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Explanation. To have space for matter of more importance, we withhold much that we had designed for the editorial columns.

College Exhibition. We learn, from the Telescope, that an Exhibition by the Senior Class in Erskine College is to take place on Wednesday evening, 28th instant.

Letter Postage. It may be well once more to remind all concerned that, from and after the first day of April next, the postage on all letters must be paid in advance.

European News. We condense, from the Columbia papers, the news by the late arrivals of steamers from Europe.

In the Crimea, things seem to be wagging on pretty much as heretofore. The Vienna Conference was to be opened in a few days. All parties seem desirous of peace.

In England it was deemed not advisable to lay before the public the correspondence between that country and this on international arrangements, in a time of war.

By the arrival of the Africa, on the 15th, we have Liverpool dates to the 3d instant. It was announced in the British Parliament that the Czar of Russia, Emperor NICHOLAS, had died, on Friday, at one o'clock, of pulmonary apoplexy.

The most startling news, it will be perceived, by these despatches, is that of the death of the Czar. It may be true, or it may be false. We shall neither admit nor deny, until further advice is received.

France and England, but for the whole of Europe. We are sorry for poor Turkey, and would rejoice to see her snatched from the paws of the Bear, but not by those whose tender mercies would make her a wolf's repast.

FOR THE INDEPENDENT PRESS. An Attractive Project. MONTGOMERY, ALA., March 13, 1855.

Editors of the Press:—You will oblige me by publishing the following editorial of the Montgomery Mail of yesterday evening, 12 instant.

I am one of the gentlemen to whom the Editor alludes, in terms so laudatory, and I have charge of the interests of the enterprise in this section.

It is indeed a most dazzling project, certain of success, and will prove a Lamp of Aladdin to the adventurers.

If there are any young men in your section, of courage and character, who wish to follow my lead, and make an ample fortune in three years, they can have it insured by early application to me, at this place.

If there are any who wish to invest money that will quadruple itself in one year, I offer them the opportunity.

We have been lately advised of an expedition which, we think, holds out inducements to enterprising, adventurous young men, far beyond any that has been mooted for years.

It is not allowed to us, to say much concerning this enterprise; but there is no interdiction on declaring it a lawful, honorable, and most probably a peaceful plan of colonization—one with which the government cannot interfere, if it would.

It is quite right for us to state, that we have nothing, personally, to do with this matter. Further, we are opposed to filibustering expeditions, on principle; but we regard this as lawful, honorable and most promising.

It remains, only for us to add, that this matter is not the "Kinney Expedition," nor has the public, as yet, ever obtained any information concerning it.

FOR THE INDEPENDENT PRESS. From Montgomery. MONTGOMERY, ALA., FEB. 23, 1855.

Editors of the Press:—Last week I wrote you a long letter from this place. Some of my friends urge me to write constantly, that they may hear from me through the Press, and to gratify them, I will give you another letter.

I have very little change to report in local matters since my last. The drought and low water still continues. Though the heavens are dark and threaten rain, yet they only hold the word of promise to the ear.

will give place to "corn dodgers." So our boarding house threatens. There is in this city and in thirty miles around, sixty thousand cotton bags, which if sold at a fair price would bring \$250,000.

The public capital of this city consists of a one-horse-bank, under the free banking system, called the Bank of Montgomery, with a capital of \$100,000, and the Montgomery Insurance Company, of some larger capital, but which emits no bills.

There is not a one-horse bank in South Carolina that has not got its bills in circulation here. By this they gain a double advantage. They get usurious rates of interest, and get their bills far from home, which secures them against a rush upon them in critical times.

There is not a commercial town in Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, or Louisiana, that is not largely supplied by the money of your banks. Your Hamburg Bank, which I believe has a capital of \$500,000, lends \$50,000 at home, and uses the other ninety cents abroad.

A large Bank is soon to go into operation here. Its capital is about \$700,000, and a large surplus is already subscribed. As is usual, however, there is a quarrel among the subscribers, several parties contending for the control of its capital and operations.

Before I dismiss the subject of banking, I must say, that in your State, it has reached the degree of a public nuisance. Agricultural communities have no need of banks, and they never work well among them.

Your State deserves credit for avoiding the late humbug of free banking. BARSCUM never invented a more unmitigated humbug. The great principle of the system, "the ultimate security," will never suit the exigencies of a commercial community.

In December there was a meeting here of the projectors of the Pacific Railroad. As the meeting was strictly secret, you may not have heard much of it, and though it has been some time ago, I will tell you what I know about it.

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lighted with him, and particularly one South Carolinian, who declares he is the greatest man your State has produced since CALHOUN. I am not far from agreeing with him.

Since his return to Texas, he said in a speech that the Charter of the Company was forfeited, and the Company dissolved. He advised the formation of a new Company. This is the history of the affair, as I understand it.

The road is to run a thousand miles, 3-4 of the whole distance through Texas. The last Legislature of Texas granted the Company 12,000 acres of land for every mile of road. It is to run through a very fertile soil, and the land will easily sell for \$5 per acre, as soon as the road is built.

Thus it looms up as a gigantic speculation, which would make millions for the speculators. I have no doubt but that it would. But the pressure in money, and the want of confidence in the scheme, has killed it off. It was a condition of the charter that the Company should deposit before 1st November, 1854, \$300,000 as an earnest of their sincerity.

Yesterday was, I believe, the 125th anniversary of the birth-day of WASHINGTON. It was celebrated by the military companies, by cannonading, a parade, and a military ball.

Gen. QUITMAN arrived here last night on his way to Washington. Col. WATSON, one of his staff in Mexico, waited upon him, and took him to the military ball. Gen. CLANTON introduced him to a gentleman, as Gov. QUITMAN. He objected to the title, and said, he preferred to be called Gen. QUITMAN. He is prouder of his military than his civic honors.

If he goes to Cuba, you will hear of some desperate fighting. No man can fight any harder, or longer, or fiercer, than him. I fought two battles under him, and know his mettle. One fight lasted from 10 o'clock to sundown, and was fought four hours at two hundred yards distance, with cannon.

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will lead. Like all others who were with him, I have a warm affection for the man. In his virtues he is as gentle as in his rage he is terrible.

In sight of my door is a slave mart. For several days I have seen there a nice, plump, modest little girl, a quadroon slave, for sale. She is about fifteen years old, and is what is called among traders a "fancy." I am assured by one who knows, that she is a daughter of Gen. TAYLOR.

It does not often happen that a man gets rich by getting drunk. Every rule though has its exceptions, and so has this. Last Monday a man got drunk and gave five dollars for a ticket in SWAN'S Lottery. The next day it drew \$7,500. The argument is very brief and very conclusive. If he had not got drunk, (his friends say) he would not have bought the ticket; and if he had not bought the ticket, of course, he would not have drawn the prize.

We often hear the question, "what's in a name?" That's what, I say. Nothing, of course, and I will give you the proof. An agent on the railroad bought two Lottery tickets, one of which drew \$3,750, and the other \$1,100. And his name was DOOLITTLE. So there's nothing in a name.

PERE AND UNADVERTISED ARTICLES, carefully selected, alone enter into the composition of Stable's "Good Medicines." This, with the careful and scientific manner in which they are compounded, is doubtless a great cause of the unexampled success which STABLE'S ANODYNE CHERRY EXPECTORANT has had in the remedying of such diseases as Coughs, Colds, Sore Throat, Asthma, Group, &c.

See descriptive pamphlets, to be had gratis of the agents. Price of each, only 50 cents per bottle, or six bottles for \$2.50. E. H. STABLE & CO., Proprietors. Wholesale Druggists, Baltimore.

At New Market, S. C., on the 12th March instant, Mr. JOHN J. FURNESS.

The following persons have freight in the Depot at Abbeville:—

AM SMITH, T. C. PERRIN, R. M. DAVIS, D. W. C. TILFORD, WM. MORRIS, H. S. KERR, D. R. SONDLEY, DR. J. JORDAN, J. BROWNLEE, W. J. STEPHENSON, DR. I. BRANCH, S. C. DEBRUI, WILEY ROGERS, ENRIGHT & STARR, J. T. LITTLE, R. C. HARKNESS, MARSHALL & COLEMAN, HORSEBACK NORTON.

ABBEVILLE, March 22.—The demand for cotton is good, and prices unchanged. We quote 5 to 7 1/2 cents, according to quality.

COLUMBIA, March 21.—The demand for cotton in our market yesterday was active, and very good. Several large lots were offered, most of which was taken at very full and in some instances advancing prices, viz: 6 to 8 1/2 cents extremes.

HAMBURG, March 21.—Cotton.—Prices ranging from 7 1/2 to 8 1/2; Choice 9 cents.

CHARLESTON, March 20.—The cotton market is excited, and prices tend upwards. Sales of 3,200 bales at 7 1/2 a 9 1/2 cents.

Will be Sold, - ON sale-day in April, a likely Negro Woman and child, a superior cook, washer, ironer, and seamstress. Negro sound, and sold for no fault. She may be seen at the Marshall House at all times.

If Margaret Morrison, WHO Received, in the year 1818, a warrant for a quarter section of land, as the heir of William Morrison, who was a soldier in the War of 1812, will address the undersigned at Due West, S. C., she may hear of something to her advantage.

Land for the Million! THE Act of Congress of March 3d, 1855, gives additional Bounty Land to all who have heretofore received land for military services.

THE Act of Congress of March 3d, 1855, gives additional Bounty Land to all who have heretofore received land for military services. All who have served fourteen days, or received pay in money for their services are entitled. I have, by five years' practice in claims against the U. S. Government, become perfectly acquainted with all the minute rules and practice of that Department, and am well known to the Commissioners of Pensions.

Public Sale. WILL Be sold, on Monday, the 26th instant, at the late residence of Mrs. Elizabeth Todd, deceased, near Cambridge, the following property, to wit:

Twenty Likely Negroes, One of whom is a tolerable blacksmith: Stock of every description; Corn, Fodder, Wheat, Oats; a lot of fine Bacon and Lard; Plantation Tools, among which is a fine

NEW COTTON GIN; Household and Kitchen Furniture; also a fine Carriage, Wagon, and Ox Cart. All on a credit till the first of January next, with interest from date. Further terms made known on the day of sale.

JAMES M. CRACKEN, Ex'or. H. EDDENS, 46 1t

FOUND, BY a servant of Mrs. Mary Cannon, near her residence, a small black leather POCKET-BOOK

with steel clasp, containing, when exhibited, a five dollar bill on the City Bank of Augusta, Ga., a four dollar bill on the Bank of the State of North Carolina, three ten cent pieces, a paper headed "P. G. Long's account for large standing," with a list of strange names, and a small paper which seems to be a memorandum of sugar, coffee, molasses, &c.

Fuller's Hat Store, 235, RICHARDSON ST., COLUMBIA, S. C.

THE Proprietor of this celebrated Establishment, although only nine months has elapsed since he commenced business on his own account, yet it affords him great pleasure to state to the dealers and citizens generally, of ABBEVILLE, that he has met with that success that would warrant a large increase of stock and store-room, both of which additions are nearly complete, and will be arranged for the wholesale trade.

Notice to Soldiers. CONGRESS, at its late session, passed an Act granting to all soldiers having served in any of the wars of the United States since 1790, One Hundred and Sixty Acres of Bounty Land.

Under this Act, those who have already received forty or eighty acres under the Acts of 1850, are now entitled to receive an additional amount, making one hundred and sixty acres. The undersigned will promptly attend as agent in securing warrants, and will buy the same, when secured, paying a liberal price.

NEW GOODS! NEW GOODS! WARD, BURCHARD & CO., Augusta, Ga., are now receiving, by every steamer, Large Additions to their stock, of all that is

New, Elegant and Useful! Such as Silk, Silk Barges, and Lawn Plounced Robes, Barge DeLaines, Rich Challies, Lawns, Tissues, Barges, Gingham, Calicoes, Lace Bed Spreads, Wide Scotch Diapers, Linen Damask, Huck Towelling, Napkins, Doilies, 12 & Cotton and Linen Sheetings, Irish Linens, Farmers' and Planters' Linen and Drillings, Cottonades, Chambrays, Linen Lustres.

Family Mourning Attire, a complete assortment of all the various fashions, to all of which they respectfully ask attention.

SPECIAL NOTICE. I WISH to inform my friends and customers that I am still in the CARRIAGE BUSINESS, in this place, and ready to do my work well, and as low as possible.

But I wish to be understood that from this date all jobs done at my shop, amounting to five dollars and over, must be settled for, either by Cash or Cash Notes, before taken away. My reason for this is, that my stock is cash, my hands are cash, my provisions are cash, and cash I must have for my work.

N. B.—I have on hand three second-hand Buggies (one with top) one light one-horse Barouche, one Carry-all, (first rate to travel in), also two new Buggies, and more a-growing, that I will sell cheap for cash or cash notes, but bear in mind that you can save ten dollars on every hundred by paying cash, and also ten cents on every dollar by doing the same.

JOCASSE. THE full-blooded Horse, JOCASSE-SEE, will stand the ensuing spring season as follows: On Monday, at Bar-I-Callahan's; on Tuesday, at E. Triple's, Esq.; on Wednesday, at G. B. Clunkalee's, Esq.; on Thursday, at Abbeville C. H.; on Friday, at David Keller's, Esq.; on Saturday, at Due West.

JOCASSE is a fine blood bay, of fine and muscular power. He was sired by Whitfield's celebrated Waverly, in the year of 1848—Waverly by old Bertrand tucky; dam by Blackburn's Whip; and by the renowned horse Sir Archy; whose Eliza, own sister to the celebrated horse Gallatin, by imported Bedford, the sec's dam was got by Bedford, a colt of the renowned Kirksey's colt, this imported Bedford; his grand-dad was named, and he by Sir Archy; his dam by Leopard, and she by the celebrated silver r, a horse of great renown in the West. From this pedigree it will be seen, that Jocassee has descended from a pure pedigree, as much as any horse in the State. Waverly, the sire of Jocassee, stands unrivalled at the present day in this country, having gained a premium in 1844, at Greenville, also at Newberry in 1846, also at Pendle and Anderson, being the best stallion exhibit on each occasion.

Jocassee is placed so low in price as to within the reach of every man who is able to own a mare, and in fact very low for a horse of his blood, and in form and figure, size, bay and color all combined can give any man a better horse than he can find elsewhere. Every person desirous of raising fine stock will do well to patronize this full-blooded and beautiful stallion.