

SUICIDE.

A man by the name of Robt. Simpson, in a fit of mania portu committed suicide in this place, on Saturday last, (25th inst.) by taking Laudanum.

THE ESCAPE OF WESTBROOK.

Thos B. Westbrook, who was confined for the murder of Solomon B Isaacs, Esq. (the attorney for this district) made his escape on the evening of the 27th through the assistance of some of the guard who were appointed to watch him. The circumstances as we have heard them, are to put the most charitable construction, appears mysterious.

It seems that the jailor (who was absent) left the keys with a man by the name of Beaty, about 20 years of age; this fellow has also made his disappearance, no doubt in company with Westbrook. The ballance of the guard state that they knew nothing of his escape (which happened a little after supper) until next morning. Whether this is a feasible story or not is left to the public to judge.

The citizens held a meeting on the subject but took no effective measures to arrest him further than to offer a reward, censure the jailor, and exculpate the Sheriff.

In giving our opinion as a journalist, we must say it is passingly strange, that a man arrested and confined under such aggravating circumstances, and who had made his escape once, should have been suffered to escape. To say the least, it was certainly negligence in the Jailor to have left the custody of the jail in such irresponsible hands, without apprising the Sheriff of the country of his so doing.

It also strikes us, that if the Sheriff instead of offering a reward, or becoming responsible for \$500 towards having him arrested should have summoned men to have started in pursuit immediately, ten chances to one he would have been overtaken. The Sheriff knowing the uncertainty of the Jail it is very clear he should have furnished the Jailor with a guard instead of leaving it to him to pick up his guard from among persons he knew nothing about. Under such an arrangement, with the assistance of the jailors family, who reside in the jail, we do not see what is to prevent a perfect security of the prisoners, if there is any thing in the character of men.

"THE LAST BUTTON ON GABS' COAT."

Some time since we sent our bill for printing to the Cashier of the Mi. Union Bank at Ripley; it was for printing, as we thought, by order of the Directory of that concern. Mr. Craig, Cashier, returned us our account with the following beautiful specimen of wit, (shade of Momus be not disturbed) with 20 cents postage. We give the letter *verbatim et literatem, et punctuatim.*

OFFICE MI. UNION BANK 24th July 1840.

Sir Inclosed please find your account returned Our board as yet has passed no order, directing me to pay the Debts of the Stockholders of the Bank, of this *Destruct.*

And in as much as all monies paid out by the officers of the Bank Should be charge to thier Appropriate heads I have to request you by first Safe Conveyance to send the amt. of Postage as there are no deposits in Bank to your credit.

Yours respectfully
SAM. CRAIG
Cashr.

Indeed, Mr. Craig, we did not think the small demand of 10 cents, caused by our dun would have been considered a matter of so much importance as to have induced you to such an uncouth correspondence. You request us to "send by the first safe conveyance" THE ten cents. If none of our patrons in and about Ripley will not in our behalf "rush to the rescue" of that very solvent but bleeding concern and pay the aforesaid TEN CENTS, we be cursed if we dont send it ourself by the first man we see travelling that way who is not a Director of the Miss. Union Bank, which will doubtless be a "safe conveyance." You are pleased to inform us also, that we have no funds in the Ripley Bank; pray tell us who IS fool enough to *deposet* money in the Branch of the Union Bank at Ripley?

P. S. Patrons of Tipah for Heaven's sake don't forget the TEN CENTS!

We have the greatest curiosity to see the Rev. Hardy M. Cryer perhaps than to see any other Locofoco living. If Col. Polk did not drop his head on hearing the following singular specimen of eloquence from the Rev. Cryer, he certainly is destitute of that sensibility that ought to belong to any man of sense or modesty.

"Governor Polk. We have come together to-day—this goodly multitude,—to pay homage to the mountain nymph, sweet liberty, as represented in your official capacity and citizenship," &c.

☞ Mr. Ogle's Speech in our next.

What has got into our Town Clock? Frequently in the last 6 or 8 weeks about ten o'clock at night it has hammered away for a hundred and forty and sometimes more without stopping—Can't conceive what is the matter, unless it is sounding the death knell of Locofocism in Marshall

plan, did not consider it necessary of him whether he wrote for t but called at once upon Mr. H opened to hit the nail on the head a challenge ensued, on their dep Gov. McNutt gave the followi learn) which is as unbecoming (tionary as it is brutal and unman

"Success to Howard, and death to the Bank thieves."

On the arrival of Col. Runnel med of the toast, and according error "between the two Banks, a on each side of the face with his it to strike. McNutt caught th scuffle ensued. Runnells succe possession of the cane, and struc the head, and cut the temporal scuffle took place for possession c Runnells got it again, and used it or four times; McNutt again cau claiming "I am not armed;" Run "let me go and I won't hit you then separated and each went his

RESIGNATION OF SEN

Messrs. Brown and Strange, N. Carolina have resigned the Senate of the United States, res place from the meeting of the Le State in November next. Happy

THE MEANS THEY

It is only necessary to take a s the 'means and conduct of the l pretty accurately what kind of a c to uphold, the means they use a villany of the leaders no man in ses can mistake their intention. to the understanding of men to most remote degree that patriotism in hunting down the characters c that either honesty or patriotism in the use of desperate means to k such conduct has marked the cou ders of the party. They have ery crime nearly, known to the They have robbed and plunde Treasury,—are accused of burnin the Patent and the Post Office,— fied and abused war worn veterans voted the prime of life to the se country