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BANKRUPT LAW—Its History.—On the 4th of April, 1800, Congress passed a uniform Bankrupt Law. At this time the business of the country was limited; the relations between debtor and creditor stood upon a different footing; imprisonment for debt existed in nearly all the States. The law applied to merchants and traders only. A farmer, a lawyer, or a mechanic, had to become a trader, within the meaning of the act, to be entitled to the benefits of its provisions. A change in the political parties of the day was not without its effect upon this law. It was repealed December 19, 1803.

The next action on this subject was in the House of Representatives, January 1, 1812, when a Committee was appointed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a uniform law on the subject of bankruptcy.

In the House, January 3, 1815, Mr. Ingersoll, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill. At this time Boston, New-York, Philadelphia and Baltimore sent in strong petitions in favor.

In the House, February 27, 1816, Mr. Nelson, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill. April 22, Committee discharged, and the subject indefinitely postponed.

In the House, December 13, 1816, Mr. Hopkinson, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill. February 24, 1817, Committee discharged, and the subject indefinitely postponed.

The subject has continued to be moved and postponed at nearly every session since, in one or the other House. In 1821 Mr. Sergeant proposed the measure. In 1825 Mr. Adams recommended it in his Message to Congress, and Mr. Webster offered a resolution in the Senate that it was "now expedient," but it was laid on the table. Mr. Adams' recommendation in the Message of 1827. Mr. Van Buren also recommended it in his first Message; and in 1840 the Senate passed a bill, 21 to 19. The reader is familiar with the subsequent movements on the subject.

[National Intelligencer.]

"You ought not to quit trading with me because you have joined the Temperance Society," said a grocer, who sells liquor, to a Reformed Drunkard, who had formerly dealt with him; "you ought to continue to buy of me what you want for your family. I have always accommodated you. When you wanted a small piece of bacon, if not more than a pound, I always cut it off for you; if you wanted a little flour, it not more than four pounds at a time, I always weighed it out for you and trusted you whenever you asked me to do so." "I am much obliged to you for your kindness," replied the "reformed" man, "and I shall not forget it; but I intend hereafter to go the whole hog." Instead of buying bacon by the pound, I intend to buy a whole hog; this fall; and instead of buying flour by the few pounds at a time, I intend hereafter to purchase by the barrel."

STUBBEN DEATH.—We learn that a man named Bailey, at Chester, Warren Co., N. Y., was killed on the 26th inst. He went out to catch a horse, and while bridling him, the animal wheeled and kicked him severely in the side. He caught him again, led him to the stable, and afterward went into the house, thinking that he was not much hurt. The wound soon became painful, and he attempted to bleed himself with a knife. He was seized with very severe pains, and although a physician was immediately sent for, no relief could be afforded, and he soon expired.

STRIFE.—A respectable looking man, named Josiah Newhall, aged about 40 years, committed suicide by leaping from a fourth-story window of the house of Mr. Nehemiah Leonard, No. 41 Leverett street, Boston, on Friday night last.

EFFECTS OF HEAT.—The Vicksburg Sentinel of the 24th ult. states that on the Friday night previous, five persons died suddenly in that city from effusion of the brain.

AS A CHILD, Esq., the ascending Agent of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Company, has, it is said, returned from his trip to Texas, and a few days since was in Southbridge, Mass.

Rev. John Pierpont, of Boston, gave a Lecture on Temperance at Rochester, N. Y., on Saturday evening.

DR. LEVETT'S Artificial Teeth on the principle of Atmospheric Pressure are highly commended by those who have tried them. See Judge Noah's Certificate.

The following is from the St. Louis Argus of the 25th ult. It is a strange story to come upon us so abruptly:

GREAT BATTLE IN THE INDIAN COUNTRY.—Large numbers of Indians, Negroes, and Mongrels, from Florida, have been placed upon the borders of Arkansas and Missouri. By a gentleman direct from Fort Leavenworth, we learn that some 600 Negroes from Florida and runaways from the Choctaws and Chickasaws and from the whites, united with a few white men, have been gradually associated in the fastnesses West of Arkansas. Not long since they marched high up Red river and encamped for the purpose of hunting buffalo. They built a very tolerable Fort with logs, surrounded with a ditch to protect themselves against all dangers. They fought five buffaloes, and therefore, to supply their wants, included the possessions of the Choctaws and carried off the poultry, grain, &c. The Choctaws followed them, but finding their numbers and fortifications an overmatch, they retired and sent to Fort Gibson for the United States Dragoons. Capt. Moore, of Company D, was sent to capture them with three companies of Dragoons, but after arriving upon the Red river, he found their entrenchment too strong and their number too great to venture an attack. He accordingly sent to Fort Towson and was reinforced with a few company of Infantry and a couple of pieces of cannon.

The cannon were shortly brought to bear upon the works, and soon made the splinters fly and the logs move so quickly that the refugees, at a signal, rushed outside of their fortifications and began to form upon the Prairie in front of their works. Ere they fully collected in doing so, Capt. Moore and his gallant Dragoons charged upon them at full gallop. The carnage that ensued is represented as terrible—the Dragoons routed them in all directions, and, after putting large numbers to the sword, succeeded in capturing the whole body. The conduct of the Dragoons is represented as worthy of all commendation as regards both skill and bravery. The brave and numbers of the refugees availed themselves of nothing against the irresistible charge of the mounted Dragoons.

This decisive blow will give security to that exposed portion of our frontier, and convince the refugee Negroes and Indians that our Dragoons may not be trifled with. The loss of the Dragoons was unknown to our informant—he said to Express brought the news to the Fort.

A TERRIBLE TEMPEST.—In a letter from Navarreal, in Spain, we find the following account of a singular phenomenon which had occurred there: "About 3 o'clock in the afternoon of Saturday last, the heat began to be insupportable, and continued increasing until past 4, when a horrible tempest arose, accompanied by a shower of stones, which fell with great violence. The country is now reduced to one scene of desolation; nothing is to be heard but sighs and lamentations. This shower lasted for two hours, at the expiration of which time the country around was thickly covered, and had the appearance of being buried in snow. All the vineyards and the corn-crops were destroyed, and the roofs of the houses beaten in. The misery of the inhabitants is beyond description, and the prospect before them for the ensuing winter most disheartening."

PERFECTIONISTS.—From the Register published at De Ruyter, Madison County, N. Y., we learn that a sect of Perfectionists exist in that village, who claim to be as holy as Jesus Christ. And even those who occupy stations in respectable society, and walked in the higher circles of life, debase themselves to kiss the feet of their leader, and adore him as the very Christ! They deny the sacredness of the marriage rite, and by their principles and practices grossly outrage the properties of life. Such facts should be chronicled as part of the history of the times. [N. Y. Obs.]

THE VERY LAST WAY OF STEALING.—A German was arrested a few days ago at St. Louis for a very novel mode of stealing. It seems he had at home a cow and a calf; he would go to the city, steal a calf and carry it to market, driving the cow along, and sell the cow and calf. The purchaser would take them home, and turn out the cow, supposing she would return to the calf; but no sooner was she out than she would run to her own calf. The market master's suspicions were first aroused by seeing the same cow frequently in market, and on pursuing the fellow up, the fact was proved.

A VETERAN JUROR.—The name of Lawrence Van Buskirk, of No. 247 Seventeenth-street, having been drawn and placed in the jury list of the Court of Sessions as a juror, the Sheriff, on going to summon him, ascertained that Mr. Van Buskirk had been a juror nearly 80 years ago, and that he was over 100 years of age. The venerable gentleman was considered as having a lawful excuse, and was accordingly excused from attendance.

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