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Having made what remarks we intended to make in regard to the primitive transition and secondary classes of rocks, we shall now go back for the purpose of simplifying a little.

SCIENTIA.

GAMBLER TO BE SOLD.—A trial took place at St. Luis recently, which lasted three days, of a man named William Enos, who was taken up under the vagrant law.

Expensive.—Uncle Sam's expenses for the last quarter amounted to \$22,475,505. This is at the rate of nearly many millions of dollars per annum.

From the Charleston Mercury. GREENVILLE AND COLUMBIA RAIL ROAD.

Mr. Editor: When I left Charleston a fortnight ago, I had no anticipation of finding in the western portion of the State such an active and commendable spirit of internal improvement.

But the scheme that most attracted my attention, is that of the late earnest effort and energy of Northeastern Abbeville and Anderson districts to bring the proposed Railroad from Columbia to Greenville.

Reflection after leaving the Greenwood Meeting has suggested this communication. Looking calmly and impartially over the whole field, I thought I saw an arrangement that would reconcile and subserve the interests and convenience of all the sections concerned.

Let us compare all the routes. I will assume that the Columbia and Greenville road will pay costs and some profit, whatever be its route.

First, The Abbeville route. The portion of Abbeville and Anderson Districts lying on the Savannah river, having it as its highway, will not and cannot be diverted to the proposed route.

\$400,000 to obtain the diversion and construct the increase of Road, and this too without adding a dollar to the means necessary to secure the completion of the Road to Greenville.

Now as to the Laurens C. H. route. If that is pursued there will be neither subscription nor but little freight from Southwest of the Saluda.

We can now realize the advantages of the proposed compromise route—having those of either or both the other routes, and none of the objections, except that it may cost a little more than one, though much less than the other.

It may well be estimated that the general means of the Company, for the road along the compromise route, to complete it to Greenville, over and above the extra sum for the extra length may be increased \$100,000.

I find that many strong men on both sides of the Saluda are disinclined to either the Greenwood or Laurens Court House routes, and prefer an extension of the Aiken and Edgewood C. H. routes.

Road from that point will be the most practicable and cheap. A road from Edgewood C. H. to Anderson C. H. would cost at least \$800,000, the distance being over seventy miles.

It is earnestly to be hoped that all parties and sections will consider these suggestions; that all will determine to have as the paramount consideration a road to Greenville; and to this end that they will come forward with their means and influence, in a spirit of liberality, mutual concession and enlarged enterprise.

LAURENS DISTRICT, July 26, 1847.

ORIGIN OF THE HUMAN RACES.

The "Mercury," of Charleston, in giving some brief but interesting reminiscences of Nehemathla, a chief of the Seminoles, relates the following to show what is the tradition, among this tribe of Indians at least, in relation to the origin of the White, Red and Black races:

In the progress of the negotiation at Camp Moultrie, in 1823, between the U. S. Commissioners and the Indians, it became important to ascertain the population of the Seminole nation.

"In the beginning the Great Spirit made this earth, and he was pleased with its hunting grounds, its rich soils, its mountains and valleys, its oceans and rivers.

BREAD IN A BARREL OF FLOUR.—To enable all to know how much bread can be made of a barrel of flour, the following extract from a New York paper will show:—196 pounds of flour, 11 gallons of water, 2 gallons of yeast, and 3 pounds of salt, make 305 pounds of bread.

sion of the box of bows and arrows before the Great Spirit said, 'You now choose.' The box of Bows fell to the white man—not by accident, but by design.

With prophetic instinct, Nehemathla, and his philosopher, seem to have predicted what the abolitionist is now attempting to verify.

Advertisement of an Honest Rum-seller.

Friends and neighbors! Having just opened a commodious shop for the sale of 'Liquid Fire,' I embrace this early opportunity of informing you that on Saturday I shall commence the business of making drunkards, paupers, and beggars, for the sober, industrious, and respectable to support.

I shall deal in 'familiar spirits,' which shall excite men to deeds of riot and robbery, and blood; and by so doing diminish the comforts, augment the expense, and endanger the welfare of the community.

I will undertake at short notice, for a small sum, and with great expedition, to prepare inmates for the asylum, the poor house, the prison and the gallows.

I will furnish an article which will increase the amount of fatal accidents, multiply the number of distressing diseases, and render those harmless incurable.

I will furnish a drug which shall deprive some of life, many of reason, most property, all of peace; which shall cause fathers to be fiends; wives, widows; children orphans; and all mendicants.

I will cause the rising generation to grow up in ignorance, and prove a burden and a nuisance to the nation.

I will cause mothers to forget their sucking infants, virgins to forget their priceless innocence.

I will corrupt the ministers of religion obstruct the progress of the Gospel, defile the purity of the church, and cause temporal, spiritual, and eternal death; and if any be so impudent as to inquire why I had the audacity to bring such accumulated misery upon a comparative happy land, my honest reply is, Money!

The spirit trade is the most lucrative, and profressing Christians give it their cheerful countenance.

I have a licence from the court, and if I do not bring these evils upon you, somebody else will.

I live in a land of liberty. I have purchased the right to demolish the character, destroy the health, shorten the lives, and ruin the souls of those who choose to honor me with their custom.

I know that the Bible says 'thou shalt not kill'; that it pronounces a woe upon him who giveth his neighbor strong drink; and I also in the Divine Record that 'no drunkard shall inherit the Kingdom of Heaven,' and I cannot expect the drunkard maker to share a better fate. Yet what else can I do.

CAN THIS BE SO?—There is now living, in one of the chief towns of New Hampshire, a woman who has had ten husbands, all of whom are now living, upon the best of terms with her and each other.

RUSSIA AND CIRCASSIA.—A letter from St. Petersburg of the 4th ult. says:—"Immense preparations are being made in the Caucasian provinces for the approaching campaign against the mountaineers.

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