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Miscellaneous News.

The Case of Passmore Williamson--His Release from Prison.

On Thursday morning Passmore Williamson appeared in the U. S. District Court in Philadelphia, accompanied by Messrs. Meredith, Gillpin, and Hopper his counsel, and offered a petition, in which he expressed his willingness to purge himself of the contempt in the Wheeler slave case for which he was imprisoned in July last Judge Kane received the petition, granted the prayer, and required Williamson to affirm to what he had said in reply to the interrogatories of the Court. Certain interrogatories were then propounded to him by Mr. Vandike the District Attorney, to which he replied: "I did not seek to obey the writ by producing the person therein mentioned before the Court because I had not at the time of the service of the writ, the power over the custody or control of them, and therefore, it was impossible for me to do so. I first heard of the writ of habeas corpus on Friday, July 20, between 1 and 2 o'clock, A. M., on my return from Harrisburg. After breakfast, about 9 o'clock I went from my house to Mr. Hopper's office, when and where the return was prepared.

"At 10 o'clock I came into court commanded by the writ, I sought to obey the writ by answering it truly the parties not being in my possession or control, it was impossible for me to obey the writ by producing them; Since the service of the writ I have not had the custody possession or power over them nor have I known where they were except from common rumor or the newspaper reports in regard to their public appearance in the city or else where."

Some discussion arose between the District Attorney and the counsel of Mr. Williamson. Mr. Vandike contended that the reply of the defendant was evasive and contradictory. The Judge said the difficulty, he thought, could be easily overcome by amending the answer, and at the suggestion of the court it was amended in the following manner:

"I did not seek to obey the writ by producing the person in the writ mentioned before this court. I did not seek because I verily believed that it was entirely impossible for me to produce the said persons agreeably to the command of the court."

This answer was then accepted by the court and ordered filed.

Judge Kane then remarked that the District Attorney has been invited to aid the court in this case, but that he would bear in mind that his relation to Mr. Wheeler was now suspended. This was only an inquiry as to what in jury had been done the process in the court.

Mr. Vandike said he was aware of the position he occupied.

Judge Kane then said: "The contempt is now regarded as purged, and the party is released from custody. He is now reinstated to the position he occupied before the contempt was committed. Mr. Williamson is now before me on the return to the writ."

Mr. Vandike then arose and addressed the court, stating that a *nolle prosequi* had been entered in the case in the court, but that he had on behalf of Mr. Wheeler, entered a suit for damages in the U. S. Circuit Court. Judge Kane thereupon discharged Williamson from custody. He was immediately surrounded and heartily congratulated by his friends. He is said to look exceedingly well.

THE CHARLESTON ASSOCIATION.—This large and influential body convened in this place on Saturday last. Many delegates from abroad, representing between thirty and forty churches, were in attendance. The Rev. Basil Manly, D. D., of Charleston, was chosen Moderator, and W. E. Hughes, of Camden, Clerk.

The proceedings were characterized by much harmony. The contributions by the several Churches for Missionary and other purposes, amounted to near twenty-three hundred dollars.

On Sunday all the pulpits in the village were filled by Baptist clergymen—Messrs. Ken drick, Beverly and Zedy, preaching at the Methodist Church; Dr. Curtis, and Mr. Tustin, at the Presbyterian; and Mr. Winkler, Dr. Taylor, of Virginia, and Dr. Manly, at the Baptist.

On Saturday evening Dr. Manly preached to a large congregation. Eighteen years ago he removed to Alabama. Deeply and fondly loved and venerated, before his removal, it may be supposed that his familiar voice fell with peculiar effect upon those who well remembered the spell of other days, while his winning manner could not fail to effect the hearts of those who now for the first time beheld him. After a touching discourse he began to sing a well known, beautiful hymn, with clear but trembling voice. The congregation caught the notes and swelled the song to a river of harmony. Descending from the pulpit, "the old man eloquent" grasped one by one, the many hands that were extended to him. It was a most touching scene, and scarcely an eye in all the assembly was undimmed by tears.

The peculiar power of Dr. Manly's oratory, seems to consist in his ability to excite the tenderest emotions. No passion, no lofty flights of imagination, no brilliant metaphors, nothing to dazzle and excite, but simple as a child, calm as a deep untroubled river, earnest, humble and wise, few spirits are brought in contact with him who do not feel that he owns a right to move them. —*Sumterville Watchman.*

Blue Ridge Rail Road.

CHARLESTON, Nov. 6, 1855.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Blue Ridge Rail Road Company in South Carolina was held this day, at the Hall of the Bank of Charleston. A majority of the stock being represented, the meeting proceeded to business.

The President submitted a report on the present condition and future prospects of the Company, which was read, adopted, and ordered to be printed.

Reports were also received from the Chief Engineer and Treasurer, which were accepted and ordered to be printed with the report of the President.

An election was then held for nine directors to serve the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

HON. EDWARD FROST: THE HON. THE MAYOR OF CHARLESTON; HENRY GOURDIN; C. M. FURNAS; A. T. TUCKER; H. W. CONNER; ROBERT ADGER; W. C. DYKES; C. T. LOWDES.

Mr. TUCKER introduced the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

To hold up to the public view for applause and emulation the example of those men who from patriotic and unselfish impulses have dedicated their talents to the service of the Commonwealth, is a duty universally recognized; and the Stockholders of the Blue Ridge Rail Road Company in South Carolina regard it as a peculiar privilege to place on record the sense they entertain of the distinguished services rendered to the citizens of the State at large by Henry Gourdin, Esq., in his disinterested and successful labors as President of this Company. Therefore,

Resolved, That this meeting hereby tenders to Henry Gourdin, Esq., their unanimous and cordial thanks for the services rendered to the Blue Ridge Rail Road Company in South Carolina, and for the magnanimity he has displayed in refusing to receive at the hands of the Company any salary or other compensation during his whole official term.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that the persevering efforts of Mr. Gourdin have mainly contributed the success that has thus far attended this enterprise, and they regard with satisfaction his intention to remain in the Board of Directors and promote its successful completion by his counsel and support.

Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be sent to Mr. Gourdin by the Secretary.

The meeting then adjourned.

THOMAS M. WAGNER, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Blue Ridge Rail Road Company in South Carolina held this day, the Hon. Edward Frost was unanimously re-elected President and Thos. M. Wagner, Secretary and Treasurer.

—*Charleston Mercury.*

Sons of Temperance.

The State Convention of the Sons of Temperance held their annual convention in this town on Wednesday and Thursday. Quite a large number of delegates, from various parts of the State, were in attendance; and they had a very interesting time of it. A procession was formed at their Council Room, on Thursday, (Thanksgiving day,) which proceeded, with appropriate banners, to the Methodist church, where able and interesting addresses were delivered by Professor Sterling and Rev. J. Caraway, Pickett, and Wetmore, accompanied by religious ceremonies.

The following Officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Richard Sterling, of Greensboro' Grand Worthy Patriarch.

William H. Morning, of Smithfield Grand Worthy Associate.

A. M. Gorman, of Raleigh Grand Scribe.

W. M. Johnson, of Alamance, Grand Treasurer.

J. G. Avey, of Fayetteville, Grand Conductor.

J. P. Lowrie, of Charlotte, Grand Sentinel.

Rev. P. J. Caraway, of North Carolina Conference, Grand Chaplain. —*Charlotte Democrat.*

The Railroad Accident.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 2.

An excursion train, consisting of eleven cars left here yesterday morning on the occasion of the opening of the Pacific Railroad to Jefferson city and while the train was crossing Gasconade bridge, about one hundred miles from here, the bridge fell, precipitating ten cars a distance of nearly thirty feet in the water.

Upwards of 700 persons were on the train, including many of our first citizens. Upwards of twenty are reported to have been killed, and some twenty to fifty others badly wounded.

Thomas S. O'Sullivan chief engineer of the road, was on the locomotive, and is among the killed. Few, if any, strangers were on the train.

The following is a list of the most prominent persons killed: Rev. Dr. Bullard, B. B. Dayton, E. C. Blackburn, Henry C. Houten, Mann Butler, Adolph Abess, Capt. C. Clases, E. C. Yost, Geo. Ebbell, Capt. O'Flaherty, Thomas O'Sullivan, Thomas Gray.

The following are among those badly wounded: G. K. Bidd, Hudson E. Bridge, John C. Richardson, Capt. Consis, J. M. Winter.

Mr. Perin, President of the Greenville and Columbia Railroad, was in this place, a few days ago, and informed us that he had ordered a survey for a railroad from Greenville, South Carolina, to this place, by Jones' Gap—a new pass of the mountain, supposed to be eminently practicable. We are glad to witness this evidence of interest in the French Broad Road by the Greenville Company. As beggars should not be choosers, we do not know that it becomes the friends of the road in this State to say which route they prefer. So far as we are concerned, we desire the road at all hazards. The contractors, we learn have already commenced operations in Tennessee.

—*Asheville Spectator.*

Mr. WEBSTER'S ESTATE.—The executors of the estate of Daniel Webster have sent printed circulars to persons having claims against the same, in which it is stated that the net amount of assets in their hands is \$85,189.89, and the amount of claims \$155,000.

The executors are now making a distribution among the creditors. They divide twenty-one and three-quarters per centum, retaining in hand about one per cent, to defray expenses and charges in the suit against the city of New Orleans for a claim of \$25,000 for coal sold in the Gaines controversy. —*Boston Telegraph.*

His Excellency Gov. Adams, has taken a tour in Columbia, which will be his residence and consequently headquarters from this time. He is in the health and spirits.

The Camden Weekly Journal.

Tuesday, November 13, 1855.

THO. J. WARREN, Editor.

Lectures on China.

At the request of a number of the most prominent and influential citizens of Charleston, embracing nearly all of the ministers of the orthodox church, in that city, at the head of which call appears the name of our distinguished and worthy citizen, Bishop Davis, the Rev. Charles Taylor, M. D., late Missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to China, will deliver a Course of Lectures, commencing on Monday evening, the 12th inst., at Hibernian Hall.

Another Schedule.

We have been favored by Mr. James Jones, the polite and accommodating Agent of the Rail Road at this place, with the following new Schedule on our branch.

MID-DAY TRAIN.

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND SATURDAY.

Leave Kingsville, at 8 A. M.
Arrive at Camden 10.30 A. M.
Leave Camden 1.30 P. M.
Arrive at Kingsville, 4 P. M.

By this arrangement we have a mid-day train tri-weekly and an extension of time for the cars at our Depot. The entire Schedule on our road, furnished by the Agent will be published next week.

Mayor's Election.

In Charleston, on Wednesday last, Prof. W. Porcher Miles was elected Mayor of Charleston, by a majority over his opponent, P. D. Richardson, Esq., of four hundred and twenty-seven votes. Dr. H. V. Toomer, the independent Candidate, received but seven votes. So we may fairly conclude that the American party in the "Queen City," has been badly defeated, and their principles repudiated by a large majority of the voters of that place; well! be it so,—that, however, does not affect the principles of the party in the least for truth is always the same. Sooner or later the principles of this party will triumph in America, and necessity will force upon the people of these United States, the adoption of precisely the same political ethics at present proposed by the much abused American or Know Nothing party.

Sweeney and Sherman's Minstrels.

A set of swindlers are passing through the country under this title, at whose head, and under whose lead, the veritable "Old Joe Sweeney—the founder of the Banjo," appears.

An agent of theirs by the name of Zimmerman engaged us to advertise their Concerts for Tuesday and Wednesday evening's last, stating that our bill would be paid on presentation at the door of the Concert Hall.

We learn that they did perform on Tuesday evening, but were among the missing on Wednesday, having decamped leaving the owners of the Hall, and ourselves in the lurch; we wish it understood, that all of the force and significance of the term is intended, in other words we mean that they did steal the use of Kennedy's Hall, and have robbed the printer of his just dues, and the public ought to know it, in order that our brethren of the Press, and everybody else, may know who it is that asks for their patronage. We are reminded of an amusing incident in connection with these scamps which is too good to be lost, and as there is some point in the thing, we will relate it.

The arch in the stage upon seeing the show bill, with "Old Joe Sweeney's" name upon it, exclaimed "I know Old Joe Sweeney!" Some of us, we imagine, will hereafter have a faint recollection of a distinguished colored gentleman, who bears a name resembling that.

We request our contemporaries to copy this, or a similar notice, in order that the cause of justice, have something of a showing, in the way of warning the public against these swindlers.

Meeting of Synod.

This body convened in the Presbyterian Church of this place on Wednesday Evening last. The opening sermon was preached by Dr. Post of Charleston, the Moderator of last Synod. Delegates from all the Presbyteries were present and their names were enrolled by the Stated Clerk Dr. Palmer. Rev. G. C. Gregg of Harmony Presbytery was elected Moderator, and Rev. E. P. Palmer, Temporary Clerk. Rev. Mr. Coe of Ill. and Rev. Messrs. Stacy and Caultin of the Methodist Church were elected corresponding members.

On Thursday the usual business of the enrollment of delegates not in attendance at the opening, and the appointment of the various committees occupied the morning session. In the afternoon the Church Statistics for the past Synodical year were presented.

A delegation, consisting of Rev. Dr. Pressley and Rev. Mr. Hemphill from the Synod of the Associate Reformed Church, was in attendance for the purpose of effecting if possible, a more intimate union between these two Churches. Rev. Mr. Hemphill was heard in behalf of his Synod, he presenting the resolutions of that body, which propose to expurgate or do away with Rouse's version of the Psalms, on condition that their brethren of the Synod of South Carolina would consent on their part to the abolition, as a whole, of Dr. Watts' Psalms—the two Churches uniting upon some other version, different from either. It will be recollected that the only point of difference between these Churches has been in the Psalmody.

Dr. Pressley, in an able and conciliatory speech, advocated with much feeling, the union of these two branches, and we think his speech produced upon the minds of all, a favorable feeling towards that Union.

A committee, consisting of Dr. Kirkpatrick, Chairman, was appointed, who have had the matter under consideration, and have reported resolutions to the Synod, favorable to the Union, the matter, however, will be referred for final arrangement to the next meeting of the General Assembly.

Two days, or nearly so, were occupied with the case of a call from New Orleans to Dr. Palmer, the Presbyter of Charleston refusing to place that call in Dr. Palmer's hands. An appeal was taken from the action of Presbytery and the case brought up to Synod. The complainants were represented by R. C. Gilchrist, Esq., who made an earnest appeal for his removal to New Orleans. The Presbytery was heard in reply through Dr. Howe of the Seminary, and Dr. Adger, whose speeches on the occasion were replete with irresistible arguments in favor of his remaining. The case was settled by a very large majority in favor of his being retained in the Seminary.

On Sabbath the exercises were of a highly interesting character. In the Presbyterian Church Dr. Kirkpatrick, of Charleston, preached in the morning; in the Methodist, Dr. Adger, in the Baptist Rev. Mr. Morse, in the evening Rev. Mr. Williams.

In the afternoon the Missionary exercises of Synod were held in the Presbyterian Church, Rev. Dr. Sayre delivering an interesting and instructive address with the annual report. Rev. Mr. Gerleau preached in the Methodist Church in the afternoon, and Rev. T. L. McElroy in the evening.

Dr. Palmer preached to a crowded house in the evening at the Presbyterian Church—his ability and eloquence, we thought to have mentioned several times, but our limits are so circumscribed.

that we are obliged to omit them. We will, however, remark that on Saturday morning an interesting and instructive discourse was made by Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions for the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Wilson has labored on the Coast of Africa as a Missionary for nearly twenty years, and of course his observation and experience enables him to give authentic information in the most reliable shape touching all operations among those benighted people. His sermon also on Saturday evening was highly interesting.

Synod closed last evening, having enjoyed a most harmonious and delightful session of five days, all appearing highly pleased with our town and people.

The next meeting of Synod will be held in Charleston on the Wednesday before the second Sabbath in November 1856.

TELEGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE.

Later From Europe.

NEW YORK, November 6.—The U. S. Mail steam ship *Jago* has arrived at this port from Havre, with advices to the 24th ult.

The British and North American Royal Mail steam ship *Asia* arrived at Liverpool on the morning of the 22d ult., from Boston.

Commercial Intelligence.

THE LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET has declined 1-4d. The sales on Saturday comprised 6000 bales, and on Monday and Tuesday 6000. The stock of Cotton in port is only 3000 bales less than had been estimated.

THE LIVERPOOL BREADSTUFFS MARKET.—Wheat and flour were unsettled, and only a limited business had been transacted.

THE LIVERPOOL GENERAL MARKETS.—Provisions had advanced, but closed dull.

The London Money Market was stringent, and Consols closed at 87 1-2.

General Intelligence.

The advices from the Crimea are generally unimportant. The report that the fortress of Kiburn had been captured by the Allies is confirmed. There was at the latest accounts a squadron of steamers at the mouth of the Dnieper, commanding the entrance to Nikolaiel and Kherson. On the 18th ult. the Russians blew up the fortifications of Otchakof. Thirty thousand Allied troops landed on the Peninsula of Soudra on the morning on which Kiburn was captured, but their destination was unknown.

The Right Honorable Sir William Molesworth, Bt., member of Parliament for the Borough of Southwark, died on the 22d ult.

Another popular Bazaar demonstration occurred in Hyde Park, on Sunday, the 21st ult.

The Cholera was raging in Madrid.

The Louisiana Elections.

NEW ORLEANS, November 6.—The Know Nothings have carried the city by a large majority. The result in the State has not yet been ascertained. The chances, however, are in favor of the American party.

Governor of Massachusetts.

BOSTON, November 6.—Gardner, the American candidate, has been elected Governor by from 10,000 to 15,000 plurality, and there are indications that the American party have also a majority in the Legislature.

Terrible Railroad Disaster.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 5.

On Thursday last the excursion train on the Pacific Railroad broke through a bridge, killing 20 persons and severely wounding 50 others.

An American Minister Imprisoned.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.

Mr. Wheeler, the American Minister to Nicaragua, was imprisoned two days by the Government forces.

Still Later From Europe.

HAMFAX, N. S., Nov. 7.—The British and North American Royal Mail Steam Ship *Asia*, arrived at this port last night from Liverpool to the 27th ult. She has brought, however, no important intelligence from the seat of War.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

THE LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET was dull and had declined during the week from 1-8 d to 1-4 d. The sales comprised 39,000 bales of which 7500 bales were taken by speculators and exporters, leaving 31,500 bales of all descriptions to the trade. On the 26th ult. 8000 bales were sold.

The stock of American Cotton in port comprised 250,000 bales.

THE LIVERPOOL BREADSTUFFS MARKET.—Wheat was dull and had declined 3d. per 70 lbs. Flour closed dull at a decline of 1s per bbl.

THE LIVERPOOL GENERAL MARKET.—The Circular of Messrs. Richardson, Spence & Co. quotes Provisions as having been generally unchanged.

THE LONDON MONEY MARKET was wholly unchanged. The decrease in the bullion of the Bank of England during the week has amounted to £500,000 Sterling. Consols for Money were quoted at 88.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

The report that the Russians had blown up the fortifications of Otchakof had been confirmed. Advices from Sebastopol show that the Allies were advancing in large force, and the Russians retiring in good order on fortified positions. The Allies were close upon the Russian position at Albat, where it is believed that the Russians will make a stand, and a battle become inevitable. On the north side of Sebastopol, the Russians kept up a steady fire, and under its cover were withdrawing troops and concentrating them at Paskop. A Russian dispatch says that the Allies had marched 10,000 men from Eupatoria towards Toulat, but afterwards fell back with the Russian lineers on their flank. The Allies had penetrated nearly to Nikolaiel.

The number of Allies in the Crimea was 210,000. The attitude of Sweden causes uneasiness in Russia. The loss of the Russians at Kars was only 4000 men. They had abandoned the siege but fortified all the passes to Tiflis. The London Times says that the British Government was reinforcing the East India Squadron.

New York Election.

NEW YORK, November 7.—The returns relative to our State election are very scattering. About 90 towns and half the City give Joel T. Headley, the American candidate for Secretary of State 2000 plurality, showing an American gain.

NEW YORK, November 7.—Partial returns give the American party 12,000, the Sells 41,000, the Republican 30,000 and the Party 21,000. The result is considered doubtful.

CAMDEN PRICES CURRENT.

BAGGING, per yard	14 to 16
BALE ROPE, per pound	11 to 15
BUTTER	18 to 25
BEAN	4 to 6
BEEF	15 to 17
BACON	13 to 14
COFFEE	10 to 15
CHICKEN	7 to 8
COTTON	7 to 8
CORN	7 to 10
FLOUR	8 to 10
POWDER	15 to 100
LARD	12 to 14
MOLASSES	35 to 44
OATS	35 to 40
PEAS	10 to 10
SUGAR	8 to 12
SALT	2 to 2

We are authorized to announce Capt. B. Jones as a candidate for COLONEL of the 22nd Regiment, S. C. M. at the ensuing election.

We are authorized to announce Rev. JOHN R. JOY, as a Candidate for re-election to the office of Ordinary for Kershaw District at the ensuing election.

The friends of KENNETH McKASKILL, Jr. announce him as a Candidate for Ordinary of Kershaw District at the ensuing election.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

WATEREE DIVISION NO. 9.

The regular meeting of this Division will be held on Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock.

By order of the W. P. J. W. McDOWALL, R. S.

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS.

The subscribers will issue every morning during the session of the South Carolina Legislature, full reports of the proceedings of both branches, including Speeches and Debates, and at the close of the session put up in a neat quarto form, the entire matter, printed on first quality paper and neatly bound, for \$5 per copy.

As our reports are intended to be complete, our patrons may expect to learn more of the business of the Legislature than has heretofore been reported.

The "Times" will be supplied daily for \$2.00 during the session and directed through the Post Office to any point.

First class Stenographic Reporters are engaged, and no expense or labor will be avoided that may be necessary to our complete success. Our friends will please forward their orders.

E. H. BARRETT & CO.

OUR SESSION PAPER.

Having made the necessary arrangements to furnish full and accurate reports of legislative and other proceedings, by the engagement of the best reporters, we offer our Daily Session Paper on the usual terms of One Dollar for the session.

Having the advantage of HOBBS' MEMORIAL PRESS, which will print both sides of the paper at the same time, we will be able to keep it out to the latest hour, and thus have an advantage never previously enjoyed in Columbia. Every effort will be used to make it satisfactory to our subscribers.

R. W. GIBBES.

THE EXAMINER.

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WILL BE ISSUED EARLY IN DECEMBER NEXT.

THE PUBLISHER would request those who contemplate subscribing, to forward their names without delay.

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Address me at Columbia.

WM. B. JOHNETON.

FASHIONABLE DANCING.

AT TEMPERANCE HALL.

MR. P. D. COOLICAN, has arrived in the city, and respectfully informs Ladies and Gentlemen, Heads of Families, that his classes will open on Friday November 16, at the above Hall, for the purpose of giving instructions in all the various styles of the above polite art.

Classes for Misses and Masters on Friday's from 3 until dark, and on Saturday's from 9 A. M. until 12 M. and from 3 until 5 P. M.

Mr. Coolican also forms a class for Gentlemen on Wednesday's, Friday's and Saturday's from 7 to 9 P. M., those wishing to subscribe will find a list at Mr. A. Young's Store, or at the Mansion House.

Nov. 13.

A Card.

THE undersigned, having located himself at the Court House, will, for a reasonable compensation, attend to posting up books and making out Accounts, drawing Deeds, Mortgages