

Stand from Under, or, the Mysterious Corpse.

The following was told as an actual fact by a sailor who solemnly affirmed he knew it to be true; whether it be so, he certainly must have been a sufferer of great grief.

The vessel on board of which I was, was bound for the coast of Africa. I had my quarters in the fore-cabin, and I believe our captain had had the same quarters in the fore-cabin, and was followed by the crew, one clear bright evening.

The vessel was bound, and everything around us was as silent as the day after the deluge. The wide monotony of water, varied only by the glances of the moon on the crest of the waves, made me think the old ladies of Neptune were true, and that Amphitrite and her Nixids were sporting on the surface of the ocean, with diamonds in their hair. These fancies were followed by the thought, "If my wife, my children, my home, and all were widely enough scattered together in a delicious state of slumber, I should be glad to see my head a foot, deep beneath the waves."

The sailors all joined with him; and I, as usual of my alarm, was glad to be silent. The next night Dick Burton took the helm. Dick had never like an ox, and sneaked like a hare; it was like a hare on earth, or beneath it. The clock struck one. Dick was leaning his head on the helm, as he said, thinking nothing of me or my story, when a faint voice began calling out from the fore-cabin, "Stand from under!"

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The friends of WILLIAM A. GILES respectfully announce him as a Candidate for the office of Ordinary at the ensuing election.

The friends of WILLIAM HILL respectfully announce him as a Candidate for re-election to Office of Ordinary at the next election.

The friends of Dr. J. F. McCOMB respectfully announce him as a Candidate for Tax Collector at the next election.

We would direct the attention of our readers to the Notice to Contractors by B. P. Hughes, Secretary and Treasurer, of the Commissioners of Public Buildings; to the Ambrotype card of M. H. Deale; to the sale of valuable land by Joel W. Townsend; and to the Extraordinary notice of Robert Underwood, &c., &c.

The interesting tale from our esteemed correspondent "Salio," has been received, and should have appeared in the present issue of our paper, but for the press of business in the Office. We shall take pleasure in publishing it in our next.

We learn through a passenger, says the Carolina Times, by Railroad that Col. E. G. Palmer has been elected Senator of Fairfield, by about 300 majority, in the place of the Hon. N. A. Peay.

This popular young Corps, it will be recollected gave another of their agreeable entertainments on Friday evening the 12 inst. The programme for the evening presents the fine tragedy of "Bertram," and the rich farce "Raising the Wind." The performances of the Jones' family will add much to the interest of the occasion.

By referring to their advertisement, it will be seen that Eldred's Great Southern Show, combining the Circus, Menagerie, and Hippodrome, will exhibit here on next Wednesday the 10th inst. The Bill presents a varied and attractive programme, and if one half of what is promised be performed, the lovers of fun will not be disappointed.

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We had the pleasure of listening on Saturday evening last to a very interesting Lecture by the Rev. Thos. L. Melville, D. D., on China and the Chinese, delivered at the request of the Young Men's Christian Association, of this place. The lecturer presented an entertaining review of the Chinese Empire, its great antiquity and vast extent; its immense population, its various animal and vegetable productions, the manners and customs of the inhabitants, their social and moral condition. Apart from the attraction, which the present war gives to every thing connected with the Chinese; the character and condition of that remarkable people so totally dissimilar to us, presents a subject of absorbing interest.

The lecturer to do full justice to his theme, and to afford a glimpse of actual life, which personal observation alone can give. The lecture was illustrated by various sketches of personal adventures, and illustrated by specimens of Chinese handicraft. It occupied near two hours in the delivery, and was well received by a large and attentive audience.

The lecturer of the subsequent evening presented an interesting sketch of the Religious character of the people, and of the progress of Missionary operations.

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It may yet become a question with our merchants and business men how far they are willing to allow the sentiments of Garrison, Phillips, Fred Douglas, Garnet, &c., to go forth to the country as indications of public sentiment. If they do, they will be the losers.

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