

Arrivals.

The Steamship *Cosmopolitan* arrived here on Wednesday morning. Among her passengers were Mr. G. Waterhouse and Mother; Miss N. Evans; Luke Wright; J. Mennet; David A. Ferrett; W. G. Monk, Major Alvord and wife and Mr. Hayward and wife.

Per Yacht *Rainbow*, from Savannah, Mr. Gage and wife.

Miscellaneous.

—Major General Scott was recently mustered out of service, but a number of citizens of Charleston wrote to the President requesting him to revoke the order. The request was promptly acceded to.

—Some gentleman fresh from a western tour, during a call at the white House, while Mr. Lincoln was President, referred, in the course of conversation, to a body of water in Nebraska which bore an Indian name signifying "weeping water." Mr. Lincoln instantly responded: "As 'laughing water,' according to Longfellow is 'Minnehaha,' this evidently should be Minn-boohoo.

—To remove grease from books spread on the spot a little magnesia or powdered chalk and underneath the same. Set on it a warm flat-iron, and as soon as the grease is melted it will be absorbed and leave the paper clean.

—A large crowd was attracted Monday morning in front of a dining saloon on Nassau street, New York, opposite the Post office, where was laid a large turtle, on a bed of corn husks and corn silk, with a pillow to support his head. Above him was a large placard to this effect: "Having no desire to wound the feelings of any member of the 'Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals,' or of its president, Henry Bergh, Esq., we have done what we could for the comfort of this poor turtle during the few remaining days of his life. He is appointed unto death, however, and will be served in soups and steaks on Thursday and Friday. Members of the aforesaid society and others are invited to come and do justice to his memory.

—An onion applied to the sting of a Wasp, Bee, &c., will cure the pain instantaneously.

—A Farmer at Evanston, Randolph Co. Ill., raised 2,880 bushels of wheat weighing from sixty-three to sixty six pound per bush, from 120 acres of land, an average of twenty four bushels to the acre.

—The Sublime Porte is about selecting an influential member of his Government to proceed to Washington as Minister Resident and Plenipotentiary of Turkey.

—Gen Urquiza of Buenos Ayres, has a farm which contains an unbroken body of nine hundred square miles, over which range countless herds of horses, cattle and sheep.

—Corn is worth now in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, five dollars a bushel, and the people North of that point are without any means of subsistence.

—The New York *Sun* (Independent) comes to the same conclusion as the *Herald*, viz: that it is morally certain that the Radicals will have control of the next Congress, and will be enabled, practically, to keep the Southern States out of the Union for another two years—that is, until after the next Presidential election.

—Why would a flea make a good captain of a ship?

Because he is naturally a skipper.

—A Boston paper tells us that a company of English capitalists, with a capital of two millions, are about to start in Charleston, S. C., an enormous cotton factory establishment for supplying European trade. They are backed by the wealthiest firms in England and France. Several other enterprises, it is added, are under consideration which, if successful, will speedily render Charleston the leading city of the South.

We wonder if it won't help some other place.

—The Springfield *Republican* says the lady whom Senator Sumner is soon to marry, is Mrs. Sturgis Hooper, daughter-in-law of Representative Hooper, of Boston, and a beautiful and accomplished young woman.

—The result of the strike among the deck hands employed on the Northwestern Packet Company's boats on the Mississippi, has been disastrous to those concerned in it. The company sent to Cincinnati and engaged six hundred negroes, whom they now employ, paying them a less rate than the old hands receive. The white men are indignant and threaten the negroes with violence.

A first rate joke took place quite lately in a court room. A woman was testifying in behalf of her son, and swore that he had worked on a farm ever since he was born. The lawyer who cross-examined her, said: "You assert that your son has worked on a farm ever since he was born." Says she, "I do." "Then," said he lawyer, "what did he do the first year?" He milked," said she, and the lawyer evaporated.

"The Dunderberg."

The great iron-clad ram *Dunderberg* which has been built in New York is at last ready for use. She was tried on a short trip in that harbor on the 14th. previously, her machinery was kept going at the dock for forty-eight hours like the *Algonquin*. Every thing is reported to have worked smoothly. This monster ship is said to be the largest in the American navy. She has two engines of six thousand horse power each, and a condenser twenty feet long and ten feet in diameter. There are also independent engines for ventilating and purposes. Her boilers are seventeen feet in height, thirteen feet in depth and twenty-one feet in width. These immense masses of iron weigh one million and eighty thousand pounds. The boiler surface is thirty thousand feet and the propellers twenty five feet in diameter. The ship is of immense proportions, being three hundred and eighty feet long, seventy-two feet in breadth of beam and twenty two feet deep. A solid ram extends from the bow above and under water fifty feet, and her draught of water is twenty-one feet. Her armor weighs two million two hundred and forty thousand pounds and she consumes nearly three tons of coal per hour. Her capacity will be from sixteen to eighteen miles per hour. Upon the trial trip the ship ran down to the Narrows, where some experiments as to her capacity in turning quickly were made. There were forty-one trials in all of her capacity, and she was turned repeatedly in a space barely more than half her total length, each complete revolution being made in an average time of three minutes and thirty seconds, and not the least dipping or lateral lurching being noticed to the acutest observation. As a prophesy and exhibition of the rapidity and facility with which, in case of conflict, the naval annihilator could "change her base," to either vary the direction of her discharges or bisect her opponent, this execution was pronounced unapproachable on the part of anything else that now carries cannon by the unanimous verdict of the officials on board. She carries guns of the heaviest calibre and is the most formidable vessel afloat in any navy.

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