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THE NEW MAIL SCHEDULE.

On Monday, the New Mail Schedule, which gives us two mails a day from the North, and two from the South, goes into operation. It constitutes an epoch in the progressive movement of the age.

NORTHERN MAIL.

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LENGTH OF SPEECHES.

The Savannah Republican, at the close of certain very appropriate remarks upon the interminable length of modern Congressional speeches, says:

Demosthenes and Mirabeau seldom, if ever, spoke longer than twenty minutes; while Washington and Franklin required only six or eight to express all they had to say.

We have no means of ascertaining the length of Mirabeau's speeches, since we have never seen one of them fully reported. Some idea may be conceived, however, of those of Demosthenes, in this particular, since a number of them has come down to us entire.

The Republican certainly labors under a mistake with regard to that orator. His style, it is true, was sententious in the extreme, yet he very often delivered orations quite as long as the majority of those which we meet with in the newspapers of the present day.

Sheridan's famous speech in the Begum case, was five hours and a half long. Brink's in the case of Warren Hastings, generally, was nine hours long. Pinkney's great speech on the Missouri question occupied four hours in the delivery; P. P. Barbour's in opposition to the tariff of 1824, three and a half. Mr. Clay's great speech on the American system, which was in answer to that of Mr. Barbour, was more than five hours long, and Webster's famous reply to Hayne occupied about four hours in the delivery.

We abhor the present system of speaking in Congress. It arises, no doubt, from the habit of speaking to Buncombe, in which every candidate for public favor chooses to indulge. The subject is generally exhausted by the first two or three strong speakers, and the rest is all talk, and talk of a very trashy and insupportable description. In the House of Commons, it is usual for a few men to speak on each side of a question, and they are, generally, the strongest of the body. But here everybody must make a speech, for if a man fail to do it, he must lose his election in nine cases out of ten.

THE LATE MURDER IN NEW ORLEANS.—We recently gave a statement of the robbery of a Mr. Chillon's house in New Orleans, and the murder of his servant girl Mary. From the New Orleans papers we learn that Antonio Delisle a painter was arrested on suspicion of having been concerned in the robbery and murder, and that soon after his incarceration he turned State's evidence:

LORD LYTTELTON.

Having in our article of yesterday upon the Quarterly Review's theory with regard to the Authorship of Junius, introduced the name of this eccentric nobleman, not less distinguished for his genius than his contempt of all moral restraint, we are led naturally to speak of the circumstances attending his death. This occurred in the year 1779, soon after he had delivered, in the House of Lords, the most brilliant of all his speeches. It created, at the time, an immense sensation, and has been ever since regarded as one of the most singular events of modern times.

Lord Lyttelton had from his earliest youth given proofs of uncommon genius. At a very early age he had been married, by his friends, to a widow of fortune, for whom he entertained no feeling akin to love, and from whom he separated in the course of a very few months.

Indulging the natural bent of an impetuous temper, he plunged into all manner of excesses. Of course he soon became jaded and worn out with pleasure, and the death of his father, by admitting him to the House of Lords, was, perhaps, a relief, as it afforded a safety-valve for letting off some of his fiery humors.

He immediately began to take an active part in the business of the day, and his influence was felt at once. He possessed a readiness in debate which seemed rather adapted to the House of Commons, and a bitterness of speech which fell like nitric acid, upon everything that came in his way.

In the night of Wednesday, the 24th of November, 1779, the mother of Lord Lyttelton, a lady who had been eminent for her virtues, and upon whose death her husband had composed the celebrated monody which procured him admission among Johnson's Poets, appeared to him in a vision, and told him that within three days from that time he should die. He mentioned the circumstance next day to his friends, but it did not prevent him from going to the House of Lords and making the speech to which we have alluded.

On the 26th, he repaired to his villa at Epsom, where he met and entertained a large party of friends, being apparently in fine spirits during the whole time. On the night of Saturday the 27th, he still retained his spirits, but told his friends that at twelve o'clock he should be obliged to leave them, in obedience to the warning which he had received from the other world.

At ten o'clock, he took out his watch and said, "should I live more than two hours longer, I shall enjoy the ghost." Shortly before midnight he retired to his bed-chamber, attended by his valet who handed him a preparation of rhubarb, which he had been in the habit of taking every night. He sent this servant out of the room for a spoon, and when he returned he found his master in the agonies of death. He expired just as the clock struck twelve.

Sir Walter Scott in his Letters on Demology and Witchcraft, attributes the death of Lord Lyttelton to poison, and sets down the apparition as a mere invention, contrived to conceal a crime which he had long meditated. Though not thirty-five years old, he had already outlived all the pleasures of life, and being a confirmed infidel, did not shudder at the thought of getting rid of his enemi by rushing unannounced into the presence of his Maker.

Should the veil which hides the mystery of his death be rent away by the result of that inquiry which tears the mask from the face of Junius, how complete will be the exposure of the most refined and subtle artifice of misdirection. Disinterred after the neglect of two generations, from that sepulchre of deceit in which he sought refuge with the indifference of despair, Thomas Lord Lyttelton would lie before us, with the carefully guarded hypocrisy of his heart stripped bare—a memorable example of the great maxim never to be confirmed by too many instances, Magna est veritas, et prevalet. We should then see that the applause of conscience—not in the firm and steadfast hope which looks to Heaven alone for an approving smile—but simply to escape the flattery which, with steps slow indeed, but unvarying and constant, pursues falsehood and guilt to brand them with infamy.

Virginia Legislature.

FRIDAY, Feb. 27.

The House assembled at 10 o'clock. The following bills were passed: A bill providing for the execution of judgments and decrees of Courts which may cease to exist, and for the custody of their records and papers, and to prevent cases from being discontinued.

A bill to amend the charter of the Albemarle and Nelson Mining and Smelting Company. On motion of Mr. Staples, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a special committee of five be appointed by the Speaker to enquire into the expediency of reducing as well the prices paid the public printer of this Commonwealth, as his annual salary fixed by the 16th section of chapter 14th of the Code of Virginia.

On motion of Mr. Bottom, the resolution was amended as follows: And that the committee further enquire into the expediency of providing by law, that all the public printing for the Commonwealth that is paid for out of the State treasury, with the exception of printing for the State Senate, and the records of the Court of Appeals, at Lewisburg, shall be executed by the public printer.

Committee on the above resolution—Messrs. Staples, Bottom, Tate, McDonald, and King, of Washington. On motion of Mr. Bowyer, the committee of Courts of Justice were instructed to enquire into the expediency of so providing by law, that all actions at law hereafter brought, shall be brought on the Chancery side of the Courts, as other causes in equity are brought and so proceeded in.

On motion of Mr. Hairston, the committee of Schools and Colleges was instructed to take into consideration, the propriety of amending the tenth section of the act, amending the present primary school system, passed, March 5th, 1846, so as to divest the School Commissioners of the power of taxing the property of the county, and appropriating the capitation tax of each county, to the purpose of education, in addition to the fund now allowed by law for primary schools, or such other amendments as they may think proper.

The House, soon after assembling, went into Committee of the Whole, and resumed the consideration of the bill specifying what property shall and shall not be subject to taxation—the following clause, in the portion of the bill proposing exemptions, being under consideration: "All agricultural products and provisions."

Which Mr. Patrick offered to amend by adding "necessary for household consumption" and which Mr. Anderson, of Richmond city, proposed to amend, by adding "and all manufactured mechanical and mineral products, the growth or product of this State, kept for manufacturing purposes or for sale." On these propositions Messrs. Patrick, Scott of Fauquier, Anderson of Richmond city, Price of G. Wallace, Townes, Boyd, and Robinson of Richmond city, addressed the committee.

Before any vote was taken the committee rose—and at 3 o'clock the House adjourned. Mr. Barbour has the floor for Saturday (today).

FREDERICKSBURG.—The Chamberlain of the town of Fredericksburg declined to pay out the \$1 and \$2 notes which, as the fiscal officer of the corporation, he was required to do; and tendered his resignation. The Council accepted it, and appointed John L. Marye to succeed him.

FIRE AT THE CAPITOL.—About half past 11 o'clock yesterday morning, the chimney leading from the Senate Chamber was discovered to be emitting large flakes of cinder and much smoke. Upon investigation it was ascertained that the chimney was no fire. Its burning is supposed to have cracked the brick-work, and but for the fire-proof condition of the roof, serious consequences would, in all probability, have been the result.—Republic of yesterday.

AMERICAN STOCKS IN ENGLAND.—The steamer brought a considerable number of orders for Stocks and Railroad Bonds, and the private letters speak of a better demand in London for American Securities. Baring says: American Stocks have been in steady demand this week at the following prices. Some few of our quotations are, however, nominal.—100 do. 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