

COMMUNICATIONS.

Masonic Tribute to Butler and Brooks. [Extract from an unpublished Address delivered before Kewee Lodge, No. 79, at Pickens C. H., June 24th, 1857, by Col. W. H. CAMPBELL.]

But whilst we rejoice in the prosperity of our venerable institution—whilst its prospects are all encouraging and bright; we, as Masons, have our losses to mourn—losses, too, which our whole State feels as afflicting visitations; for it is the loss of men who were not only ornaments to masonry, but bright jewels of their country; and over whose newly made graves Carolina is even now dropping tears of affectionate regret.

And art thou cold and lowly laid? Thou whose gallant soul fired with many indignation at the gross slander of thy native State, thy beloved Carolina, and insult to thy venerable kinsman, dared to rights the wrong where it was given and to inflict merited chastisement on the base offender! That manly form, still unbent by the weight of years, and before which the maligner of his country trembled and cowered, is now but cold and silent dust!

The other whom we mourn, hath fallen in the maturity of age—gone down to the tomb, full of years and full of honors.—And but seldom does the grave close over one more universally beloved, more deeply regretted; for in whose breast throbb'd nobler impulses, more generous sentiments?

Gov. Johnson and the Banks. A committee of the citizens of Savannah having requested Gov. Johnson to suspend action against the Banks which had suspended, his Excellency replies as follows: EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, Milledgeville, Oct. 19, 1857.

GENTLEMEN:—I acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 15th inst., in behalf of the merchants and citizens of Savannah requesting me "to withhold my action against the banks in consequence" of their suspending specie payments, as the approaching session of the Legislature is so near at hand.

I should have done as you suggested if no such request had been made. I am gratified that my convictions are fortified by the suffrage of so intelligent a portion of the people as you represent; the unanimity of their voice would seem to indicate that there cannot be diversity of opinion among thinking men, as to the propriety of a cheerful compliance with the wish of the merchants and citizens of Savannah.

I do not pretend to be familiar with the great questions of finance, involved in the commercial crisis that is upon us; but in my humble judgment, the suspension of specie paying is not a remedy; it is only an expedient, and will fail to be even an expedient unless debtors, creditors, merchants, people and banks act with and towards each other in the utmost good faith, and with a mutual desire to render each other burdens as light as possible.

The only effectual remedy for the pressure of the times will be found in the industrial resources of the country—nothing but "the sweat of the brow" can pay debts and equalize exchanges; but this were fruitless without economy.

THE REBELLION IN INDIA.—Dr. Duff, writing from Calcutta, to the Presbyterian says that the terrible native rebellion there is the result of a long connected Mohammedan conspiracy against the British power, with a view to the re-establishment of a Mohammedan dynasty instead.

AN ACCOUNT THREE MILES LONG.—The last quarterly return of account of the business of the New York city post office, which was received at the Department in Washington in a day or two after the quarter, if stretched out page by page continually would make a string of paper quite three miles long!

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—The amount in the Treasury subject to draft is \$9,802,000—receipts of the week \$441,000.

A RUN.—The Yankees have been making a "run" on the banks of St. Johns, N. B. On one day \$16,000 in gold was taken from one institution. The merchants have petitioned the banks to suspend, and it was thought they would do so.

VIRGINIA POLITICS.—Senator Hunter of Va., between whom and Gov. Wise, it is said, there will be a struggle for the about-to-be vacant senatorial seat, has published a letter in which he denies the statement that he is hostile to the present administration. He announces his disapproval of Governor Walker's course.

DEAD LETTERS.—During the last quarter, \$12,655 was received to about 2200 letters at the dead letter office. Not quite \$50,000 a year is generally thus received in about 10,000 letters, or about an average, \$5 a letter. Of this it is calculated that nine-tenths are returned to sender.

CAN'T AFFORD IT.—It has been thought that people are degenerating, because they don't live as long as in the days of Methuselah. But the fact is provisions are so high that nobody can afford to live very long, at the current prices.

A REMARKABLE CASE.—A marriage took place in Fairfax County, on Saturday last, of a couple who were divorced nine years ago. In the mean time the man has been married and his wife died, and on Saturday he was again married to his former wife.

AN EXAMPLE WORTHY OF IMITATION.—Calhoun's work on Government and on the Constitution of the United States, is the text book on this subject in the Citadel Academy. We believe it has been adopted in no other institution.

READY.—At the meeting of the next Congress two new States will be in readiness for admission into the Union—Oregon and Minnesota.

LARGE COMPANY.—A company of Swiss have recently bought a tract of 20,000 acres of land near Connetton, Indiana, and intend to settle on it, having a town for the transaction of their business near the centre, on the bank of the river, and dividing the remainder of the tract into farms.

THE SUB TREASURY.—Hon. Wm. F. Jordan, a member of Congress from Virginia, is the father of the sub treasury system. It was first proposed in 1834, but not adopted until some years later.

THE COLLEGE.—The grand jury of Abbeville presents the South Carolina College, "under its present management," as a nuisance!

ANOTHER HERO GONE.—James Head, a soldier of the Revolution, died in Scott county, Virginia, on the 4th inst., at the advanced age of 90 years.

HUNG.—Pleasant M. Coleman, convicted of the murder of Mrs. Bagly, at the last term of the Logan Circuit Court, was hung on Friday afternoon last, at Russellville, Ky.

OUT OF EMPLOYMENT.—More than 4,000 laborers have been thrown out of employment in St. Louis, within the last few weeks.

ESCAPE OF THIRTY SLAVES.—A great stampede of slaves took place at Cambridge, Md., on Saturday night last. No less than thirty made their escape to a free State—fifteen belonging to Samuel Patison, Esq.

FORMERLY AN EDITOR.—Hon. A. O. P. Nicholson, who has been elected as United States Senator from Tennessee to succeed Hon. Jno. Bell, is best known to the country as the editor of the Washington Union during President Pierce's administration.

A BRUTAL HUSBAND.—A brute, named Robert Gray, residing at Rochester, N. Y., after beating his wife unmercifully, on the 21st ult., turned her out of doors. Next morning her body and those of her two children were found in a mill race.

RETURNING HOME.—A Sebastopol correspondent of the Boston Courier says that the former inhabitants of that ruined city are constantly returning in transports and steamers, and that already the place has a population of upwards of twelve thousand. Before the siege the population was 60,000.

WISCONSIN WHEAT CROP.—The Milwaukee Sentinel estimates the wheat crop of Wisconsin at 18,000,000 bushels for 1857, and an increase of near 6,000,000 over 1856.

SMALL NOTES.—Mississippi is to be added to the list of States which have prohibited the circulation of bank notes of a less denomination than five dollars. A law to this effect goes into operation the first day of November. This applies to foreign bank notes, as there is no bank issue in Mississippi.

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—The heavy rains of the last three days have produced a destructive flood in the valley of the Mohawk. Much damage has been done to property, and a considerable quantity of corn and buckwheat destroyed.

"TIP FOR PAT."—"A lady" asks the Portland Advertiser to request those oligymen who preach against silks and satins, not to wear black satin vests, or lift their arms so high as to display the silk linings in their sleeves.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 27.—A man named Emerson, charged with swindling Messrs. Hanford & Brothers, and other parties in New York, of \$14,000, was arrested in this city yesterday.

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"NO BILL."—The Grand Jury of Charleston, in the case of W. H. Bartles, a bank defaulter, returned "no bill," on the charge of "larceny."

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Advertisement notice regarding the expiration of the year, \$2.00 for six months, 75 cents in advance.

PICKENS C. H., S. C.: Saturday Morning, November 7, 1857.

Thanksgiving. His Excellency Gov. ALSTON has set apart Thursday the 19th instant, as a "day of thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God, for all the blessings of the past year."

Saleday. The number of persons present on sale day was smaller than usual. There was only one sale, that of the real estate of KLEINBECK, deceased, situate in and around Wallhalla.

Free Schools. The grand jury, at the last term of the Court, doubtless supposed it to be their duty to "present" the Commissioners of Free Schools for a violation of the "spirit of the law."

Postage. On the subject of foreign postage, we have been permitted to publish the following official letter, which will be found important to many of our readers:

P. O. DEPARTMENT, Washington, Sept. 19, 1857. Sir: In answer to your inquiry on that subject, I have to inform you that the 5 cent rate in the second column of the "Table of Postages to Foreign Countries," is the United States postage only, upon letters despatched in the open mail to Great Britain by British packet from New York or Boston.

New Advertisements. Messrs SOAN & Co., of Pendleton, offer a new and large stock of Goods for sale, on the very best terms. Read their advertisement in another column, and give them a trial.

Agriculture. We are pleased to learn that an effort is being made to organize an Agricultural Society at this place. It is entirely unnecessary to re-hashi arguments that are familiar to every one, to prove the importance and necessity of such associations to the advancement of the noble cause of agriculture.

Gov. Johnson's Letter. We have copied into this number an excellent letter from the Governor of Georgia, on the banks and matters incidental to the existing pressure in monetary affairs.

The Banks. Col. J. D. ASHMORE, the Comptroller General, gives, in his "official capacity, the condition of the banks of this State, as follows:

SUSPENDED BANKS.—Bank of the State of South Carolina, Branch Bank of the State at Columbia, Branch Bank of the State at Camden, South Western Railroad Bank, Planters and Mechanics' Bank, Bank of South Carolina, Farmers' and Exchange Bank of Charleston, Bank of Hamburg, Bank of Newberry, Exchange Bank of Columbia, People's Bank of Charleston, Planters' Bank of Fairfield.

BANKS PAYING SPECIE.—Union Bank of Charleston, State Bank of South Carolina, Bank of Charleston, Commercial Bank of Columbia, Merchants' Bank of Cheraw, Bank of Chester, Bank of Camden, Bank of Georgetown.

The bills of the suspended banks are as current as those of the others, and are just as good.

Greenville Court. The Court of Common Pleas for Greenville, was in session last week. A large number of bills were handed out by the Solicitor for assaults, batteries, riots, retailing without license, trading with slaves, &c.

The Election in Ohio. The recent election in Ohio, for Governor, has resulted in the choice of CHASE, black republican, by a majority of about 2,000 votes. Both branches of the Legislature are democratic, however, which is worth something.

CASES RETURNED.—The number of cases returned to Laurens Court is about 240, and this is a larger return than was expected.

may save the patient, until the great remedy can come to the rescue. It is gratifying to believe that the suspension of our banks (and I think those of the South generally) is not the result of insolvency, but a measure of self-defence against the drafts upon their coin, to replenish the vaults of those of the North.

I confess, gentlemen, to a feeling of sectional pride, which is irresistibly awakened by a survey of the circumstances that surround us. The North is tottering with paralysis, her factories suspending, her merchants failing, and all the avenues of business blocked up with the ruins of commercial wreck.

As germain to this thought, an emphatic illustration of the vast importance to the South of direct trade between her own and foreign ports, and in her own bottoms? Will she ever awaken to the magnitude of such a policy, and by its bold and successful accomplishment break the only chain that now fetters her giant limbs?

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DREAFFUL CASE OF SHOOTING.—Recently there has been no little excitement growing out of a special informing agent, for the firm of Douglas & Co., the New York Commercial Agency, who, it is said, sent some reports that injured the reputation of a Mr. James Allen, Jun., a merchant of Yorkville.

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A FORCED MARRIAGE AND DEPARTURE OF THE BRIDEGRROOM.—A novel marriage came off at Goldsboro', N. C., last week, the particulars of which we find in the Tribune, as follows:

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ANECDOTE OF THE PRESIDENT.—Mr. Buchanan is said to be a very punctual man. The Washington correspondence of the Charleston Mercury illustrates this characteristic as follows. It has been pointed out that the President had taken a run to his home in Pennsylvania.