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The President's Southern Tour.

President JOHNSON, accompanied by Secretary Seward and Post Master General Randall, last week paid a visit to the President's native city—Raleigh, N. C. At this point he was welcomed by the Governor of the State, in the following manner:

Genlemen and ladies:—I have the honor to introduce to you his Excellency, Andrew Johnson, President of the United States. He visits the city of his nativity on the invitation of its citizens, to be present at the erection of a monument to commemorate the worth of his father.

The President was greeted with applause, and responded as follows: Sir, permit me, through you, to tender those here present to the people of the State of North Carolina, my sincere thanks for the welcome tendered me on the occasion of my return to my native State and city.

Some have emigrated and gone into other lands; some have complied with the inexorable and irresistible call, and have passed to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns.

When I went out from among you, and from the time I became connected with politics, I laid down, as my rule, a conscientious performance of duty, and adopted the constitution of my country as my guide.

Let us efface from our minds the memory of the past; let us pour oil on the troubled waters and restore peace to the States. This has been my constant object; but let this pass. I simply came to this place in compliance with your invitation to participate in another ceremony to confer honor upon the memory of one who was but a few years ago in your midst.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

MR. SUMNER'S SPEECH.—The New York Times says: "We have received reports of Mr. Sumner's speech, about which we have lately heard so much, on the occasion of Russian America. It is of stupendous size, and is doubtless the best account in existence of the subject in question."

The Mexican Catastrophe. Whatever opinion may be entertained of the incapacity of the Mexicans to carry on a republican Government, or, indeed, Government in any other form, few will be sceptical of their fighting qualities.

Gen. N. B. Forrest would not that he would say prisoners in cold blood as they do, but that he had with him several thousand men who make these Mexican battle-fields so bloody.

One of the Connecticut Senators this year, the oldest man in the State, is a son of the Emerald Isle, who, not many years ago, owned a small farm in the Nutmeg State.

A woman named Mary Spooner has recovered damages from the Boston and Providence Railroad Company to the amount of \$10,000 for the death of her husband.

Next to the sin of referring at all to heaven as a subject of delightful contemplation, is that of regarding it under false aspects.

The Rev. C. P. Krauth, D. D., died at Gettysburg, Pa. on Friday, Dr. Krauth was first President of the Pennsylvania College, and at the time of his death Senior Professor in the Theological Seminary.

PORTAL.

ANELI, MATTER CARISSIMA! BY HARRIS MAXWELL. Virginia! should I ever forget The lines which bind my soul to thee, My Nemesia avenging me.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

Solomon's Throne. The following description of the throne of King Solomon is from a Persian history of Jerusalem, and is in true Oriental style.

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WHERE IS OUR REMEDY?

Radicalism, in its eagerness to retain power, and in its utter disregard of the rights of others, is about placing in the hands of an inferior race an instrument with which they may rend asunder the very fabric of government...

The right of franchise has gone too far, and the liberties and happiness of all have been imperiled if not overturned as a consequence. A government, such as ours was designed to be, must rest upon the intelligence of those who select the rulers of the country...

Our present distresses are the result of ignorance in the electors, unfitting them for the selection of men upon whom to confer power, and making them the easy dupes of those whose most exalted idea of government is, that it is specially intended for plunderers and thieves...

The party in power, placed there through ignorance, wishes and means to retain its hold through the same agency, and it is likely to do it, unless there is a spontaneous and indignant uprising of the intelligence of the country...

Dr. McCOMBICK is in town, and expects to remain during the present week.

OUR BIG SHOW.

Rare Sport Among the Animals.

Radicalism has decreed that the interest of our big show shall not degenerate. Around and about the county-seat, which is now made historic by their memorable performances, our animals are holding a high carnival over the decaying carcass of their political abomination...

Our readers will remember that for some time past, there has been a suit pending in the Circuit Court of this county, between the Methodist Church North and the trustees of the Methodist Church South, at Shepherdstown, as to the right of property in the church and parsonage at that historic place...

But honor to whom honor is due, in connection with this affair. We understand that it was with reluctance, and evident mortification, that the Sheriff and his Deputies performed their part of the programme, being forced to do what they did by the above described parties...

On Wednesday last, June 6th, the Presbytery of Winchester met at Shepherdstown—the last Moderator present, Rev. Charles White, of Berryville, presiding; Rev. A. C. Hopkins, of this place, temporary Clerk.

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After recess for supper, there was public worship. At the close of the sermon, the body barely ended its business with approving the minutes, and adjourning, as usual, with prayer; to meet October 13th, at Martinsburg.

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himself to Gov. Wise, in the Court House in this place, as a live "know-nothing." These worthies, with a few others of less note, aided by some strong-minded woman's-rights women, made up the party.

Two of these women, perhaps, deserve some notice at our hands. The first is a no-greater personage than the wife of the Rev. E. D. G., and is a fair specimen of the land of parasites in appearance, but not in generosity. She clamored lustily for the possession of the parsonage, "Och, by the powers, I'll have me, or I'll have yees all before the Court."

But to return to the dandified Clerk. We understand he has been very uneasy for some time for fear he would get into the big show. We have just touched him lightly, but if we hear any more of him, we have a large cage and will give him a more conspicuous place next time, as it is our intention to keep up the show until all the animals are fairly exhibited.

The New York Herald, says the (Rockingham Register) whose editor is generally able to see into a millstone further than any one else, is tampering and coquetting with the question of Reputiation of the national debt. The argument used is, that as Jefferson Davis has been set free by the government, the debt created in the suppression of the "rebellion" of which he was the acknowledged head, should not be paid.

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Mr. Editor:—In the woods a short distance east of Charlestown, may be found that much dreaded pest, the Canada Thistle.

Mr. Editor:—By mistake of the almanac maker, or through our own obtuseness, we advertised this holiday feast a week too early. Our oblivion would not have been remedied, except for the cheerful faces and merry greetings on Sunday and yesterday of our unblest American population.

LOCAL MISCELLANY.

Sunday School Exhibition.

When old Robert Bates founded his first Sunday School in London for the poor and indigent of that great city, he could have little imagined that he was founding an institution which was to keep pace with the progress of civilization, and to prove in all climes the nursery of the church, the hand-maid of religion, and the pioneer in temperance, morality, and all good works.

CHANGE OF DAY.—In consequence of the advanced stage of the season, the ladies of our town who have in charge the necessary preparation for a Floral Tribute to our Confederate dead, have deemed it judicious to change the day from the 27th, to Friday evening next. The meeting place has also been changed from the Methodist Church to the old Presbyterian graveyard, at which latter place the ladies of the town and county, with sympathizing friends, are requested to assemble at 4 P. M.

PROLOGUE.—In the order of Providence, we are permitted to occupy a chosen portion of this foot-stool, and but for the base intermeddling of fools and fanatics, the energy of our people and profligacy of our soil, would soon remove the last vestige of war's shameful desolations, as to external appearances or production of the necessities of man.

AN OMISSION.—We failed to call attention in our last issue, to the advertisement of Messrs. Timberlake, Young & Co., announcing their increased facilities for supplying all descriptions of goods hitherto manufactured at their well known and so justly appreciated establishment.

A LONG FAST.—A gentleman of this town, whose engagements are many and interruption frequent, informs us that he fastened securely in a patent bee-hive, six weeks since, to prevent her hatching, when she was not ready for it, a favorite hen. Singular enough, the matter was forgotten, and only upon requisition for her prison home being made, was her hatching brought to light.

THE WHEAT HARVEST is fast maturing, and some of our farmers expect to commence from the 25th to the 1st of the ensuing month. The prospect is certainly a most favorable one, and if no blight should come upon it, the yield must be prolific.

AGAIN SUCCESSFUL.—The "Valley Club" of Harper's Ferry, was again successful in the trial of skill with "the Jefferson." Base Ball Club of this town, at the grounds of the latter, on Thursday morning last. Though the morning was exceedingly warm, indeed the hottest of the season, the playing is said to have been excellent, and the Valley boys afforded themselves no mean contestants upon any field.

A BIG CROWD had been anticipated for the Circus on Thursday, but the turn-out, considering the heat of the day, was awful. The colored population literally swarmed, and to their credit be it said, maintained most respectful order and deportment.

SALE OF PERSONALTY.—On the 20th inst., Rev. Hiram Shaull will dispose of his personal effects; at his residence, one mile north of Middletown. His stock consists of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs, farming utensils, &c. As the sale will be positive, persons wishing bargains, are invited to attend.

WE call attention to the communication of a friend from a distant State, who is now on a visit to his relatives in our immediate neighborhood, of the startling announcement that the "Canada Thistle" is getting foothold on some of our farms.

Two negro men were elected to office in this State at the recent election. Bossy Lewis was Inspector of Elections at Fairmont and Blackwell Jackson, as Supervisor for Jane Low township, in Lewis county.

ADDRESS.—As under the order of things in this bogus State of West Virginia, with her rotten radicalism on the one hand, and iron-clad test oaths on the other, the flag abilities of our townsman, Wm. H. Travis, Esq., cannot be employed his profession, other than for consultation, yet his friends are not content that he shall be idle, even if he receives in return no other fee-gift than their grateful thanks.

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The report of Colonel M. C. Harman, President of the Company, was presented and referred to a committee, consisting of Messrs. Christian, Yost, Echols, H. M. Bell and J. Wayt Bell, who recommended its adoption; that the authority asked for be given to the President and Directors and that the amendments to the Charter made by the last Legislature be accepted, which on motion, was unanimously agreed to.

A colored woman, one hundred and 11 years of age, died in Norfolk county a day or two ago. She had been a slave to her life up to the emancipation proclamation, and then her former master would not cast her off, but continued to provide for her to the day of her death.

Three United States soldiers, early on Wednesday night last, entered Reynolds' farm, on the south end of the Long Bridge, and after drinking as much liquor as they wanted, paid for the same by knocking down the bartender, William Ray, with a bill, and robbing him of about fifty dollars.

Washington dispatches say that the statement of the Secretary of the Treasury, of the condition of the public debt for May, will show a large surcharge balance in the Treasury, and a considerable reduction of the public debt. This result is said to be on account of the unexpected large receipts into the Treasury of a miscellaneous character, and from internal revenue.

The disputes between Gen. Wells and Gen. Sheridan in Louisiana, have culminated in the removal of the former by the latter—Mr. Durant, a "Southern Loyalist" appointed in Gen. W.'s place, it is reported, will not accept. In the mean time, some think the President will revoke the order of removal.

The Directors of the Winchester & Potomac Railroad Company met at the office of the Valley Fire Insurance on Friday week. After some discussion a resolution was adopted appointing a committee to confer with other parties, in reference to a lease or sale of the road.

Col. Briscoe G. Baldwin, formerly of Gen. Lee's staff, attempted to take his own life by means of chloroform a few days ago. Pecuniary misfortunes were the cause. He was discovered in his bed apparently dying, and measures were taken which will ensure his recovery. He is a brother of Speaker Baldwin, of the Virginia House of Delegates.

A few days ago Mr. Franklin Stearns sold four and a half of the old-Fowlsfoot farm, on James river, a few miles below Richmond, for the large sum of nine thousand dollars. The party purchasing represented a company of capitalists, who propose to enter at an early day upon the manufacture of fire-proof bricks at that point, from which shipment may be easily made to Richmond.

The California mails bring further intelligence respecting the intolerant bearing of the State Legislature towards the Gentile population. The latter are proscribed not only in their social, but business relations, so that to gain means of subsistence among them is almost impossible.

A farmer in Norfolk county has sold 3,000 quarts of strawberries from an acre of land, for which he got an average of fifty cents a quart.

MARRIED.

On the evening of the 4th inst., at the bride's residence, by Rev. J. R. Graham, J. HOMAS ALLEN, Esq., and Miss MARY S. HOLLS—all of Winchester.

On the 30th ult., at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. Geo. W. Andrews, STUART R. STEELZ and Miss MARTHA JANE SHINE—all of Winchester.

DIED.

In Springfield, Mass., at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. John Clark, on Saturday, June 1st, Mrs. BETSEY ZORGER, in the 63rd year of her age, formerly of Harper's Ferry. Her remains were brought to Harper's Ferry on Tuesday, and deposited by the side of her husband.

RELIGIOUS NOTICE.

The first Quarterly Meeting for Staunton County, M. E. Church South, will be held at Staunton, on Sunday, commencing on Saturday, the 22d of June. One friend will please come prepared to remain on the ground throughout the day. Sunday School, in the forenoon. Preaching by Elder of this District, in the evening. Preaching to commence on Saturday and Sunday.

