

COMMUNICATIONS.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1852.

Hon. J. A. Woodward—we thank you not only editorially; but personally, for your favors.

We are glad to see the spirit of improvement still going on in our village. Mr. Cureton is putting up a large and commodious building next to our friend Hasseltine's, which when completed will contribute much towards the appearance of the place.

We direct the attention of our readers to the advertisement in this paper of Mr. N. B. Reich, we have seen some of his painting and can assure our citizens that it is well executed and trust his work will sufficiently appreciated to give him the patronage of all those who may wish painting done.

Several editorials prepared for this paper have been unavoidably crowded out in order to make room for the favors of our friends.

The following is from the Carolinian.—Mr. Woodward sent us a copy. "Keep your foot out of it" struck us more forcibly than "Not to be read."

THE STEAMSHIP HAULS.—We have received from Hon. J. A. Woodward a pamphlet over which was the caption, "Not to be read." We did not read it, in compliance with the intimation by its title, but our contemporary of the Evening News has done so.

The object of the publication appears to be to dissuade Congress from extending additional aid to the line of steamers between the United States and Europe, and the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. The writer endeavors to prove that the contracts have been violated and the postal revenue He states that these lines have already cost the United States Treasury \$1,348,000 per annum, and that it is the duty of Congress not only to refuse to extend the system, but to get rid of the existing contracts whenever it can be done without the violation of public faith.

He addresses the testimony of the former Secretary of the Navy, Preston, and Commodore Perry and Commander Cunningham, to prove that the ships are not so constructed as to fit them for war ships. The charge is earnestly pressed that the contractors on both lines have constantly permitted the carrying of letters in their ships outside of the mail bags at half price charged in the Government postage rates; thus abetting frauds on the Post office Department.

The writer closes by recommending the system of open competition for carrying the mails, and states that C. Vanderbilt will perform the service between New York and San Francisco at \$250,000 per annum, over the Nicaragua route, effecting a saving in the cost over the charges route by Aspinwall & Co's line of the \$500,000 per annum, or \$4,000,000 in the eight years.

HUNTING RABBIT AND CATCHING JEWELS.—The Montgomery Journal says that a boy near that place while hunting on the hill near the Cemetery, discovered that his dog in endeavoring to reach a rabbit under a root scratched out some articles of Jewelry and silver-ware.

On informing his master of the occurrence, he examined the spot, and found a large quantity of jewelry, chain locket, rings, spoons, &c., in value about 1,500. A portion of it was found enveloped in a handkerchief, and the remainder tied up in the legs of a pair of pantaloons. It proved to be a portion of the stock robbed from Mr. Geo. Harris's Jewelry Store last month.

FRAUD IN GOLD PIECES.—It is stated that number of ten and twenty dollar gold pieces are in circulation in Pittsburg, having holes first bored through them, and then so nicely filled up as to render detection very difficult. A stranger, a few days ago employed a machine for drilling gold pieces in order to abstract a portion of the metal. The hole was afterwards to be closed with some other metal.

EARLY CONTRACTS FOR HOOPS.—The Louisville Journal states that contracts are already making for hoops to be packed next winter. One lot has been ordered for 100 head at \$4.25 each, and another for 100 head at \$4.25 each, both to be delivered at Madison between the 10th and 20th of December next.

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Nature was moved with compassion, and presented him with buteigheten years. The ass went away comforted, and the dog was the next to come forward.

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The ape then approached. "Thou wilt, doubtless, willingly live the thirty years," said Nature; "thou wilt not have to labor in the ass and the dog. Life will be pleasant to thee."

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ARREST OF A CUBAN INVADER.—Capt. Henry Robinson, who acted gallantly in the battle of Buena Vista, and who subsequently left Cincinnati in company with a number of others to join the expedition of Lopez against Cuba, was arrested in that city on the 2d inst., by the U. S. Marshal and taken to Columbus. It is said that he is suspected of being connected with another expedition of a like nature. He will probably be arraigned before the United States Court to answer the charge has decided upon bringing the telegraph to Howth, in preference to Kingstown, of any other part of the coast. This selection is made in consequence of bold, deep shore in that locality, and of its being out of the track of vessels anchoring, and the trowing of fishing boats. Mr. C. F. Hoey has accepted the appointment of managing director for Ireland.

SHOCKING MURDER AND CONFESSION OF THE MURDER.—A respectable man named Justus Brewer, and his wife, were brutally murdered on the 24th ult. at Greensburg, Ky., by five men, who blacked their faces, and thus proceeded to the dwelling of the murdered, and created a noise among their chickens, which induced it to be suspected victims to come out. When they were knocked down with clubs, Mr. Brewer was instantly killed, and his wife so badly lacerated, she survived but a short time. John Collins, who instigated the act, his son-in-law, Reuben Clarke, his brother-in-law, John Clark, his brother in law, Wm. Hood, and Turner Clark who lived with Collins, though not related to the others, have been arrested, and all of them but Collins have confessed their guilt, and alleged that Collins instigated them to the horrid deed. Collins and Brewer were members of the same church and of the same Division of the Sons of Temperance, but recently had a law suit.

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