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BY JAS. A. COWARDIN.

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RUNAWAYS.

RANAWAY—From the subscriber, on the 24th November, a negro boy, named HENRY, sometimes calls himself Henry Stewart. He is about 14 years old, 4 feet 8 to 10 inches high, of a bright mulatto complexion, quite intelligent looking, and speaks with a Northern accent. There are several spots on his left arm, made by inserting Indian ink. His teeth, one of which has been recently extracted from the lower jaw on the right side, are stained dark; and he has something like a stye on the inner side of the lower eye lid. He was raised in Baltimore, to which place he is probably endeavoring to make his escape.

A reward of TEN DOLLARS will be paid if he is apprehended in the county of Henrico or city of Richmond, and TWENTY DOLLARS if taken any where else in the State, upon his delivery to the subscriber, at his residence, Farrar's Island, Henrico county, or being lodged in jail so that he can get him.

de 19—3taw3w HENRY COX.

NOTICE.—$25 REWARD.—Left my house, in the county of Mecklenburg, Va., on the 17th instant, a negro man named OSCAR, of a very black complexion, and about 35 or 40 years of age, with a good set of teeth. He is about 5 feet 6 or 8 inches high, and rather thickly set. I will give the above reward of $25 to any one that will deliver him to me, or confine him, so I get him again. Agents on the Railroads, are requested to keep a look out, as he may try to make his escape by the cars.

HENRY TUCKER, Yatesville,
no 27—ts Lunenburg county, Va.

$10 REWARD.—Ran away from the subscriber, PHILIP TAYLOR. Said negro was bought by John Saunders, Esq., of Loretto, Essex county, Va., who sent him to Richmond, to my care; and I furnished him with a pass to go and see his wife, and return in one week from the date of the pass, which was dated early in September last. His wife was then living in Chesterfield county, near Petersburg. The above named negro was emancipated by the late Thos. O. Taylor. I will give the above reward, if delivered to me in Richmond, or to John Saunders, at Loretto, in Essex county, Va. WM. S. PHILLIPS.
de 5—ts

LOTTERIES.

SWAN & CO.'S LOTTERIES.—NEW AND BRILLIANT SCHEME!—CAPITAL PRIZE $60,000!!—The following Scheme will be drawn by S. SWAN & Co., Managers of the Fort Gaines Academy Lottery, in each of their Lotteries for December, 1857, at Augusta, Ga., to which city they have removed their principal office:

CLASS 65,
To be drawn at the city of Augusta, Ga., in public, on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 1857.

CLASS 66,
To be drawn in the city of Augusta, Ga., in public, on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, 1857.

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ON THE PLAN OF SINGLE NUMBERS.
5,400 PRIZES!
Nearly One Prize to Every Nine Tickets.
MAGNIFICENT SCHEME!
TO BE DRAWN
EACH SATURDAY IN DECEMBER.

1 prize of	$60,000	1	Prize of	$2,000	
1 do.	30,000	1	do.	1,500	
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1 do.	5,000	100	do.	125	
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APPROXIMATION PRIZES.					
4 prizes of $300, approximating to $60,000					
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prize, are					1,000
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prize, are					400
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prize, are					300
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5000 prizes of $20 are					100,000
5,400 prizes, amounting to					$320,000

Whole Tickets $10; Halves $5; Quarters $2 50.

PLAN OF THE LOTTERY.

The Numbers from 1 to 50,000, corresponding with those Numbers on the Tickets printed on separate slips of paper, are encircled with small tin tubes and placed in one Wheel.

The first $68 prizes, similarly printed and encircled, are placed in another Wheel.

The wheels are then revolved, and a number is drawn from the wheel of numbers, and at the same time a Prize is drawn from the other wheel. The Number and Prize drawn out are opened and exhibited to the audience, and registered by the Commissioners, the Prize being placed against the number drawn. This operation is repeated until all the Prizes are drawn out.

APPROXIMATION PRIZES.—The two preceding and the two succeeding numbers to those drawing the first 8 Prizes will be entitled to the 32 Approximation Prizes. For example: If Ticket No. 11,250 draws a Prize, $50,000 Prize, those Tickets numbered 11,248, 11,249, 11,251, 11,252 will each be entitled to $300. If Ticket No. 550 draws the $30,000 Prize, those Tickets numbered 548, 549, 551, 552 will each be entitled to $250; and so on, according to the above scheme.

The 5,000 prizes of $20 will be determined by the last figure of the number that draws the $60,000 prize. For example: If the number drawing the $60,000 prize ends with No. 1, then all the Tickets, where the number ends in 1, will be entitled to $20. If the number ends with No. 2, then all the Tickets, where the number ends in 2, will be entitled to $20 and so on to 0.

Certificates of packages will be sold at the following rates, which is the risk:

Certificate of a package of 10 whole Tickets,			$50
" "	10 half	"	40
" "	10 quarter	"	20
" "	10 eighth	"	10

IN ORDERING TICKETS OR CERTIFICATES,

Enclose the money to our address for the Tickets ordered, on receipt of which they will be forwarded by first mail. Purchasers can have Tickets ending in any figure they may designate.

The List of drawn Numbers and Prizes will be sent to purchasers immediately after the drawing.

Purchasers will please write their signatures plain, and give their Post Office, County and State.

Remember that every Prize is drawn and payable in full without deduction.

All prizes of $1,000 and under paid immediately after the drawing. Other prizes at the usual time of thirty days.

All communications strictly confidential.

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Persons residing near Montgomery, Ala., or Atlanta, Georgia, can have their orders filled, and save time, by addressing S. SWAN & CO., at either of those cities.

A list of the numbers that are drawn from the wheel, with the amount of the prize that each one is entitled to, will be published after every drawing in the following papers: The Augusta (Ga.) Constitutionalist, New Orleans Delta, Mobile Register, Charleston Standard, Nashville Gazette, Atlanta Intelligencer, New York Weekly Day Book, Savannah Morning News, Richmond Dispatch, New York Dispatch and Paulding (Miss.) Clarion. no 23

FALL TRADE, 1857.

GEO. J. SUMNER,
IMPORTER AND DEALER IN
CHINA, GLASS AND EARTHENWARE,
NO. 20, PEARL ST., RICHMOND, VA.

We are now receiving our Fall importations per ships William Penn, Annapolis, Robert Mills, City of Brooklyn, &c., and per steamers and vessels from the factories, our stock of Glass Ware, Looking Glasses, plated goods, Block Tin, Britannia and Japanned Ware, &c., &c., which make up a stock the largest and most complete we have ever offered, and to which we invite the attention of the trade. Our stock has been selected with special regard to the wants of the merchants of Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee. Our facilities being unsurpassed, we are prepared to offer our goods on as good terms as any re-packing house in the country.

Merchants passing through our city who buy goods North, are respectfully requested to call and examine our stock, as we are satisfied they can save the risk and expense on goods by giving us their orders.

Great care taken in filling all orders, and none the best packers employed.

GEO. J. SUMNER

N. B.—Stone Ware at factory prices. au

RICHMOND, Oct. 1st, 1857.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—On and after this date, ALL packages intended for EXPRESS, on the MAIL TRAINS of the Virginia Central Railroad, will be received at our office, 134 Main street, instead of Railroad Depot, as heretofore, being in conformity with an arrangement made with the above Company.

J. L. MACDONOUGH, Agent
oc 5—ts Adams' Express Company.

"THE DIME,"
84 MAIN ST.

THE MOST COMPLETE, BEST REGULATED, AND CHEAPEST RESTAURANT IN RICHMOND,

Where citizens and strangers may rely on receiving prompt attention, and be served with the choicest DELICACIES of this and the Northern Markets, got up in the most approved styles, without unnecessary delay. Gentlemen will please call and satisfy themselves.

Open from 6 A. M., to 1 A. M.

The PUREST BRANDIES, WINES and CIGARS. Private Rooms, for DINNER or SUPPER PARTIES.

COMFORTABLE LODGING ROOMS, by the DAY or WEEK.

The highest market price paid for all kinds of GAME in season.

de 3—d1m HEARD & CO., Proprietors.

READING LAGER BEER—FRESH WINTER LAGER BEER.—The undersigned is now receiving weekly, and will continue to receive throughout the season, a superior article of fresh LAGER BEER, from the famous READING BREWERY, which he will supply in quantities to suit his customers and the public at his Saloon.

He will always have on hand a supply of the best SWITZER CHEESE.

J. G. LANGE,
4th street, between Broad and Marshall sts.
no 5—d3m

BREAD Soda and Washing Soda, for sale by WM. WALLACE SONS.

BLANKETS, BLANKETS.—Servants' Blankets, in the greatest variety and very cheap. Also, Linseys, Sattinets, Flannels and many other useful Goods, cheap at

de 21 J. MILLHISER & BRO'S., 193 Broad st.

10 TIERCES Breasts Bacon; 10 tierces Hams do.; 10 hhds. Shoulders do.; 8 hhds. Sides do.; 50 bbls. Lard; 25 kegs Lard; 35 bbls. Chetoes and 50 bbls. No. 3 Mackerel; for sale by

de 19 WM. WALLACE SONS.

GENERAL AGENTS, &c.

GEORGE H. TOMPKINS,
ACCOUNTANT,
GENERAL AGENT AND COLLECTOR,

Office corner 11th and Bank streets, Richmond, Va.

Will write up Books, make out and Collect Accounts, Rent out Houses, and do any other business appertaining to a General Agency.

de 21—1m

WM. S. PHILLIPS,
GENERAL AGENT AND COLLECTOR,

Will continue to hire out negroes, rent out houses, settle and adjust claims of every description appertaining to a general agent. He returns his sincere thanks to his patrons for the liberal patronage which they have bestowed on him, and hopes by strict attention to business to merit their continued confidence. Office on Governor street, between Main and Franklin streets, at GOULDIN'S OLD STAND.

de 22—d2wcw4t

NEW AGENCY IN GODDIN'S HALL.—The subscriber having secured the large front Basement Room, in Goddin's Building, corner of Bank and 11th streets, offer his services to the citizens of Richmond, Manchester and the surrounding country, in all business pertaining to a GENERAL AGENT, viz: Hiring out Negroes, Renting out Houses, Collecting Claims, and would also attend to the sale of WHEAT, FLOUR, CORN, TOBACCO, and all other country produce. The undersigned is well acquainted with the citizens of Richmond, having been born and raised among them, and to them he would refer; to those unacquainted with him, he would refer them to Messrs. Goddin & Apperson, and the citizens generally. My terms shall be moderate.

de 21—d1m* J. S. MADDOX.

NEGRO HIRING.—The subscriber again offers his services to his friends and the public for HIRING OUT NEGROES for the ensuing year. He pledges himself to use his best exertions to promote the interest of those who may favor him with their business, and to pay special attention to the Negroes during sickness. He hopes, from an experience of twelve years, to be able to give satisfaction.

Office at the old stand of Dabney & Cauthorn, corner of Main and 15th streets, opposite St. Charles Hotel. EDWARD N. DABNEY.

de 16—d1m&cw2t

LEWIS HILL,
PRODUCE COMMISSION MERCHANT,

attends to the sale of WHEAT, FLOUR CORN and TOBACCO, and continues to hire out NEGROES.

Office on 12th street, near Gallego Mills, Richmond, Va. de 4—d&wc2m

GEO. W. H. TYLER,
AGENT TO HIRE OUT NEGROES,
RENT OUT HOUSES AND COLLECT CLAIMS.

The subscriber offers his services to the public as agent to hire out negroes, rent out houses, and collect claims, on the usual terms.

I have been the superintendent of city property, and police officer, in Richmond, for the last seven years, and it is presumed, from my knowledge of the inhabitants of Richmond, that I shall be greatly assisted thereby in getting good and responsible homes for servants, and responsible tenants for houses. I have not obtained an office yet, for the reason that I have been confined to my house, by great illness, for the last two months during which time I was legislated out of office without the least notice. I hope to be able to take an office by 1st January, 1858. Up to that time, I can be seen at my residence, on Jackson street.

References—the citizens of Richmond generally.

G. W. H. TYLER,
de 19—ts Agent and Collector.

ACARD.—The undersigned again offers his services to the public for the ensuing year, to hire out NEGROES, rent out HOUSES, COLLECT CLAIMS and attend to all other business pertaining to a GENERAL AGENT. Thankful for past favors, he respectfully solicits a continuance of the same. EDWARD D. EACHO,
Office on Pearl street,
Near Exchange Hotel.
de 11—d&wlm

LYNE & CHILDREY,
AGENTS AND COLLECTORS,
HIRE OUT NEGROES, COLLECT CLAIMS, &c.,
OFFICE, UNITED STATES HOTEL.

We, the undersigned, having heard that Dr. Robt. B. Lyne and John T. Childrey have associated themselves together for the purpose of conducting a GENERAL AGENCY BUSINESS in Richmond, take pleasure in recommending them to the patronage of the public, feeling assured they will faithfully and punctually do whatever they may undertake as Agents.

S. S. McGRUDER SONS.
SHERWIN McRAE, Richmond.
JOHN R. GARNETT, M. D., Henrico.
JOHN B. YOUNG, Attorney at Law, Richmond.
GARLAND HAINES, J. P., Henrico.
JOHN NETTLES, J. P., Richmond.
THOS. F. ANTHONY, J. P., Henrico.
CHAS. B. WILLIAMS, Henrico.
JOHN O. TAYLOR, J. P., Henrico.
WM. BOULWARE, King & Queen.
JOHN M. GREGORY, Attorney at Law, Richmond.
GODDIN & APPERSON, Real Estate Auctioneers.
de 16—ts

NEGRO HIRING.—The subscriber returns his thanks to his former friends and patrons for past favors, and takes this method of informing them and the public generally that he intends to continue the business the coming year, promising to use his best exertions to obtain good homes and good prices for all Negroes entrusted to him, and also to give them his personal attention in case of sickness. He has a large and comfortable house for them during the hiring, in which they can stay until hired out.

He would advise that Negroes should be sent in as early as practicable after Christmas.

I refer, by consent, to the following persons:

N. B. HILL, BAKER & PLEASANTS, } Richmond.
JNO. L. W. C. LATANE, King William.
DR. S. GRIFFIN FAUNTLEROY, DR. THOMAS LATANE, } King & Queen.
DR. BEV. D. REY, DR. JAS. H. LATANE, } Essex.

E. A. J. CLOPTON,
Office corner of Wall and Franklin streets,
Opposite Messrs. Dickinson, Hill & Co's.
de 1—2m

MECHANICAL.

TIN, SHEET IRON AND GAS FITTING ESTABLISHMENT, THIRTEENTH STREET, BETWEEN MAIN AND CARY.—The subscriber is fully prepared to do all kinds of work, in the above business with dispatch; and returns thanks to his numerous patrons for past favors and solicits a continuance of the same. Being a master of his business he can promise his customers that all work done by him will at least be equal to any other house in the city and fully as cheap—a fact known to all persons who know what good work is.

ROOFING, GUTTERING, &c.—He is prepared to execute this description of work in a very superior manner both in town and country.

TIN WARE.—Always on hand a large and general assortment of Tin Ware, wholesale and retail.

GAS FITTING.—He is likewise prepared to do all kinds of Gas Fitting in the best manner.

PUMPS.—He keeps always on hand a large and extensive stock of Well and Garden Pumps.

fe 17 CHARLES H. LANGLEY.

GRATES, FENDERS, FINE SETS OF SHOVELS, TONGS and POKERS.—I have for sale an elegant assortment of all kinds of Grates, including every style of Fenders, Summer Pieces, handsome and plain sets of Shovels, Tongs and Pokers. Seven different sizes of coal Scuttles, cinder Shovels, fire Shovels; handsome Stands for Shovels and Pokers; Blower Stands, Brass and Iron Footmans, fire Brick, fire Slabs and Jams; sets of Soap Stones for setting up grates; Tavern and Church Bells, of sweet tone. Builders, housekeepers, and others in want of any of the above articles, can be supplied at the lowest Northern prices. I am manufacturing all kinds of Brass and Iron Work of the above description, at my BELL and BRASS FOUNDRY, and GRATE and FENDER MANUFACTORY, No. 225 Main street between 8th and 9th streets, West side, Richmond, Va. S. D. DENOON.

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SOUTHERN IRON WORKS.—LEWIS L. BARNES, manufacturer of FIRE ENGINES, on 7th street, West side, between Main and Cary, FIXTURES FOR MANUFACTURING TOBACCO, VERANDAHS, every description of CAST AND WROUGHT IRON RAILING, VAULT DOORS, GRATING and all kinds of HOUSE AND WROUGHT IRON WORK, will be done with neatness and dispatch, on such terms as I warrant will give satisfaction. My old friends, and the public generally, are solicited to give me a call before engaging elsewhere. my 8—d6m

PIANOS, &c.

NUNNS & CLARK'S PIANOS.—SEVEN OCTAVE PIANOS P. H. TAYLOR has just opened several SEVEN OCTAVE PIANOS, from the popular manufactory of Messrs. NUNNS & CLARK, whose instruments he has been selling during the past thirty years, to the entire satisfaction of the numerous purchasers. Also, Pianos of 6½ octaves, together with several excellent second hand instruments, which will be sold at unusually low prices.

MELODEONS, of Pelaubet's make, to be obtained at this establishment only.

PIANO STOOLS, of a variety of patterns.

The most extensive assortment of MUSIC and Musical Instruments in the State. P. H. TAYLOR,
je 25—ts Piano and Music Store, 188 Main street.

PIANOS.—For sale privately, two very superior PIANOS, very little used. ALEX. NOTT,
au 28—ts Auct.

FRENCH SPARKLING GELATINE, or making Jellies, Blanc Mange, &c.; is fully equal to Coxe's and cheaper; its use dispenses with the jelly bag. It is neatly put up in cases to protect it from dust, &c. And makes a beautifully transparent and rich jelly. Also, Coxe's Sparkling Shred Gelatine, Paulsen's Shred Gelatine, Cooper's American Sheet and Shred Isinglass, French Sheet, white and pink Gelatine, for sale by

LAIDLEY & ROBINSON, Chemists,
de 8 4th and Franklin streets.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—All persons indebted to the late Daniel White, (cooper,) will please make immediate payment to me, and those having claims against him will please present them to me properly authenticated.

J. L. APPERSON,
de 14—10t Adm'r. of Dan'l White, dec'd.

200 BUSHELS White Beans, for sale by
de 19 THOMAS JONES & CO.

ALBEMARLE PIPPINS AND BELL FLOWER.—20 bbls. Albemarle Pippins and Bell Flower Apples for sale. A. ANTONI.

APPLES, APPLES.—20 barrels assorted apples, for sale.
de 11 A. ANTONI.

ADAMANTINE CANDLES.—50 boxes Adamantine Candles, in store and for sale by
de 10 WM. TAYLOR.

NEGRO CLOTHING, of all kinds, consisting of Coats, Over-Coats, Monkey Jackets, Pants, Vests, Shirts, Socks, &c., for sale low, for cash, at 114 Main street.
de 17 WM. IRA SMITH.

THE DISPATCH.
THURSDAY MORNING, ...DECEMBER 24, 1857.

THE FLORIDA WAR.

Capture of Billy Bowlegs's Family.

THE FLORIDA WAR.—We find the following letter from Captain L. A. Hardee, in the Florida service, published in Jacksonville Republican. It is dated Cape Roman, Florida, the 2d instant. It is but a more particular account of what has been already noticed in our paper, but our readers will be glad to know the fullest incidents connected with the gallant charge against the "squaws" of Cypress swamp:

On or about the 18th ult., Captain Cone, with a portion of Captain Whitehead's Company, and his own, numbering sixty-three, rank and file, struck a plain trail leading south direct for the "Cypress." This trail, be it known to former Commanders of the Florida war, was ten or fifteen years old. A well beaten track about eight miles from Fort Doane, and five from Fort Kales. Eight miles on the trail he found an Indian village, consisting of forty five huts, recently erected. This village was not known by the War Department. Finding a fresh trail of some sixty or a hundred warriors, it was thought advisable to send back for reinforcements. Captains Stephens, Stewart, and Harrington, with a portion of their, respective companies, soon reported themselves to Captain Cone, who in command of the whole, began the travel on the trail in earnest.

After following the trail some four or five days, through mud and water, they heard the Indians beating rice. It becoming now impossible to control the men—"the hot blood coursing their veins" at the recollection of their savage deeds—Captain Cone ordered a general charge, himself in company with the gallant Dr. Hilton Jones, led; on they rushed, until in twenty paces of their wigwams, when they were discovered by the squaws, who gave the alarm with deafening yells. At that time two of the warriors were trying to escape. Lieut. Stephens, with his unerring aim, caused them to "kiss the soil" so dearly loved. The remaining nineteen were easily captured. The prisoners were then ordered to march under a strong guard, when a number of warriors began firing on the rear; then Dr. Hilton Jones charged back on them, which made them show how nimble they were in their limbs. The warriors continued in pursuit, and occasionally firing, but doing no damage, save injuring a pumpkin which one of the boys had on his back to roast for dinner, and that only made two round holes, the ball landing safe under his shirt. The warriors, anxious for revenge, proceeded near their encampment, found thirty-eight of their horses grazing, and succeeded in capturing and cutting their throats. This party of warriors was no doubt commanded by Gen. Bow Legs in person, as his likeness and full regalia were a portion of the trophies obtained.

It was now late at night. Express just arrived, and reports another bloody engagement in the Cypress, and with deep regret we learn that Captain Parkhill, of Tallahassee, was killed while leading his men on a charge. Thirty-five of the Duval cow-boys were engaged in this action. The Indian warrior who shot down Capt. Parkhill, now made his appearance on a stump, and waving his rifle over his head, sounded the war-whoop, when a ball from the rifle of John Wilkinson changed his tune, and he fell a lifeless corpse on his native soil. I am now preparing to receive the wounded who are coming up in a small schooner. I learn with much regret, that Henry O'Neil is shot through the lung, and his recovery is doubtful.—It may be necessary to state that the above was a detachment of Col. Rogers' command.

I should like to give you a more full account, but time is short, and the steamer leaves in a few hours. I may give you a more minute account of the prospects of the war closing in my next. I leave here at early dawn with twenty-five men, for the Cypress, should the wounded admit of my doing so. The men are all in high spirits, anxious for engagement. Lieut. John G. Haddock has returned from Fort Center, and declares he will never return to old Duval until he hushes the war whoop of every savage in Florida. My friend Dr. West, is now acting as an assistant Surgeon in the regiment.

We have already announced the capture of a number of Indian women and children, composing the family of the famous chief, Billy Bowlegs, in Florida. The following is a copy of the official dispatch, received at the War Department on Monday last, from Col. G. Loomis, dated Headquarters Department of Florida, Fort Brooke, December 6th, 1857:—

"I have the honor to report that Capatin Cone's company of the regiment of mounted volunteers, with detachments amounting to 115 men, while scouting on the 21st of November on the west of the Oko-loo-coochee, and south of Fort Doane, struck an Indian trail, which he followed with great tact and perseverance.

"He was rewarded by surprising one of the secret hiding places of the Indians in the Cypress Swamp, and captured an aged warrior, five squaws and thirteen children—the eldest child about seven years old—and killed one boy two years old. He found several towns, in all numbering about forty houses, and discovered a considerable amount of corn, rice and pumpkins; all of which were destroyed. A great many trinkets were also found among them two daguerreotypes—one of Billy's grandfather, taken in Washington. This is a convincing proof that the hiding place of Billy Bowlegs has been found at last, and that he has received a severe blow in the loss of his women and children.

"The towns where the Indians were captured were newly built, and depots of supplies were found in three different towns. Captain Cone says he saw at least 20 acres of cultivated ground, in which were planted corn, rice, peas and pumpkins. The Indians followed on his trail to the camp at depot No. 1, and attempted to ambuscade him, but without effect.

"On the 26th of November some horses were turned out to graze at depot No. 1, and when they were about a mile and a half from the camp the Indians attacked them, killing 36 horses belonging to Capt Stevens' company of mounted volunteers.

"On the 28th of the same month, a detachment from Col. Rogers' command, on the southwest coast, commanded by Capt. Parkhill, of the mounted volunteers, having left their boats and gone in pursuit of an Indian trail, came upon a town which the Indians had just left. They unfortunately set fire to the town before they pursued the trail farther.

"At a short distance from the town, and on the trail, they fell in with a body of Indians, in all probability in ambuscade; and at the first fire, I regret to say, Capt. Parkhill was killed, and five of his men wounded. The party then returned to their camp, the Indians having retreated at the first fire. It is not known whether any warriors were killed by Parkhill's command. No official report of this last action, or a list of the wounded, has yet been received.

"You will therefore, by my special order of this date, that the most active pursuit will be kept up in the Big Cypress, with co-operation from the southwest coast; and I design increasing the force where the Indians are most likely to be found with the least delay practicable.

"I learn from the captured squaws that Billy Bowlegs has held councils, and, at the risk of his life, had entreated the Indians to come in, and that he only saves his life by striking us whenever an opportunity offers. The Miscaokies are said to be as hostile as ever, and will not permit any of the Indians to talk about peace.

"Capt. W. H. Cone and his command deserve high commendation for the skill and energy displayed in the pursuit of the trail, and in the surprise and capture of the women of Bowlegs' family."

REMARKABLE SURGICAL OPERATION.—The Charleston Courier records a remarkable operation in surgery, performed in that city on the 12th inst.:

The case was one of "Elephantiasis," and extended from the parieties of the abdomen to the ground, weighing some *ninety-eight pounds*. It had been increasing in size eight years, but has remained stationary for the last year and a half.—From the immense size of the tumor, nature was inadequate to supply it with a sufficient quantity of blood for its nourishment, so that mortification took place at its lowest extremity, and threatened the life of the "patient," hence the only means to be adopted for saving the life of the patient was its speedy removal. This was done at the amphitheatre of the South Carolina Medical College, which was crowded by a large number of professional as well as non-professional gentlemen. The negro man was put under the influence of chloroform, and was totally insensible to all pain. The tumor was successfully removed by Dr. W. Myddleton Michel in one hour. When the patient recovered from the sleep which that *magnum donum dei*, chloroform, produced, he was not aware that the operation had been performed, so perfect was the insensibility produced by its inhalations.

AN EXECUTION IN INDIANA.—Greenbury O. Mullenix, convicted of murdering his wife, Martha Ann Mullenix, on the 10th of April last, was hung at Greencastle, Indiana, on Friday last. The convict manifested a most extraordinary levity on the scaffold up to the very moment of his execution. The Sentinel says:

The drop fell at twelve minutes past 11 o'clock, and in the descent of the prisoner the rope broke. Blindfolded and choked, Mullenix still appeared to have reason and presence of mined, and walked in the direction of the steps, as if to re-ascend to the scaffold. A horrid sound, like the rattle of death, escaped from his mouth—a sound which made many of the immediate spectators sicken and turn pale. In a moment Mullenix was in the arms of men who held him, while the sheriff tied the rope together, and drew him from the ground. In a moment more the object of the law's vengeance was swinging between earth and heaven. One or two slight struggles were made, and the spirit of Greenbury O. Mullenix passed from time to eternity.

CANTON TO BE CAPTURED.—A correspondent of the London News, writing from Canton, October 16th, says that Lord Elgin has concerted measures with his Excellency, the naval commander-in-chief, for the assault and capture of the city of Canton.—The Admiral has arranged the whole available force to move up to Canton on the 31st of October, and it is thought the Russian Admiral Pontiatine will also offer his aid.

Particulars of the Capture of the Barque Wm. G. Lewis.

The prize barque Wm. G. Lewis, arrived off the Naval Hospital, Norfolk, Sunday morning, 25 days from Congo river, where she was seized as a prize by the sloop-of-war Dale, on suspicion of being engaged in the slave trade. Our correspondent at Norfolk sends us the following narrative of circumstances connected with the capture:

NORFOLK, Dec. 17th, 1857.

On the 10th November the sloop-of-war Dale, cruising off the Congo river, West coast of Africa, detached a boat expedition under command of Lieutenant Walker, who proceeded up said river about thirty miles. Off Ponta Lima, they boarded the barque Wm. G. Lewis, and proceeded to examine her. On observing a great number of water casks, they enquired respecting the contents, and were informed they were filled with salt water for ballast. On examination, however a number were found to contain staves and headings of casks. The master on being questioned about them, said they were intended for palm oil casks. Lieut. Walker then took charge of the barque and brought her down the river. On the passage down, the "launch" of the Dale, containing a howitzer, was swamped and lost in the current, being in tow of the barque.

Capt. McBlair who commanded the sloop-of-war Dale, on receiving the report of Lieut. Walker, ordered a committee of officers to investigate and examine the barque, and it was then discovered that her register was imperfect, and did not answer to the description of some of her men. Though insured, she was, when captured, beyond the limits of her insurance, as it was confined to 10 and she was 30 miles up the river, thus forfeiting her insurance. There was also on board a passenger of whom the papers gave no account, calling himself Miller. It was observed by the officers of the Dale, that the Captain of the barque paid great deference to Miller, and it is supposed he was interested in the vessel and her intended cargo.

Her sailing orders were to proceed to Loango or a market on the west coast of Africa. She had never been to Loango, but had come to Black Point, near Loango, and yet had not communicated with that part of the coast. She, however, touched at Kabenda, and after lying at that place a few days, proceeded to Ponta Lima, with no account of having discharged cargo at Kabenda, and up to the time of her seizure *had not been* to Loango.—She was consigned to a Mr. Costa Lima, known to all the U. S. officers on the coast as a noted slave agent.

The barque was then detained and her officers and crew held as prisoners. Lieut. Kenard, with a prize crew, were selected to bring the barque into this port. She arrived Saturday, 25 days from Congo, and will be retained by the U. S. Marshall upon his arrival from Richmond.

The officers who kindly rendered us the above information, speak of the Wm. G. Lewis as a remarkable fine sailer, and well adapted to the purpose of which she is suspected. The casks are supposed to be intended for the water and food of the negroes who might have fallen into their hands. They report the officers and crew of the sloop-of-war Dale, all well, but speak with regret of Quarter Gunner Samuel Davis, who died the day before they left.

Capt. Fredell, who commanded the barque Wm. G. Lewis being absent on shore, on parole of honor, was represented by his 1st officer, Mr. Curtis, who says:

"Between 9 and 10, P. M., Friday, November 6th, we were boarded by Lieutenants Walker and Cummings, and boat's crew of seamen, all armed. The barque had on at the time some little cargo, not yet discharged, consisting of casks, shooks, &c. After examing our vessel, overhauling the papers, &c., Lieut. Walker made his appearance in the cabin, and informed Captain Fredell that he would take charge of the barque to which Capt. F. protested, however informing him that he could do as he pleased. The barque was then cast off from the bank, anchors hove up, got under way and proceeded down the Congo. Upon reaching the Dale, Captain Fredell was sent on board of that vessel and detained all night, and a relief guard was sent from the sloop to the barque. Next day the cargo was broke out of the hold, the cabin searched, and nothing found to satisfy the detention of the barque.

"Sunday morning following, Captain Fredill returned from the sloop-of-war Dale, and, by order of Captain McBlair, was given charge of his papers and vessel, informing him that he could find nothing against the barque. All hands belonging to the sloop Dale then left. About noon, the same day, Lieutenant Davidson returned the papers again, and proceeded with a more minute examination, carrying with him when he left the log-book and papers of the barque, and leaving an officer and five men on board. The Captain was permitted to go up town to settle his business before the barque sailed."

While writing the above on board of the barque, (which was lying off Fort Norfolk, just below this city,) the Captain came on board and approved of his mate's statement—at the time of the capture, all the crew were down with fever sick, the most of them confined to their hammocks. They were conveyed to the U. S. Hospital, with the fever peculiar to that climate, while we were on board; the remainder being convalescent. Capt. Fredill is a good looking, intelligent man, and seems perfectly at ease, under the circumstances. His mate also has some pretensions to good looks and intelligence, but those of his crew whom we saw were a hard looking set, who could execute any thing that a superior mind might command. They number fourteen, including the Captain and mate.

Death of the Old Bellman—Weather, &c.

[CORRESPONDENCE OF THE RICHMOND DAILY DISPATCH.]

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, Dec. 22.

Billy, long known as bell-ringer to the University, and more recently as successor to the "popular lecturer" on the School of Athens, died this morning.

The weather here is unseasonable, more like May than December. The mountains, however, are out of harmony with the temperature. Deprived of their foliage, they have a drear and naked appearance.

The sickness which recently prevailed at the University, has disappeared and the place has resumed its cheerful aspect. I.

NAVAL INTELLIGENCE.—The United States steam frigate Merrimac, Com. Hitchcock, which sailed from Boston October 17, for Rio Janeiro and the Pacific station, has been heard from October 30, by a letter from the second engineer. The opportunity was by means of a British bark short of provisions, which was spoken by the frigate and received from her a supply. The latitude and longitude where she was spoken is not particularly specified, but it is understood to have been not far from the Western Island. The second gunner of the frigate had been killed on the 25th, in consequence of the book of the block of the main tack having parted.

INTERNATIONAL RECIPROCITY.—President Buchanan has caused a splendid silver trumpet to be presented to Capt. W. McLennon, of the British ship "Star," for his gallant and humane conduct in rescuing the officers and crew of the American schooner "Northern Light" from shipwreck. The Charleston Courier says the trumpet is of the most beautiful workmanship. Beneath the mouthpiece is an engraved figure of the Dolphin directly below which, and enriching the neck of the trumpet, is a silver rope, and along the body are representations of the ancient galleon. One side of the bell bears the American eagle, encircled by a wreath, while on the opposite side is engraved the following inscription: "The President of the United States, to W. W. McLennon, Captain of the British ship Star, for his noble and disinterested conduct towards the Captain and crew of the American schooner Northern Light."

"WESTWARD THE COURSE OF EMPIRE," &c.—The Vicksburg True Southron says:

"Emigration is still flowing westward with unabated eagerness. Our streets have been thronged with vast cavalcades of movers from North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi, for weeks past, and the numbers appear to increase instead of diminish, hunting homes in North Louisiana, Southern Arkansas and Texas. The fall, so far, has been unusually favorable, but little rain and good roads through the swamps."

NECESSITY OF SLEEP.—A Chinaman, convicted of murder, was recently condemned to die by the total deprivation of sleep:

He was placed in prison under the surveillance of three guardians, who relieved each other every alternate hour, and who prevented him from taking any sleep night or day. He lived thus for nineteen days, without having slept for a single minute.—At the commencement of the eighth day his sufferings were so cruel that he begged as a great favor that they would kill him by strangulation.

SUICIDE IN VICKSBURG.—A man by the name of F. Freeman was found dead in his bed at the Magnolia House, Vicksburg, Miss., Friday night last, a vial of morphine, from which he is believed to have drank, in his pocket. From letters in his possession it was ascertained that he was a railroad engineer, and had lived in New Orleans.

JACK FRANKS, who enjoys a wide spread renown, "as a rogue of multiform talent and diverse genius," and ready to steal anything, from an elephant to a knitting needle, has been arrested in Marshall county, Texas.

INTERESTING DECISION.—In a case recently tried before the Circuit Court of Mobile, it was decided that steamboat owners are not responsible for the loss of cash letters forwarded by the hands of the clerks by factors and others to their customers in the interior, in the ordinary way, without charge, or express or implied, undertaking by the owners.

COWS BURNT.—The stable of Mr. Jacob Rowe, near Mobile, was consumed by fire a few days ago, together with eighteen milch cows, and eight tons of hay.

MR. PEABODY'S LIABILITIES.—The New York Times is informed on authority whose accuracy, it says, it has every