon the very subject with which he happened to be best acquainted.

Mr. Prescott writes upon the supposition that society requires organization, not only within its own structure, but in its intercourse with other societies; and that the more perfect its organization the more perfectly it accomplishes the objects of its efforts.

The Tribune, on the contrary, would have no such machinery of international intercourse, and gives as his reason that "individualism is rising to the dignity of a social truth."

Now in the name of common or uncommon sense what does the Tribune mean by "individualism rising to the dignity of a social truth?"

Mr. O'Connell once vanquished an oyster woman who was thought to be invincible before, by calling her a parrotlippon; and Mr. Prescott, who is apprehensive, must submit to similar discomfiture from his equal inability to comprehend the lingo of the New York Tribune.

THE EARTHQUAKE AT THEBES.—The following is the result of the investigation instituted by order of the government.

On the morning of the 18th ult., two terrestrial shocks, so feeble that many of the inhabitants of Thebes, were not sensible of them, announced the catastrophe which was shortly to follow.

The people, not knowing what to do, ran out of their houses, or jumped out of their windows. The continuance of the trembling of the soil, the noise of falling houses, and the thick clouds of dust which rapidly enveloped the whole town increased the prevailing terror.

The great aqueduct of the town was considerably injured, allowing the water to escape at many points, and all the fountains were rendered muddy for four-and-twenty hours.

corpses have been taken out of the ruins. The bodies bore no traces of wounds or other marks of violence, and the physicians suppose that the deceased died of asphyxia.

Reminiscences of Mr. Jefferson.

The editor of the Richmond Dispatch gives the following reminiscences of Mr. Jefferson when visiting the Virginia University:

"I have frequently seen him on horseback, and recollect perfectly the manner in which he carried himself in the saddle. He was a superb horseman, even when an octogenarian, and always rode a good horse.

"The influence which he exerted over the minds of the students was very great, and was exemplified in a striking manner the session before I became a student.

"For several days there were no lectures, and Mr. Jefferson called together the board of visitors for the purpose of deciding upon the course proper to be pursued.

"He appealed to the patriotism of those who had been most forward in promoting the disorder, to come forth like men, and sacrifice themselves to the good of their State, not concealing from them the fact that expulsion would be the inevitable consequence.

Pulaski-Grand Civil and Military Fagot.

LAYING OF THE CORNER-STONE OF THE PULASKI MONUMENT.

The interesting and imposing ceremony of laying the corner stone of the monument to be erected to Brigadier Count Pulaski, in Monterey square, was witnessed yesterday afternoon by an immense concourse of citizens, among whom were a great number of ladies.

Everything being in readiness, Commissioner Wm. P. Bowen, Sr., announced that the Throne of Grace would be addressed by Rev. Mr. Kern, of the Lutheran Church.

SANTA ANNA AND THE MEXICAN ARMY.—The National Intelligencer publishes a letter from the Mexican Legation, showing that the object of Santa Anna, in raising a large number of troops, is neither to overawe the Mexican people nor to make war upon any friendly power.

The steamship El Dorado, from Aspinwall on the 1st inst., arrived at New Orleans on Saturday last. She brings California dates to the 16th of September, brought down by the John L. Stephens, which arrived at Panama on the 28th ult., with seven hundred passengers and \$1,300,000 in gold dust on freight.

The Georgia Election.

The Savannah Republican of yesterday has the following angry notice of the signal defeat of its party and the triumph of the old State Rights Democracy.

"The election, and the contest is over. The secession and disunion principles of the Nashville conventionists and Southern confederatists have prevailed in Georgia.

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Lancaster Rail Road.

We have recently had a conversation with a gentleman who resides in Chester, and is also a director in the Charlotte and Columbia Rail Road Company.

"I have nothing more at this time, but will try to write again.

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The Enquirer accompanies these papers with its commendations, and says that they undermine the very foundations on which abolition stands.

TELEGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE.

BALTIMORE, October 16.—The U. S. mail steamship Atlantic has arrived at New York from Liverpool, which she left on the 5th inst.

THE LIVERPOOL MARKETS.—Since the departure of the Canada, on the 1st inst., Cotton experienced no change and the sales during the three days comprised 18,000 bales.

EUROPEAN INTELLIGENCE.—A dispatch dated Vienna the 2d inst. says: "The Sultan today on the recommendation of the Divan signed the declaration of war against Russia.

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NEW-ORLEANS October 15.—The Yellow Fever has appeared at Spring Hill, and all the students have dispersed.

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BALTIMORE, Oct 16.—Seven hundred bales of Cotton changed hands in New York on Saturday, at a decline of half a cent per pound.

Elections.

In Georgia the Democrats have elected their Governor, six out of eight members of Congress, and a majority of both branches of the Legislature.

In Ohio the Democrats have elected the Governor and all the State officers by a large majority.

In Pennsylvania the Whigs have carried the city of Philadelphia, but the State has gone for the Democrats.

District Convention.

According to previous instruction, the general Convention of Delegates assembled at Tiller's Church, in Kershaw District, on the 12th ult., to discuss the propriety or non propriety of further procedure in the new District measure.

On motion E. E. Tiller was called to the Chair, who in a few and appropriate remarks set forth the object of the Convention, and also solicited delegates present to state the wishes of the people on the matter within the respective sections which they represented, which on being done, it was moved and adopted that a committee of three from each District be appointed by the Chair to arrange the boundaries of the proposed District.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted at the aforesaid Convention: Resolved, That we will not support any man for any office of profit, honor or trust in the Districts of Kershaw, Darlington, Chesterfield, and Sumter that will take action against us in the present issue whether we be successful in obtaining the District or not.

Resolved, That the Camden Journal, Sumter Banner, Darlington Flag, and Cheraw Gazette be requested to publish the proceedings of the Convention.

Nothing else being presented for the consideration of the Convention, on motion adjournment was made sine die. E. E. TILLER, Ch'm'n. A. McLEAN, Secretary.

For the Camden Journal.

MR. EDITOR—I see in your Journal of the 27th ult., a communication over the signature of "Kershaw as it is," which, for the sake of truth, if for no other purpose, ought not to go unrefuted.

In the first place he (Kershaw as it is) asserts, in regard to the District question, that the majority of the citizens of Kershaw living within the proposed boundaries are averse to forming a new District. La sakes! how low did he go to school to get so much lamina—as Mrs. Partington would have said under the circumstances.

July. He again asserts that the citizens of Kershaw agreed to meet at Pleasant Hill Church, which is manifestly erroneous, which you can see by reference to the Journal containing the proceedings of that meeting, as it is plainly printed, that the citizens, there present, agreed to meet, and we are willing to admit that the meeting held at Pleasant Hill was thinly attended, but as it pertains to the strength of a majority, we are favorable to the District project as every move made at that meeting was unanimously adopted with the exception of one which was made after the motion to adjourn, and that was submitted by a gentleman residing within a contiguous District who said that he was "rather slow of comprehension" and wished to try the strength of the meeting.

We observe that the motto of our friend, is to stand "fast in the liberty wherewith we use free." We can assure "Kershaw as it is," that his motto was as untimely L. Ken from his mother's womb. In conclusion we would admonish "Kershaw as it is," never to trust any report to the public press which he has received from informants who cannot distinguish a District meeting from one of Religious worship. SUUM CUIQUE.

SALE DAY.—There was quite a large attendance on last sale day, and we think a good deal of business transacted; Money matters easy, and those who have it out careless about collecting. In the evening the Pickens Troop turned out, and made quite a display. No fighting, though we were sorry to see so much drinking, and hope the day is far distant when such scenes are to be re-acted. We have ever been in favor of the "liberty of drinking," but doubt very much whether that term includes the licentious use of it, to the annoyance of sober citizens; at least such is not our construction. [Pickens Courier.]

FLORIDA CROPS, &c.—Our excellent friend, Col. M. Whit Smith, who resides in the neighborhood of Alligator, East Florida, and just from that section, informs us that there will not be an average crop gathered this season.—The planters are now engaged at work, the weather being unfavorable. The heavy rains at the opening of the season had caused some sickness, but we are pleased to learn that quite a change for the better had taken place.

THE DIFFICULTY AT THE CHINCHA ISLANDS.

—To the New-York Herald are we indebted for the details, which appear in another column from South America, brought by the Crescent City:

"The most exciting portion of the intelligence from South America is that which relates to the serious difficulty which occurred between the Captains of American vessels lying at the Chincha Islands and the Commandant acting for the Peruvian government. The aggression of this official upon the captain and crew of the Defiance had excited the deepest indignation amongst the masters of the other vessels there, and they promptly sought the protection of the American Ministers at Peru, which was freely rendered, and with excellent effect for so far it is probable that the Peruvian officer will be removed from his post and brought to trial. Despatches relative to this affair have been sent to Washington for the consideration of the Cabinet. It will be observed there is not a single man-of-war belonging to the United States at the place and that Mr. Clay was compelled to charter a special steamer to take him to Chincha. We give a full report of the meeting of the captains and the entire correspondence which passed between them and our representative.

Tribute of Respect.

At a regular meeting of Kershaw Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F., held on Friday evening, the 14th instant, the following Preamble and Resolutions were unanimously adopted:

DEATH is at all times terrible to think upon—how much more so when we have realized the fact that he has been among us and borne away one whom we all delighted to call "brother." Such, however, has been our lot. A few weeks ago, one who bid fair to live long, has passed away, leaving a void which will not soon be filled again. God has been pleased to take from us by death our much loved friend and brother, Past Grand Joseph Wienges; let this dispensation of His Providence teach us, one and all, to remember the shortness of life; let us take the opportunity to offer to his bereaved widow and orphans our heart felt sympathy and condolence: Be it therefore Resolved, That in the death of P. G. JOSEPH WIENGES, Kershaw Lodge has lost a useful, zealous and true member; his family a devoted husband and affectionate father.

Resolved, That a blank page of our Record Book be dedicated to his memory.

Resolved, That as a token of our regard, we will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That our Recording Secretary be instructed to furnish the family of the deceased with a copy of the above Preamble and Resolutions, and that they be published in the Camden Journal and Charleston Standard. WILLIAM WALLACE, Sec'y.

OBITUARY.

DIED.—At Lewisville Female Seminary S. C., on the 28th of September, Miss HANNAH C. F. MURPHY, in the 16th year of her age. In contemplating the character of this lovely girl, we feel our entire inability to do it justice. Her's was the soul of an angel; to say she did not sin, would perhaps be saying too much; but we know that she sinned less in word and deed than the most devout christian we ever knew.

It will be a source of satisfaction to her bereaved parents, and friends to know that she enjoyed the affection, and esteem of her teachers to a high degree; and was a favourite with all her schoolmates.

In momentary expectation of her father, a few hours before her death, she said, "If I die before Papa arrives tell him to meet me in heaven."

Oh blessed hope! it comforts, but it cannot heal the bleeding heart; that must mourn on, because through all our life we can no more see her lovely face, or hear her low, sweet voice. She is gone, but in the hearts of her sorrowing parents, and friends, her memory will live enshrined until they go to meet her where her sins, which were few, are forgiven.

Sleep gentle maid, thy cares are o'er! Hope deferred can bright no more! Nor sorrow with her sabb'ling wing, O'er thy spirit, shadows fling.

Could I have kept thee gentle maid! Here thou would'st have ever stayed! But God, and angels loved thee well! And took thee hence with them to dwell.

Oh, when we leave this mortal coil! When we're done with time and toil! On the loving Savior's breast! May we come with thee to rest. E. B. C.