

MISCELLANEOUS.

WASHINGTON, March 12. The French Minister has interposed his good offices between this Government and the Mexican Minister...

There is, therefore, no cause for any previso, and no danger of any war. I learn that the Texan Minister here has been advised, very urgently, to recommend to this Government the immediate adoption of the proposition of annexation...

The Senate confirmed to-day the nomination of Mr. B. F. Butler, as District Attorney of New York, and Mr. Davis, as Surveyor of Philadelphia...

The President has determined to send in no nominations except for places now vacant or soon becoming vacant by limitation of the term of service...

WASHINGTON, March 17. The death of Senator Bates, which occurred last evening, was announced in the Senate by his colleague, Mr. Webster, to day...

After a momentary pause, Mr. Huger, of South Carolina, rose, unexpectedly to the friends of the deceased, and volunteered his testimony to the worth and the gentlemanly bearing of the departed Senator...

It struck every one as peculiarly proper that the departure of a Senator of what may be termed the old school should be thus spoken of by the only remaining Senator of that age and order...

The funeral ceremonies will take place to-morrow. The Senate will probably be detained here till Thursday.

No more nominations will be made, but some are still unacted upon, and there are also two communications before the Senate from the State Department in relation to Mexico and Texas.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS. In the absence of any official publication as yet of the appointments by the President of the United States, confirmed by the Senate...

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT. By and with the advice and consent of the Senate. James Buchanan, of Pennsylvania, to be Secretary of State.

William H. Polk, of Tennessee, to be Charge to Naples. Albert G. Jewett, of Maine, to be Charge to Peru. Benjamin F. Butler, of New York, to be District Attorney for the Southern District of New York...

Naval Appointments. Charles H. Haswell, Engineer in Chief; and as Chief Engineer, John Faron, jr., Andrew Hebard, James Thompson, Wm. P. Williamson, Charles B. Moss, Wm. Sowell, jr., and Wm. W. Wood.

From the N. Y. Spirit of the Times. We published a week or two since, a most amusing story of one Judge Douglas, of Illinois, in which that gentleman having accepted the hospitality of a large family...

Men seldom have any notion of their own powers. I never made any pretensions to skill in "ground and lofty tumbling," but it is strictly true, I climbed at one bound, the open space, planted myself on the centre of the bed, and was buried in the blankets in a twinkling.

"The gentleman from Illinois" is not the only gentleman whose legs have led him into embarrassment! A political friend of ours, equally happy in his manners, if not in his party, among the Missouri constituency, found himself, while canvassing the State, last summer, for Congress, in even a more peculiar perplexing predicament than the Illinoisian.

"Honey Run" is further christianized by the presence of an extremely hospitable family, whose mansion, comprising one apartment-neither more or less-is renowned for being never shut against the traveler, and so our friend found it during the chill morning air, at the expense of a rheumatism in his shoulder...

The candidate yawned, looked at his bed, went to the door, looked at the daughters; finally in downright recklessness, seating himself upon the downy and pulling off his coat. Well, he pulled off his coat, and he folded his coat, and then he yawned, and then he whistled, and then he called the old lady's attention to the fact, that it would never do to sleep in his muddy trousers; and then he "undid his vest, and then he whistled again, and then suddenly, an idea of her lodgers possible embarrassment seemed to flash upon the old woman, and she cried—

Singular Fatality.—A British soldier accidentally fell into the water at Quebec, Canada, a few days since, when a sentinel walking by, hardly attempted to get him out by reaching him the butt of his musket. The drowning man grasped the weapon, and in his struggle it was discharged, the contents of which entered the head of the sentinel, and killed him instantly.

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From the Charleston Mercury. MASSACHUSETTS AND SOUTH CAROLINA. We have published the argument of one of our own public men on the question of our police laws in regard to colored persons. It takes and sustains the grounds on which we would rest the controversy.

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From the Spartanburg Spartan. GREGG'S ESSAY ON DOMESTIC INDUSTRY. "It being an enquiry into the expediency of establishing Cotton Factories, in South Carolina." This is a well written and well digested pamphlet, of some sixty pages, devoted to the subject indicated by its title.

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The Legislature of Illinois closed its annual session on the 3d instant; previous to which the bill for paying the interest on a part of the State debt, and the bill making provision for completing the Illinois and Michigan canal, (the last bill being formed of that part of the interest bill which was at first rejected by the Senate,) both passed into laws.

Horrid Murder.—The subjoined extract of a letter received in Baltimore, gives an account of a horrid murder recently perpetrated. LEXINGTON, March 6, 1845. "Clifton R. Thompson and his brother, Mr. J. Thompson had gone to Mount Sterling to attend a suit in Court between C.

LETTER OF MR. CALHOUN. The following reply was received from Mr. Calhoun to the invitation, thro' their Chairman, Henry Bailey, Esq., of the Committee of Fifty, to a public dinner: CHARLESTON, 15th March, 1845.

Dear Sir—I greatly regret that it is not in my power to prolong my stay sufficiently to accept the invitation so kindly tendered by you, as the Chairman of the Joint Committee, appointed by the City Council and the citizens of Charleston, to partake of a public dinner with the citizens of Charleston.

I avail myself of the occasion to return my heartfelt thanks to the City Council, and the citizens of Charleston generally, for this and the many other marks of respect which they have extended to me.—I never shall cease to remember them with the profoundest gratitude, while a pulsation of my heart remains. Never had a public man such cause to be grateful to his constituents as I have to them and the citizens of the State generally.

(Signed) J. C. CALHOUN. H. BAILEY, Esq., Chairman of the Joint Committee.

FATAL RENCONTRE.—It again becomes our painful duty to record another fatal affair, which occurred on Monday last, near Dunton's Post Office, about nine miles northwest of this Village, between Mr. Chas. Price and Mr. Benjamin F. Jones, in which the latter was almost instantly killed, by the discharge of a shot gun in the hands of Mr. Price. We have understood the cause to be some family difficulties, but we forbear any remarks, as Mr. Price came directly to this place for the purpose of delivering himself into the hands of the proper authorities, and will be tried by a jury of his countrymen.

We are indebted to Mr. S. A. Holmes, of Augusta, through Mr. T. Crooker, for copies of the Regents Daughter and Arthur Arundel.

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"We will cling to the Pillars of the Temple of our Liberties and if it must fall, we will perish amidst the Ruins."



EDGEFIELD C. H. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 1845.

COLD WEATHER.—For several days past the weather has been unusually cold and uncomfortable for the season. On Thursday and Friday mornings there was good deal of ice. We have had several killing frosts, and vegetation in consequence, is considerably retarded. From what we can learn, the fruit is much injured, if not nearly destroyed, and the forward crops of wheat and corn greatly damaged.

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"The last consideration that I shall urge, is the equally useful and ornamental character of learning. Who can estimate the difference between civilization and savagism—between the refinement of a European city, and the repulsive light of an African horde—between the American nation, as it now stands in all its splendor and its power, and the aboriginal inhabitants of this continent as they gazed with wonder at the appearance of Columbus? What is there great or good, elegant or useful, for which mankind are not indebted to the influence of learning? It has reared up cities, and founded empires. It has conquered the earth, the sea, and the air, and subjected them all to the will of man. It has filled the earth not only with comforts, but with luxuries—not only with needless things, but with an endless variety of pleasures. It has perfected, equally, the art of war, and the arts of peace. It regulates the movements of armies, and controls the destinies of nations. It navigates the ocean, spans the cataract, and reclaims the forest. It elevates valleys, and depresses hills. It introduces nations to each other, and imparts to all the peculiar products and commodities of each. It unfolds the mysteries of nature, and teaches man to "look through nature up to nature's God." It enchains the lightning, converses with the stars, and traces comets in their fearful course. It subjects the elements to its power, and rides, like a conqueror, over earth and sea, by the magic power of resistless steam. It is seen in the canal, the tunnel, and the aqueduct. It is seen in the elegant mansion, and the noble ship, in the commanding fortress, and the lofty spire. It is seen in the breathing canvass, and the speaking marble. It is seen in the wisdom of philosophy, the usefulness of history, and the elegance of poetry. It calls up the spirits of the mighty dead, and makes us acquainted with the master-minds of every age and nation. It travels with the traveller, and accompanies the adventurous explorer in his voyage of discovery. It instructs us in the customs and religion; the laws and polity, of every people upon earth. It develops the arcana of the human mind, and the wonderful structure of the human frame. It restores health, and prolongs existence. It ascertains the causes of disease, applies a remedy to every ill, and vindicates the divinity of the healing art. It expounds the tenets, and enforces the