Sudden Death

It gives us great sorrow to announce the sudden death of another of our old and esteemed citizens, Robert Smith, Esq. He took his departure this morning, in the prime of life, after an illness of but a short duration, and we have the painful duty to announce his death.

Mrs. G. G. of Raleigh, has had a severely trying experience in her family circle during the past week. Her husband, Mr. G., was suddenly seized with a violent attack of cholera, and died in a few moments, leaving her in the midst of grief and sorrow. The family is greatly distressed, and we extend our sympathy to them in their trial.

The Senate then adjourned.

Rev. C. H. Sparrow.

Rev. C. H. Sparrow, of New York, for the month of November were nearly fifty per cent. greater than for the corresponding period of last year; and we are also encouraged in excess of the corresponding total for one of the preceding ten years. The increase is attributed to a larger output of the hemp and flax crop in the state, and the higher prices paid for them, which have been largely increased in the state of New York, during the year.

According to the New York Times, for the week ending December 30, 1863, the price of hemp increased 30 per cent., and the price of flax increased 50 per cent. over the corresponding period of last year.

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The House of Representatives was then called to order, and the Clerk of the House announced the outcome of the vote on the motion to adjourn until to-day.

The House proceeded at once to the election of a Speaker; and the first ballot resulted in the election of Charles C. H. Sparrow, of New York, as Speaker of the House.

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