

[From the Saturday Evening Post.] "I AM GLAD I WAS BORN TO DIE." BY T. HEMSTEAD.

Oh a weary, weary, strife is this, And a stormy stream this Time; Rolling on through a desert wilderness, In a strange, forbidden clime;

THE DUNKARDS—THEIR CUSTOMS AND CEREMONIES. A correspondent of the Richmond Enquirer furnishes the subjoined interesting account of a visit paid to the sect known as Dunkards, many of whom reside in Virginia, generally in settlements occupied almost exclusively by this singular, but pious and unassuming class of people.

NEW YORK AND ITS MORALITY. There are 897 police officers in the city of New York, and yet thieves and rascals go undetected in nine cases out of ten.

A CERUOUS APPLE. A correspondent of the Rochester Daily Advertiser, in discoursing of agricultural matters, gives the following description of an apple:

in the service—singing, praying, reading appropriate passages of scripture, and expounding the same, and advocating and vindicating their own doctrines and practices. After the sacramental services were concluded which was not till late in the night, supper was prepared for the crowd in attendance, and we were again invited to partake of what was prepared for us.

The Dunkards are not a numerous sect.—Their simplicity, humility—their repugnance to ostentation—their avoidance of public offices—their quiet, peaceable, industrious, orderly course of life—their resolute determination to have strife, contention and litigation with no man, so long as it can possibly be avoided—all concur to prevent their becoming a popular sect—and to bring within the pale of their communion only those who are contented to resign the pomps and vanities of life. No Dunkard is ever a candidate for office—none believe ever act even as a magistrate, or inferior law officer. No Dunkard is ever seen intoxicated or fighting in the streets—no Dunkard ever sees a brother in the church, nor any one else so long as any other means will answer the purpose.

From May to November inclusive, there have been 15,795 arrests. Of which, however, there were 4,525 for intoxication, 3,239 for being drunk and disorderly, 1,105 for assaults and battery; disorderly conduct alone 2,168; petit larceny 1,090; and vagrants 1,259; thus, leaving but a very small proportion for the more serious offenses.

LATER FROM THE ARMY. The steamskip Galveston arrived at New Orleans on the 12th inst. from Galveston, whence she sailed on the 10th. Among her passengers were the gallant Hays and the renowned Walker, of the Texas Rangers, accompanied by Capt. McMullan and several other of their companions in arms. The Galveston brings nothing actually later from Monterey than already received. The following, however, from the Galveston News extra, of the 10th inst, gives a new and important version of the movements of Gen. Ampudia.

SAD EFFECT OF A FALSE CHARGE. The captain of the steambark Chancellor, on his departure from New Orleans, a few days ago, took on board three sick volunteers. During the trip to Louisville, one of them named Ritchie, charged one of his companions, a youth from Kentucky, of only 19 years, with robbing him of \$100. A search was instituted by the captain, which established the innocence of the youth, and also the belief of the insanity of Ritchie, produced by sickness. The Louisville Journal says:

LATEST NEWS!

REPORTED FATAL ACCIDENT TO CAPTAIN RIDGELY. The Southern Mail of last evening brings us a report of a truly melancholy nature, which we trust may prove unfounded, though we have our fears that it is too true. The report is, that the gallant Capt. Randolph Ridgely, whose heroic deeds on the battle field, have won the admiration of his country, was thrown from his horse at Monterey, and so dreadfully injured, as to leave no hopes of his recovery.

Captain Randolph Ridgely. This gallant officer, who has won so many laurels in the war, is supposed to have lost his life at Monterey about three weeks ago, in a most melancholy manner. Our information, as derived from John Deshon, Esq., one of the owners of the steamship Sea, and who came passenger in the ship Uncas, which arrived here yesterday from Brazos, is to this effect. Capt. Hill, U. S. Quartermaster at Brazos, informed Mr. Deshon that an express had just arrived from Monterey, communicating the sad intelligence, that Capt. Ridgely, being on an unruly horse, and riding down a steep hill, was thrown, the horse falling upon him, and shockingly mangled. At the time the express left Monterey, Capt. Ridgely was wholly insensible, the brains oozing out of his ears, and no hopes were entertained of his recovery. The Uncas spoke the steamskip Virginian, about twenty-five miles from the S. W. Pass, on her way from Brazos to this port. On board the Virginian was a bearer of despatches from Monterey for Washington, who will probably arrive to-day. From him, we may expect full particulars of this terrible catastrophe. We must hope that Capt. Ridgely will yet be spared to his country, which cannot afford to lose so brave and chivalrous and meritorious an officer.

Death of Capt. Randolph Ridgely. We know not when sounds more suddenly startling saluted our ear than last evening when a friend, on meeting us, exclaimed, "Poor Ridgely is killed!" For a moment the announcement deprived us of the power of utterance, but too soon we were informed of the melancholy particulars. Our informant was Capt. Deshon, of the steambark Sea, who arrived yesterday from Brazos St. Jago. He left there on Tuesday, the 3d inst. While in the office of Capt. Hill, the Assistant Quartermaster at that station, a few moments before going on board, an express arrived from Monterey, communicating the sad intelligence that the gallant—the chivalrous Ridgely had met with an accident from which it was impossible to recover, and which he could not long survive. It appears that on Sunday, the 25th ult., he had been riding his horse swiftly down one of the hills in the neighborhood of Monterey. The animal fell with great force, the brave rider coming under, the concussion fracturing his skull. It rendered him speechless and insensible, and left no hopes of his recovery. This is no idle report, it is true—palpably true. Alas, poor Ridgely! hadst thou fallen at Palo Alto, Resaca de la Palma, or at the siege of Monterey, to the glory of the American arms, in all of which thy gallant daring did so signally contribute, few would be the tears, though sincere its sorrow, which thy country would shed over thy bier. But that thou shouldst be ignobly as it were, cut off, with the garland of glory fully and freshly clustering thy brow, furnishes a cause among us for mourning that cannot be repressed and will not soon be forgotten.

PERSONAL NEWS. It is still rumored that Mr. King will succeed Mr. Buchanan in the Cabinet, and that Mr. Benton will be Mr. Polk's right hand man in the Senate.—Mon. Mr. Badger will probably be the U. S. Senator from North Carolina, in place of Mr. Haywood.—The remains of Capt. Morris, who fell at Monterey, are to be taken to Albany, and those of Capt. Williams and Fields, to Buffalo.—The citizens of Savannah have procured an elegant sword to be presented to Captain Thornton.—There are 101 John Smiths in the city of New York.—Josiah Quincy, Jr., has been nominated by the whigs of Boston for re-election to the Mayoralty.—Gustavus Follins, a grocer of Boston, was killed on the Providence railroad on Wednesday.—It appears that after all, Mr. King, who is defeated for congress in the 2d district of Massachusetts, by the scattering votes.

RELIEF FOR SOLDIERS' FAMILIES. The people of Cincinnati are making provision for the families of those who joined the volunteer forces from that city.

WANT OF RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN LONDON. A Committee of the House of Commons has ascertained by examination of the prisons in London, in which 700 children from the age of 8 to 16 were confined, that only ten had ever been in a Sunday School. The Recorder of London stated that not more than one out of a thousand juvenile delinquents brought before him, had ever been favored with Sunday school instruction.

RIGHT. A man named Jackson, was muled in the sum of \$225 damages, at Pittsburg, for injury done to a lad, the son of James Sawyer, by the bite of a vicious dog, the property of Jackson. We should be glad to record similar cases—not that we desire to see children bitten, but that we do wish to see the careless owners of ferocious dogs punished.

THE BRITISH MINISTER. Sir Richard Packenham, Minister from Great Britain to this country, arrived in Charleston on the 17th instant from the North, on his way to Savannah, Ga.

COINAGE AT A BRANCH MINT. There was received at the Branch Mint, at Charlotte, N. C. for coinage, during the month of October, 200,387 dwt. of gold, which will yield at the least calculation \$175,000 in coin.

PRICES OF FLOUR. Since the late news from Europe, there has been a general decline in the price of Flour. At Philadelphia it is now selling at \$3.25; New York at \$3.50; Buffalo at \$4.12; Baltimore at \$5.00.

ENGLISH POTATO CROP. The Journal of Commerce, publishes the following extract from a letter dated Liverpool, 31st Oct. 1846. The potato failure is now found to be far more partial than was anticipated. Some fields looked upon as totally consumed, on turning them over have been found to be in a perfectly good state of preservation, not only in quality, but also in quantity.

SEAMEN FOR THE NAVY. On Thursday morning 85 persons, consisting of seamen, landmen and boys, who had arrived at Philadelphia from Baltimore, under the charge of Lieut. Neville, left in the New York line en route to Boston for the purpose of joining the ship of the line, Ohio, there fitting out for sea.

THE VAN NESS CASE. On the assembling of the court this morning, Mr. George Mattingly was examined. He testified that he knew where the plaintiff lived—saw General Van Ness's carriage before the house frequently—the visits continued while witness lived in the neighborhood.

MR. FARAR, who keeps a bowling saloon on Missouri avenue, testified that he had seen Gen. Van Ness go to Mrs. Cumers's (the plaintiff's) boarding house—the last time in the February before he died, and on foot, not in his carriage, as on previous occasions.

MR. MURRAY was re-called, and, having examined the letters which had been brought up from the Orphan's Court, gave his opinion that some of the signatures were genuine, and that he would, in the course of business, (being a director of a bank) have taken notes with signatures like these; but, on the cross-examination, said, not without having examined the filling up, if there was any doubt.

MR. COXE, for the defendant, objected to the letters going to the jury, because two of the witnesses had declared their opinions that they were not genuine, and another confining his knowledge alone to the signature.

MR. BRENT said, as in the case of the deed, the signature covers the whole.

MR. BECKER testified that eight years ago, when he drove a hack, he carried the lady (Mrs. Van Ness) to the house of the General, where she remained about twenty minutes.

MALTIMORE LOCK HOSPITAL. WHERE may be obtained the most speedy remedy for Gonorrhoea, Gleet, Stricture, Seminal Weakness, pain in the Loins, affections of the Kidneys; also those peculiar ailments which arise from a certain practice of youth, and which, if not cured renders marriage impossible, and in the end destroys both mind and body. This remedy will also cure Impotency, and every variety of a SECRET DISEASE.

A CURE WARRANTED, OR NO CHARGE MADE IN FROM ONE TO TWO DAYS. OFFICE No. 1 NORTH BALTIMORE STREET, on the right hand side going from Baltimore, the door from the corner—right opposite the Police office. Be particular in observing the name out as door and window, or you will mistake the place.

DR. JOHNSON, a distinguished graduate from one of the first Colleges in the United States, which may be seen by his diploma; also, a member of the Royal College of Surgeons and Licentiate of the Apothecary's Hall, London; and the greater part of whose life has been spent in the first hospitals of Europe and America, viz: those of London, Paris and Philadelphia, may be consulted on all diseases, but more particularly

A CERTAIN DISEASE. When the misguided and imprudent votary of pleasure finds he has imbibed the seeds of this painful disease, it too often happens that he is seized with shame, or dread of discovery, deters him from applying to those who, from education and respectability can alone benefit him, delaying till the constitutional symptoms of this horrid disease, make their appearance, such as ulcerated sore throat, diseased nose, nocturnal pains in the head and limbs, dimness of sight, deafness, nodes on the skin, boils and abscesses, blotches on the face, and extraneous humors, progressing on with frightful rapidity, till at last the patient, in the agony of the bones of the nose fall in and the victim of this awful disease becomes a horrid object of commiseration, till death puts a period to his dreadful suffering, by sending him to "that better world, where the angels turn." To such, therefore, Dr. JOHNSON strongly recommends himself to preserve the most inviolable secrecy; and from his extensive practice in the first hospitals of Europe and America, he can confidently recommend a safe and speedy cure to the unfortunate victims of this horrid disease.

It is a melancholy fact, that thousands fall victims to this horrid disease, owing to the unskillfulness of those, who by the use of the most violent remedies, ruin the constitution, and either send the unfortunate sufferer to an untimely grave, or else make the residue of his life miserable.

GONORRHEA AND GLEET CURED, by the most speedy and the most pleasant remedy known is no other physician. It requires no restraint of diet, or hindrance from business—it is mild, safe and efficacious, eradicating every symptom of this affection, without causing other diseases, such as Stricture, and AFFECTIONS OF THE BLADDER AND PROSTATE GLAND, which impairs and quicks so often create their noxious drugs and filthy ingredients.