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CHARLESTOWN: THURSDAY MORNING. September 17, 1846.

THE BRITISH TARIFF.

The Richmond Republican contains a long and able article, in which it strongly sets forth the legislation for British instead of American duties...

Now, that which has made the British market firm, and our untold, cannot be truly American in its character. That which has unsettled every thing of home and foreign...

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AN ECONOMICAL ADMINISTRATION!

The Union publishes a list of the various appropriations made during the late session of Congress, and recapitulates them as follows: Civil and Diplomatic expenses \$4,658,612.63...

"The amount of appropriation for Smithsonian Institute to be replaced in the treasury by interest accruing on State bonds bought by the United States or original Smithsonian fund."

"We have heard (says he) but little, and seen less, of economy and retrenchment during the present session of Congress. Economy is a vice which chiefly affects Democrats."

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ADDRESS OF EDUCATION.

We are gratified in being able to state that Dr. McGuffey, Professor of Moral Philosophy in the University of Virginia, will deliver a LECTURE ON EDUCATION, in this town, on Wednesday or Thursday of next week.

Dr. McGuffey has devoted many years of his life to the promotion of Education, in Ohio and Indiana, and he is now reordering good service to the cause during the University vacation...

We hope our citizens generally will avail themselves of the occasion, and give Dr. McGuffey a crowded audience. They will be well paid for their attention, as this gentleman is a theorist, but speaks from experience.

Plambe Daguerrean Gallery. Those of our friends who have not yet secured Pictures for themselves, would do well to call immediately on Mr. Beach, who has charge of the Gallery in this place. Mr. B. is one of the most successful artists that has ever visited our town...

University of Virginia. The Board of Trustees have provided for the admission of one young man from each Senatorial district into the University, at the ensuing Session without charge for tuition fees or for the University dues, and at a reduced rate of board...

Episcopal Church of Virginia. The Journal of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Virginia has just been published, from the Parochial Reports of which we learn the following statistics of the Diocese...

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TRADE OF ALEXANDRIA.

In re-annexing Alexandria to Virginia, we bring into our family, political, social and commercial, a body of citizens with whom we can interchange friendly offices with more than an ordinary degree of kindness...

The attention of Merchants and citizens who purchase by the box, is directed to the advertisement of Mr. E. T. Griffin of Baltimore, who keeps a large and extensive assortment of Teas, Coffee, Sugar & Snuff...

Wheat Wanted. An advertisement will be found in our columns of Capt. J. L. RANKIN, who is purchasing Wheat, for an extra price for a superior article...

Chesapeake & Ohio Canal. We learn that the President and Directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, on Wednesday week, passed an order directing the removal of the office of the Company from Frederick to Cumberland...

The "Whig Standard." The "Whig Standard" is the title of a new and well conducted Whig paper, published at Baltimore by B. Everett Smith & Co. at one dollar per annum in advance.

BATTLE OF BALTIMORE. The thirty-second anniversary of the Battle of Baltimore was celebrated on the 12th instant, by the Defenders and others, in a spirited manner.

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UNITED STATES SENATE.

The Newark Daily Advertiser furnishes the following list, showing the present complexion of parties in the Senate of the United States, and the probable complexion in the next Congress:

Table with columns: Name, Term expires, Party. Lists members like George Evans, John Fairfield, Joseph C. Gilchrist, etc.

Whigs in Italy, 35; Democrats in Roman, 30; vacancy, 1. Of the Whigs whose terms expire in 1847, several have been elected as follows: James W. Adair...

Another Iniquitous Fraud. The York (Pa.) Republican brings to light another of the specious games by which a second attempt is made to hoodwink the Tariff Democracy of the Keystone State.

Counterfeit Dimms.—The Louisville Journal of the 7th says:—We learn that fourteen hundred dollars in counterfeit dimms, were found on the 6th instant in a pasture about 1 1/2 miles back of Jeffersonville, Indiana.

MR. FORREST.—The New York papers announce the arrival of Mr. Forrest, by the ship Rochester, from Liverpool, on Thursday.

Acquittal of Coleman C. May.—The trial of Coleman C. May for killing Wm. James McDearmon, in March last, in Appomattox county, came on before the Superior Court of Amherst [to which it had been removed] week before last...

CAPT. RYNDERS OF THE EMPIRE CLUB. The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Patriot, writes: "I conversed with a gentleman to-day, who some few days since had a long conversation with the celebrated Captain RYNDERS, of the Empire Club in New York."

ARREST OF THE CONVICT.—Phillips, the Penitentiary convict, who made his escape from the Guard a few days ago in Richmond, has been arrested and brought back to his old lodgings.

A PARAGRAPH has obtained some currency in the newspapers stating that Mr. Kirkham, the distinguished grammarian, recently died of delirium tremens. This mistake is corrected by a note from Mr. H. Winchester, Principal of the Female Seminary at Frederick, who states that Mr. Kirkham died in the city of New York in May, 1843, of pulmonary consumption.

PEACHES IN NEW YORK AND LONDON.—We are informed that peaches were sold in New York on Saturday at 8 cents a basket. In July, 1843, we saw peaches sold in London at the shilling a piece. We date not any day to believe this statement—and yet it is made upon the evidence which our eyes and ears furnished.—Albany Evening Journal.

FROM THE GULF SQUADRON.

Loss of the U. S. Brig of War Truxton.—Her Crew taken Prisoners of War.—Arrival of Santa Anna in Vera Cruz.—Possession of California by the U. S. Naval Forces.

The following is an extract of a letter from an officer attached to the "Home Squadron, now at Anson Lizardo," near Vera Cruz, to the N. O. Picayune, dated August 29, 1846: I avail myself of the sailing of the U. S. cutter Legare, to give you an inkling of what is going on here.

Santa Anna arrived here on the 16th instant, from Havana, in the English merchant steamer Arab, accompanied by his lady and friend, Gen. Almonte. He was well received on his landing at Vera Cruz, but our accounts say not very enthusiastic. He has gone to Mexico.

Through the English squadron stationed here, we were informed sometime since that Com. Sloat, commanding the U. S. naval forces in the Pacific, had taken possession of California. This is what might have been expected.

I regret to inform you of the loss of the beautiful U. S. Brig Truxton, by all accounts the best vessel of her class in our service, Capt. E. W. Carpenter, the crew of the Truxton sailed from here in the early part of this month for Tampico. On the 14th while standing into the harbor of Tuxpan, 120 miles north of Vera Cruz, a small Mexican coasting vessel was discovered, and soon after made a prize of Capt. Carpenter engaged the captain of this vessel to pilot him into a safe anchorage, but in doing so ran the Truxton on a reef where she was soon in a very perilous situation.

While the brig was on the Reef, after four days hard pulling, picked up by the U. S. Mary's of Vera Cruz. As soon as the Commodore was informed of the fact, he sent the Princeton to Tuxpan. While the departure of Lt. Berryman, two Mexican coasting vessels appeared in the offing, these were captured by a boat's crew in charge of Lt. Bubbord Hunter, but this gentleman was unable, from the violence of the gale blowing at the time, to reach the wreck with his prizes, and was therefore compelled to make for his place, where he arrived several days ago. On the arrival of the Princeton at the wreck of the Truxton, she was found abandoned and that she had been stripped of all light articles by the Mexicans. A flag of truce" was sent on shore from the Princeton, by which it was ascertained that Capt. Carpenter, his officers and crew who were with him, landed at Tuxpan on the 17th and were very hospitably received and treated by the inhabitants. On the 17th they started on foot for Tampico, intending to offer themselves as prisoners of war, since then we have no further accounts of them.

On the return of the flag of truce to the Princeton, the commander of that vessel, finding there was no possibility of saving the Truxton, set her on fire, and she had been burnt to the water's edge when the Princeton took her departure.

SUICIDE OF FELIX G. MCCONNELL. The telegraph will have apprized you of the melancholy suicide of the Hon. Felix G. McConnell. The news sent a thrill of horror through the community, and crowds eagerly hurried to the body and crowded eagerly to see the body, which but a short time ago was bounding with the vigor of life. Oh! Intemperance! thou art the villain.

It appears that the deceased terminated his existence by deliberately cutting the jugular veins on each side of his throat, and by inflicting deep wounds in his sides with a knife. Two of the stabs were nearly perpendicular. The others glanced off from the bones, and made frightful gashes. His friends say that for about a week past he had relinquished drinking, owing to indisposition, and that the absence of his usual stimulus caused great despondency. He was in fact suffering the horrors of delirium tremens. He could not, as has been stated, been in great want of money, for I am told he had not drawn his mileage. In addition to this he had his watch and valuable jewelry on his person, besides a sum of money. A short time before he committed the deed, he called for a pen and ink, for the purpose, it is supposed, of writing to his wife. A coroner's inquest was held on the body, at his room at the St. Charles Hotel, and a verdict was rendered in accordance with the facts.—Balt. Sun.

PROSCRIPTION.—The Georgetown Advocate says that Messrs. Clements, Harvey and Burgess, clerks in the Treasury Department, have recently been "turned out." Short work was made of them—the notice and the dismissal went together, being incorporated in a note which was laid on their desks one morning early.

SENATOR MCDUFFIE.—The Charleston Mercury, in noticing the report that Mr. McDuffie will resign his seat in the Senate, ventures to inform the friends of various aspirants to succeed Mr. McDuffie, that that gentleman "is still Senator, and that it is the first time he has ever received a warning that his services were not needed by the State."

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Latest from the Army.

FROM THE NEW ORLEANS DELTA, September 6. MOVEMENTS OF GENERAL TAYLOR. We have been permitted to peruse a letter from Gen. Taylor, dated Camargo, the 27th ult. in it the General states that he had sent on three hundred mules, two hundred wagons, and one hundred and sixty thousand rations; that he would move on the 1st to the 5th inst. himself to Monterey; that if the enemy did not give him fight there, he would push on to Saltillo, and there arrange his plans for a future and more forward movement.

REPORTED CAPTURE OF MONTEREY. Among the reports in circulation was one brought by Mexicans, as follows: They say that letters from Monterey asserted that a body of Americans, who came from the way of New Mexico, were joined near the Presidio by a number of Texan volunteers, and the combined force had entered the town without any opposition. It is believed to be true by the natives, and we confess that many things would surprise us more than the last mentioned movement. Two weeks ago a letter was received here from Monterey, stating that a body of Americans was advancing upon that place, but it received no credit whatever from the Americans.

Report says that Col. Harney was at the head of this movement. Col. Hay's regiment of Texan rangers were at the Mexican town of China on the 23d August. Mr. Kendall writes on the 23d ult. from Camargo, that the most authentic intelligence from Monterey represented that Mexico had 2000 regulars and 3000 raw recruits, all without money or shoes, and ill provided in every respect. At Cadixere, thirty miles this side of Monterey, there was a force of between 700 and 1000 cavalry about the 15th of August, better situated than the troops at Monterey, but still ill provided. Canales and other officers were said to be recruiting men by every means in their power.

In the same letter Mr. K. announces that news had been received that Gen. Worth had reached a point one third of the way to Saltillo the morning of the 21st—all well.

RIOT AMONG THE VOLUNTEERS. The Picayune has an account of the riot which occurred among the Georgia volunteers, at Burita, on the Rio Grande: On the night of the 31st ult., a riot broke out among some volunteers, on a steamboat lying at an encampment opposite Burita, in which several persons were said to have been killed, and others mortally wounded. The particulars of this shameful affair, as we have them, are these: On board the boat were some three or four companies of Georgia volunteers, of these there were one Irish company, between which and some other company, a feud had existed for several days.

The quarrel reached its climax on the evening mentioned, and a terrible fight ensued. Shots were fired, and swords and bayonets were used indiscriminately. In the affray some fifteen or twenty persons are reported to have been killed or mortally wounded, and probably as many others were injured more or less. Besides the dead and wounded seen on board and on shore, it is said that 8 or 10 were forced overboard, who either drowned or died of their wounds. The rioters were finally subdued, and forced to surrender their arms, and placed under a strong guard.

A letter in the Delta says:— On the morning of the 1st inst., about 30 of the wounded (some mortally) were lying upon the boat and shore, and it was generally believed that the dead (at least 8 or 10) had been thrown overboard. It is said the Colonel of the Georgia Regiment shot several of his own men, ring-leaders in the riot.

The Captain of the Georgia company, while assisting Col. Baker and his 20 brave volunteers, was knocked down with the butt of a musket, and thus disabled in urging on his men.

FATAL STEAMBOAT EXPLOSION. An explosion occurred on board the steamboat Enterprise, on the Rio Grande. This casualty occurred a little after daylight on the 21st ult., about forty-five miles above Reynosa. There were on the 150 persons on board, and many in the immediate vicinity of and directly over the boilers, who were scarcely injured.

The editor of the Springfield Republican has in his possession a cucumber four feet two inches in length, cooked up so as to resemble a huge green snake.

THE MARKETS. Office of the Baltimore American, Sept. 14, 5 P. M. CATTLE.—Prices ranged from \$25.92 to \$24.00 per 100 lbs. on the hoof, equal to \$4.95 net, and averaging about \$2.25 per 100 lbs. gross.

FLOUR.—There were sales of some parcels of Howard's standard Flour on Saturday at \$4.12. Yesterday an advance of 12 cents was demanded by holders; sales of the same flour were made at \$4.25, at which rate dealers are quite firm this evening. There have been no settlements for receipts from cars for some days.



