



### SCANDAL AND ELOPEMENT.

The *Easton Ledger* gives an account of the wrong doings of two Caroline people; a scandal, implicating Capt. Newton Andrews and Sarah J. Legates, wife of Nathaniel Legates, all living near Hog Creek. Mrs. Legates is about 50 years of age, and has grown children. Capt. Andrews is near 60 and has a wife and grown children also. Both of them were members of considerable prominence in the M. E. Church, South, at Hog Creek. About a month ago, when the scandalous stories of very improper intimacy between Capt. Andrews and Mrs. Legates began to obtain general circulation, Mrs. Legates left her husband and family and went to Easton where she secluded herself; and her husband did not know where she was until very recently. Mrs. Legates had left her husband temporarily several times before, alleging, as on this occasion, that he had treated her cruelly, and heretofore when nothing improper on her part was suspected, she had the sympathy of her neighbors and acquaintances. Last Monday night Capt. Andrews and Mrs. Legates went off together on the steamer from Easton

Point, she going under the assumed name of Mrs. Messick, and there seems to be no doubt on the part of those who knew the circumstances that they have made a guilty flight. Mrs. Andrews believes that her husband has abandoned her, and she does not expect to see him again. Before leaving he sold his property; but the deferred payments were made payable to his wife, as she would not consent to the sale on any other terms. Capt. Andrews, while making preparations for his departure, gave it out that he was going on a trip to Virginia with a Mr. Voorhees. Charges affecting Andrews' morals were preferred some time ago in the church to which he belonged. He would not submit to an investigation and stand trial, but was allowed to withdraw from the church subject to the charges. Mrs. Legates will be summarily expelled. The whole story is a wretched and deplorable one; and the conduct of these two people has very naturally and very properly incensed the moral and upright people of the community in which they lived.

