

THE SUMNER BANNER

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A FATHER'S DYING ADVICE TO HIS CHILDREN.—Put your trust and confidence in God, and you will be safe and happy.

PLAIN TERMS VERY.—This is not from an Arkansas or Wisconsin paper, but from a late number of the 'London Weekly News.'

Sir,—My keeper has just informed me that you have been hunting on my plantation with your dog.

In reply to a very dignified remonstrance and denial of the trespass, the Marquis further added:

The language you have used in your letter confirms the opinion I have always entertained of you, namely, that of being a great Blackguard;

SINGULAR DUEL.—Kendall, in his last letter from Paris to the New-Orleans Picayune, gives the following amusing account of a duel:

An original and most singular duel, and a most ludicrous withal, was fought here in Paris a few days since.

At a given signal they commenced cutting and slashing, laying on the more lustily as the combat progressed.

At length every gentleman but one had gone, and the Secretary took off his shoes.

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had received a severe lash or gash across the face, the other had an ear almost cut off, and both were severely punished about their heads and shoulders.

Great Excitement in Lockhart

GOOD DISCOVERED IN TEXAS! The tranquility of our peaceful village was somewhat agitated some three weeks since, from the fact of a rumor, in relation to a recent discovery of gold, about seventy miles distant.

Various lumps of gold have been obtained and exhibited in Lockhart, valued from \$50 to \$175; however, the largest piece which I have examined, was worth agreeably to the standard value of gold \$150.

The gold region is located in the mountains, enclosed by the Colorado on the east, the San Saba on the north, and the Llano on the south.

"I am at work, digging gold in a neighborhood where there are about three hundred persons, who, with myself, are averaging from \$5 to \$6 per day, and the prospects are certainly improving."

CONDENSED HISTORY OF STEAM.—About 280 years B. C. Hero, of Alexandria, formed a toy which exhibited some of the powers of steam, and was moved by its power.

A. D. 450. Anthemius, an architect, arranged several cauldrons of water, each covered with the wide bottom of a leather tube, which rose to a narrow top, with pipes extended to the rafters of the adjoining building.

In 1543' June 17, Blasco D. Garoy tried a steamboat of 209 tons, with tolerable success, at Barcelona, Spain. It consisted of a cauldron of boiling water, and a moveable wheel on each side of the ship, but was laid aside as impracticable.

In 1650 the first railroad was constructed at Newcastle on Tyne. The first idea of a steam engine in England was in the Marquis of Worcester's "History of Inventions." A. D. 1663.

In 1710 Newcomen made the first steam engine in England. In 1718 patents were granted to Savary for the first application of the steam engine.

In 1764 James Watt made the first perfect steam engine in England. In 1776 Jonathan Hulls set forth the idea of steam navigation.

In 1778 Thomas Paine first proposed this application in America. In 1781 Marquis Jouffroy constructed one on the Saone.

In 1785 two Americans published a work on it. In 1789 William Symington made a voyage in one on the Forth and Clyde Canal.

In 1802 this experiment was repeated. In 1782 Ramsey propelled a boat by steam at New-York.

In 1787 John Finck, of Philadelphia, navigated a boat by a steam engine on the Delaware.

In 1793 Robert Fulton first began to apply his attention to steam. In 1793 Oliver Evans, a native of Philadelphia constructed a locomotive steam-engine to travel on a turnpike road.

The first steam vessel that crossed the Atlantic was the Savannah in the month of June, 1819, from Charleston to Liverpool.—Hunt's Merchant's Magazine.

[From the New-Orleans Delta, 13th inst.] Later from the Texas Gold Mines.

By the arrival of the steamship Mexico, we have Galveston dates to the 10th inst.

A gentleman from Lockhart informs the editor of the Galveston News, that a party of citizens of that place (some of whom had experience in the California mines) recently returned from the reputed gold region of Texas.

After a rather unaccountable silence on the exciting topic of the Texas gold diggings, the Austin Gazette now gives the following strong endorsement of the most favorable reports.

Considerable excitement is prevailing throughout Western Texas, on the subject of the gold discoveries in our neighborhood; and we have had several letters, and observe notices in our exchanges, asking information on the subject.

This report, we have no hesitation in crediting, as it was brought by a gentleman of undoubted veracity.

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APPLICANT FOR HER HUSBAND.—The New York Evening Post gives a graphic description of a woman pressing the claims of her husband for postmaster of a village. The joke is at the expense of the Secretary of State.

Among the host of besiegers in pursuit of place was a woman who was extremely anxious that her husband should be made postmaster in some country village. She was most persevering in her solicitations, in season and out of season.

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COTTON MARKET. Charleston, May 23, 1853. The market on Saturday was inactive at prices ranging from 7 to 10 3-8 cents.

Provision Market. We would call the attention of our farmers to the following table of prices for provisions in this place; if they have any spare stock on hand, now is the time to sell.

BEER, : : : : 9 to 10 cents. PORK, : : : : 8 " 9 " MUTTON, : : : : 8 " 10 " BUTTER, : : : : 25 " 37 1-2 EGGS, : : : : 12 1-2 per dozen.

The Weather Is still, a subject of anxious conversation. The drought continues with alternate and sudden changes from hot to cold nights, the light showers we have had, have been confined only to one or two plantations, and but few of our planters have anything like a stand of cotton, and what is up has suffered much from the cool nights.

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Militia Musters.

We published in our last issue under the head of news an Act passed by the Legislature of Virginia abolishing the Militia musters, and substituting in its place a tax of seventy-five cents on every person liable to do military duty.

We assert, without the fear of contradiction from any quarter entitled to consideration; from any one who has a practical knowledge of the subject—that ten times the amount of tactical knowledge can be acquired in thirty consecutive days, by citizens drafted for public requirements; than in fifty years under the present system.

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he was so mercilessly driven, will lament the events which had so fatal a termination.—Mobile Daily Advertiser, 14th inst.

Three Men Shot.—A pleasure party of Germans, male and female, went out yesterday, (says the Augusta Chronicle & Sentinel of the 17th,) on the Georgia Railroad, to Blair, to spend the day in recreation and amusement.

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY.—Washington, May 15, 1853. Our Northern Liberties were last night and this morning thrown into a state of excitement never before witnessed there on any occasion—whilst a bloody tragedy involved several worthy families, here and in Baltimore, in deep affliction.

The daughter was in deep sleep; the inference is also clear that Mrs. Hawke was asleep on her right side, her face turned to the wall; when her husband arose in the bed and deliberately cut her throat on the left side from the "apple" to the lower bone of the head, severing all the arteries and the jugular vein in a most shocking manner.

Soon after the arrival of Mrs. Johnson, Mr. George Harvey, attracted by the confusion, entered the house, seized Hawke, and confined him on the settee. Hawke told him that for a long time, it had been impressed on his mind that he must die; that his wife was an angel—one of the loveliest of woman—a saint, and he could never brook the idea of leaving her bereaved, or that another should take her place.

Reason seemed at this point to resume her throne, and he desired Mr. Harvey and all to exert their efforts to restore his wife. In a short time Mr. Allen and other members of the guard arrived and took Hawke into custody.

His daughter was conveyed to the dwelling of her uncle, Mr. Patrick H. Sweeney, of the city postoffice, and, on leaving, Hawke desired to kiss her, which he did, and bade her an adieu.

It seems, indeed, that the full view of Hawke's bleeding wife broke the spell which bound him, and impelled him to call for assistance at the window. The chamber walls and bed exhibit a most shocking scene of crimson gore.

Hawke handed to the Guard a letter which he wrote yesterday—in which, addressed "to the citizens," he complains of imaginary ill-treatment; wills his property and effects—and requests the excellent Head of his Bureau, John Marrow, Esq., Third Assistant Postmaster General, to see his wishes fulfilled.

Hawke was committed to jail by Captain Goddard, and conveyed thither by officers Handy and Woodard. Coroner Woodward, this morning, held an inquest over the body, when after a careful and severe investigation it was shown that for several months Mr. Hawke had labored under a melancholy state of mind, and was unquestionably a monomaniac on religious subjects. A verdict was rendered accordingly.

Before closing this I have seen Hawke in prison. He is perfectly calm; reiterates his design to have killed all three some days since, but something always intervened to prevent him; says he is happier in that cell than with all his troubles out of doors. He alludes most affectionately to his wife and child.

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Captain Stenson, of the William & Mary, has furnished the following particulars of the loss of his vessel, which was on the passage from Liverpool to New Orleans, with a cargo of rail road iron and two hundred and eight passengers, chiefly emigrants.

About half-past eight P. M., the vessel struck upon a sunken rock, where she hung for some time, within ten fathoms water all around. After pounding heavily for fifteen minutes, she got off, but immediately struck another rock, within a few rods of the first, where she again pounded for some time, and again went off. It was then thought expedient to let go the anchor and prepare the boats for launching.

The ship was taking in water very fast, and though the passengers worked for life at the pumps, they found it impossible to keep her free. At midnight there were feet water in the hold, and 4 A. M., with both pumps going, eight feet. The weather was very black and squally, and the sea tremendously high.

All the boats, five in number, were then made ready and launched, but two of them were stove on touching the water, leaving only a small boat, and one long and one life-boat. These were manned by the captain, and the crew, together with as many passengers as could be crowded into them.

The remainder of the passengers were left on board, and in a few minutes of ten i. e. about eight o'clock A. M., went down with the vessel. How many perished, it is impossible to ascertain, but from this account of the captain, we infer that not less than one hundred and fifty persons, men, women and children, at the time, the Great Isaacs was bearing east, by southeast, about seven miles.

The several boats were separated after leaving the ship, but the captain saw, from the boat in which he was, a barque, apparently bound to Europe, have to in the direction of the long and life boats, and he surmises that the people in them were picked up. But there is no certainty of this; and supposing them also to have been lost, the total number of deaths will be over two hundred. The cook and steward of William & Mary together with two of the seamen were among those left behind, when the small boats put off. Capt. Stenson has no memorandum of the names of the last, which we are consequently unable to give.

This one of the most dreadful wrecks that we have had occasion to record for many years, and coming so soon after the great rail road calamities, fills us with emotions of horror and gloom.

(From the Baltimore Sun.)

Southern Baptist Convention. This religious body, composed of clerical and lay delegates from the various Baptist Churches of the Southern and Western States, Friday morning assembled in the Seventh Baptist Church, (Rev. Dr. Fuller's corner of Saratoga and Paconstreets,) agreeably to the previous adjournment, and was called to order at ten o'clock, by Rev. E. B. C. Howell, D. D., of Richmond, Va., the president. He read an appropriate portion of scripture, and announced a hymn, which was sung when Rev. N. M. Crawford, of Georgia, invoked the blessings of Divine Providence on the deliberations.

On motion, the convention then proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted as follows: Rev. R. B. C. Howell, D. D., president; Rev. Richard Fuller, D. D., of Md.; Rev. J. B. Jeter, of Va., Rev. William C. Buck, of Tenn., and Judge T. Stocks, of Ga., vice presidents; Rev. B. C. Presley, of Charleston, S. C., Treasurer; Mr. H. K. Ellyson, of Richmond, Va., and Rev. Wm. Carey Crane, of Mississippi, secretaries.

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