

Our Cotton Market

Has not for the past week, been as brisk as for several weeks preceding, prices having a downward tendency.

Snow.

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The Westminster Review.

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MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE SUSPICION OF FOUL PLAY.—There was considerable excitement in our sister city of Charlestown yesterday in consequence of the mysterious disappearance of a very pretty, intelligent girl of Irish parentage, (16 years old,) named Honora Cochran, and sewing as a domestic in the family of Marcellus Carpenter, of No. 75 Green street, in that city.

When the mother was interrogated, she said that she and her son left Honora on Saturday evening at six o'clock, at the Fitchburg Railway station, and that then Honora stated that she was going to Charlestown.

KOSSUTH AND EUROPEAN AFFAIRS.—In connection with the future of the above, the Savannah Courier, contains the following brief summary of events in perspective on the European continent:

We receive accounts of the illustrious Magyar from time to time, showing that he is, as ever, restless and active. We are not accurately informed of his employment in London but he seems to be in close communication with the disaffected of every country.

SLAVES IN THE UNITED STATES.—The census statistics show that the number of slaves in the United States was 997,875, in 1790, and in 1850 it was 3,180,589, showing an increase of 2,481,691 since 1790.

The continuance of discussion in the Senate on questions of mere abstract foreign policy, when there are important subjects which require the immediate action of Congress, is certainly as devoid of propriety as it is a needless consumption of time.

THE CHARLESTON CUSTOM HOUSE.—The Washington correspondent of the Courier says: "The Charleston Custom House, now in progress, will probably be built of marble.

THE WILL OF GENERAL WASHINGTON.—A petition was presented to the Virginia Legislature, on Tuesday, from Alfred Moss, clerk of the County Court of Fairfax, authorizing him to carry out of the commonwealth the original will of General George Washington, for the purpose of having it lithographed, accompanied by a letter approbatory thereof from G. W. Parke Castis, Esq., the sole surviving executor of Gen. Washington.

THE NORTH CAROLINA COAL MINES.—Later information corrects an error in reference to coal having been discovered near the corner of Moore and Montgomery counties of North Carolina.—The supposed coal of that place turns out to be only Lignite. But the same information which corrects the former error, induces the hope that we may soon be able to lay before our readers something better than the Lignite of Drowning creek.

STOCK ALL TAKEN.—We have the satisfactory report to state that five hundred thousand dollars of the entire capital stock of the Wilmington and Fayetteville to the Coal Fields, has been subscribed.

SOUTH CAROLINA GOLD.—We learn from the Atlanta (Ga.) Intelligencer, that Mr. Fields passed through that place last week on his way to the Dahlonega Mint, having in charge \$19,000 worth of gold, from the mine of Mr. Wm. Dorne, in Abbeville and Edgefield Districts.

IMPORTANT MOVEMENT.—The Baltimore Patriot announces positively that the wealthiest, and most influential organization in Europe, has determined to send out an agent whose visit is for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the cotton-growers of the Southern States are disposed to throw off the Liverpool monopoly, of cotton—and, thereby, by a conjunction with the planters of the cotton districts, to create a continental depot for cotton.

THE EVIDENCE is of the highest character. It is intended that the agent visiting America shall proceed to the planting districts, see the planters—for which purpose they will be invited, to meet at certain accessible points—and ascertain exactly what the disposition for direct shipments—the ability of planters to act—the difficulties, the opposition if any, and every thing else necessary, for the information of the company.

TOBACCO.—Doct. J. C. Warren, of Boston, one of the most eminent medical men in this country, says that "tobacco, used in the way of medication, is a slow poison, which, if it were administered by another person, would deserve and receive retribution from the laws of the land."

CONSUMPTION OF SPIRITS IN ENGLAND.—The following statement is published in English papers on the authority of Parliamentary documents, showing an increase of consumption of spirituous liquors within the last ten years:

IN 1851 the total population of Great Britain and Ireland, to wit: 26,852,578 persons—consumed 24,172,697 gallons of spirits, or 90-100 of a gallon each; in 1850, the same people, increased to 27,435,922 persons; consumed 28,654,107 gallons of spirits, 104 gallons each, being 14-100, or rather less than the seventh part of a gallon of spirituous liquors more consumed on the average by every man, woman and child in the United Kingdom in 1850 than in 1841.

BISHOP IVES.—Bishop Ives, in attaching himself to the Roman Catholic Church, has parted voluntarily with a good living and a dignified position, and become a plain lay member. It cannot, therefore, be charged that he has been actuated in his course by mercenary motives.—His sincerity no one can doubt, whatever may be thought or said as to the correctness of his judgment.

On the 21st ult., a large and influential meeting was held in London on the subject of the resolutions proposed by the London Convention and the following resolution unanimously adopted:—"That whereas the practice of auricular confession of a Romancing character, accompanied in some instances by the imposition of penance, has of late years been encouraged by some of the clergy, contrary to the doctrines and usages of the united Church of England and Ireland, this meeting earnestly deprecates such departure from the simplicity of Protestant worship, and deems it expedient that all such alleged practices should be duly inquired into by competent authority."

REV. ALBERT BARNES.—We learn from the New York Evangelist, that a most touching and interesting scene occurred at the First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, a few evenings since, in the congregation over which the Rev. Dr. Barnes has exercised his pastoral care for more than twenty years.

AMERICAN METHODISM.—American Methodism is not yet a century old. In the incredibly short space of eighty-seven years, it has built four thousand two hundred and twenty churches, (which is a little less than one for every week of her existence,) at a cost of fourteen millions seven hundred and thirty thousand five hundred and seventy-one dollars.

There are at present thirty churches in San Francisco. This is about one to each thousand inhabitants, and which judging from other cities, is perhaps about a fair average. The Methodists have four; the Episcopalians, Presbyterians and Baptists, two each; the Congregationalists, Roman Catholics, Swedenborgians and Welsh, one each.

THE COMMITTEE of the Virginia Legislature, to whom was referred the documents in relation to the Lemmon slave case, have reported that, inasmuch as the decision of Judge Paine is about to come before the Supreme Court of New York, and as the Legislature of the latter State has a bill before it to repeal the law upon which the decision is founded, they deem it unadvisable to express any opinion on the merits of the question at issue, but recommend that the Attorney General of Virginia, together with such other counsel as the Governor may direct, prosecute the appeal taken to the New York Supreme Court.

THE CHARLESTON CUSTOM HOUSE.—The Washington correspondent of the Courier says: "The Charleston Custom House, now in progress, will probably be built of marble. The contract for the base was for granite. A contest is now going on between the granite party and the marble party, in regard to the material for the remainder of the edifice. Granite would soon look very rusty in your climate. Marble would always look well; besides, marble, as the material, will best suit the design for the building. The question is to be decided soon by the Secretary of the Treasury."

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Demographic Review. We noticed a week or two ago, the arrival of this Magazine for November and December, 1852, which comes to hand in a double number, containing a portrait of JAMES GORDON BENNETT, the veteran Editor of that widely circulated paper, the New York Herald.

Peter's Magazine For March is at hand: Contents are varied, embellishments handsome, especially No. 1—"Mysterious Knockings." Colored Fashion Plate, "The Avalanche," a wood cut, also "The Lesson."

The Lady's Book With its usual promptness is at hand, and we have no doubt those for whom it is designed will find in it all they could desire.

The special Washington correspondent of the New-York Herald, gives the following as the Cabinet of Gen. FRENCH:

Caleb Cushing, of Mass. . . . Secretary of State. A. C. Flagg, of New-York. . . . Secretary of the Treasury. Robt. F. Stockton, of N. J. . . . Secretary of the Navy. Jefferson Davis, Miss. . . . Secretary of War. John C. Dobbin, of N. C. . . . Secretary of the Interior. R. M'Clelland, of Michigan. . . . Postmaster-General.

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Still Later from Europe. Arrival of the America at Halifax. BALTIMORE, Feb. 17th. The America, Capt. Lane, has arrived at Halifax, N. S., from Liverpool, which port she left on the 5th inst.

THE U. S. MAIL Steam Ship Pacific, Capt. Nye, arrived at Liverpool on the morning of the 4th inst.

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On the 5th instant, a joint resolution was unanimously adopted by the New Hampshire Senate, and sent down to the House of Representatives for concurrence, the effect that the provisions of the State Constitution commonly called the "Religious Test," which makes the profession of a certain religious faith an essential qualification for certain offices, are unjust, anti-republican, contrary to the spirit of the present age, and creditable to the State and people, and that no efforts will be spared to abrogate such a principle.

A freight train travelling at the rate of twenty-four miles the hour, requires on a level 546 2/8 yards to come to a stop, and 59 1/2 seconds of time. A passenger train at the rate of 45 miles the hour cannot be brought up in less than 770 yards, but takes rather less time, only 60.8 seconds. Two trains, therefore, approaching each other at a speed of 24 miles the hour, will experience a collision, if the breaks are not brought to bear when they are about 110 yards, or nearly two-thirds of a mile asunder.

THE STATE TREASURY.—Dr. R. C. Griffin's term of office as Treasurer of the Upper Division terminated Friday, and Col. E. P. Jones assumed the charge. We learn from Col. Jones that our friend Thos. Freen, who has discharged the duties with great accuracy, in the absence of the Treasurer, is re-appointed Deputy.—Columbia Banner.

BISHOP CROFFERS.—We are pleased to see this venerable Divine again in our midst, apparently in the enjoyment of fine health. The bishop has just returned to his family from Florida, where he has been in attendance upon the Conference of that State.—Anderson Gazette.

We learn that a gang of 81 Negroes were sold by Louis D. DeSaussure, esq., on Edisto Island, at Auction on Monday last, at an average of \$619; one of the families consisting of eight, five young women, from 13 to 25, a man and woman of 60 years of age, and an infant, sold for \$1,005, each, the highest sale we have heard of since 1836.—Charleston Mercury, 18th inst.

FURMAN UNIVERSITY.—The prospects of this institution, the present season are very encouraging; more than sixty students have already entered, and there will doubtless be a much larger number, perhaps one hundred, in course of the season. There are students from almost every part of the State, and several from other States. The favorable location of the University, together with the growing reputation of its able Professors, and the confidence in the good discipline and faithful instruction which their character inspires, will doubtless continue to command a large and increasing share of public patronage.

GREENVILLE MOUNTAINEER. We learn, with much gratification, that the call recently tendered the Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D., by the Glebe street Presbyterian Church of this city, to become its Pastor, has been accepted by him, and that he will make arrangements to remove to this city at his earliest convenience.

From the reputation which Dr. Kirkpatrick sustains for scholarship and eloquence as a preacher, and his affability as a gentleman, we consider the Church most fortunate in having secured his valuable services.—Charleston Mercury.

NAPOLEON III. AND THE JEWS.—We find in a late number of the Archives Israelites, published at Paris, the following interesting account of a ceremony at Bordeaux:

"The circumstances accompanying the decoration of the Grand Rabbi, Mons. Marx, of Bordeaux, with the legion of honor, makes the occurrence a matter of general importance. He had received an invitation to breakfast, and after breakfast the Prince President (now Emperor) handed the Grand Rabbi the Order of the Legion of Honor, in the presence of his cortege, the municipal officers, etc. In expressing his thanks for the distinction conferred upon him, the Grand Rabbi added, 'This is again a confirmation of the principle of religious liberty, which your Highness has already promised us to maintain and defend.' 'You may rely on that,' answered the Prince Gen. d'Hautpoul, Grand Referendar of the Senate, who emphatically announced on this occasion, that the rights and liberties of the Jews shall never be infringed, in conformity with the principles of the age, and which are likewise those of the Prince; and moreover