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From the Charleston Mercury. Census of South Carolina.

We publish this morning an abstract of the Census of the State, which we are indebted to the courtesy of the Marshall. This statement is official. It presents a very gratifying result, and is a sufficient answer to the sneers which have become the stereotyped feature of all comments by a certain class of political writers, upon this State. The increase of population in ten years has been more than 70,000, and this while S. Carolina affords an incessant emigration to the new States, and gains less by immigration than any State in the Union except N. Carolina.

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Four of the New England States, viz: N. Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut, were of the original Thirteen, who framed the Confederacy. The area of these four States is 23,117 square miles, and their aggregate population at the first census of 1790, was 827,867. Their aggregate population by the census of 1850 is 1,831,234. The increase is a little less than 122 per cent. in the sixty years.

The area of S. Carolina is 24,000 square miles, or nearly the same as the aggregate of the four New England States. Her population by the census of 1790 was 246,073. By the census of 1850 it is 698,557, the increase being a little more than 168 per cent. Those who wish to try conclusions as to comparative influence of free and slave institutions on the advancement of population, would do well to solve this problem of an increase in South Carolina during sixty years amounting to 188 per cent. while the four model States of Free soil only show an increase in the same time of 122 per cent.

This census is especially favorable to New England for three reasons. Boston having been during nearly the whole of ten years the terminus of the British line of steamships, received a constant tide of emigrants. The Manufacturers during the same time have been systematically substituting foreign in place of native labor in their mills. And lastly, New England has been covered during the same period with a network of Railroads, nearly the whole labor of which has been done by foreigners. The returns show, as the result of these causes, that in the City of Boston the foreign population is over 60,000, and in the State of Massachusetts, it amounts to near two-fifths of the whole.

Such causes have operated in but a very slight degree at the South. Our internal improvements and our manufacturing establishments, are carried on mainly by the native population, and we are entirely out of the way of the great of European emigration. The growth of South Carolina is eminently her own—the expansion of her native powers, and it may challenge a comparison in this respect with any other State.

From the Charleston Mercury. A Response from Alabama.

The following letter from a gentleman in Alabama, who has played no humble part in the politics of that State, is an indication of the feelings and convictions of a powerful party in the South, ready to second the first manly attempt to shake off the incubus of the present Free Soil Federal Government. The writer will, we trust, excuse the liberty we take in publishing his communication.

MONTGOMERY, March 3, 1851.

GENTLEMEN: I have just read your article in the Mercury of the 27th ultimo, headed "South Carolina, the Hope of the South," and concur in every sentiment therein expressed. Every man who has looked philosophically upon the present state of affairs, must have long since made up his mind that there is no hope for the South, except in South Carolina, Virginia, who should be the Southern Vanguard, is timid, and will not lead; and the other surrounding States must have some one to follow. None will lead but your brave little State, and if she does not do it, and it soon, ALL IS LOST. If she falters, our common enemies will be encouraged, and wreck and ruin will be our doom.

There is no possible expectation of concerted action between the Southern States. The two attempts at a Convention in Nashville, conclusively proved. It is synonymous with submission to place State action upon such a contingency. Let South Carolina go out of the Union by herself, and if the Federal Government dares to raise her hand against her, the slave States will secede in a body, and fly to her rescue. Indeed, when one bold spirit acts, the more timid will do likewise. It is my opinion that the South will never do anything until some State withdraws from the Union alone, and the fears of the others are quelled in their disappointments as to war. Cowardice is at the bottom of our recreancy. All feel our wrongs, and but few have the spirit to resent them. Every day that passes schools us to submission, and a year or two more will make us slaves.

If South Carolina has not degenerated, let her act without delay: the hope of the South is in her! To her every slave State is ready to exclaim:

"Thy name is Legion, for we have many masters."

Pardon the obtrusion of these remarks from a stranger. They are prompted by a desire to save his wife and children from the troubles of the future, by the practice of wisdom now.

Items from Washington.

It is stated that Congress failed to make any appropriation for the printing of the Census returns. They will therefore be two years old when they are printed for general circulation.

The disease of which Mr. Benton is ill is the small pox.

It is George T. Curtis of Boston, and not Edward Curtis of New-York, who has been appointed Commissioner of the Patent Office by Mr. Ewing removed.

The bill called "Hunter's Bill," which passed both Houses of Congress, provided for four travelling Appraisers, to be appointed by the President, and that the value of goods to be taken as from the place and time of exportation. That is to say, the bill ratifies and enacts the Treasury Circulars, and re-establishes the Revenue Laws as under the Tariff of 1816, which have just been in some degree nullified in the Supreme Court. The salary of the Appraisers is to be \$2,500 each and travelling expenses. The appointments are:

New-York, Mr. Edgar; Boston, Chas. Bradley; Philadelphia, Mr. Biddle; Baltimore, Mr. Evans.

Among the Consular nominations before the Senate are the names of Mr. Owen, of Ga. as Consul to Havana; and Mr. Duer as Consul to Valparaiso.

There are also three Private Land Commissioners (salary \$6,000 per annum) nominated for California. Their names are Joseph R. Ingersoll, of Penn.; Jas. Harlan, of Ky, and Arthur F. Hopkins of Ala.

TANNING LEATHER.—As the article of Leather is beginning to be regarded as an important item of home manufacture, any facilities for its more speedy and effectual preparation, which may be presented, must be worthy the attention of those interested in the business. We observe that a new process has recently been discovered, by which calf and sheep skins may be tanned in a few hours, and large hides in a few days. Mr. W. G. Hunting, 5 Hayne street, is Agent for the sale of Rights to use this invention, which has been duly patented.—Charleston Cour.

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EDGEFIELD FEMALE INSTITUTE.

While we deeply regret the melancholy event which has deprived our Institute of its late Rector, we are yet pleased that it is in our power to announce, that the Trustees have made excellent arrangements for its regular progress, from Monday next, as will appear from their Card, published to-day.

This seminary is now under the guidance of Miss CORNELIA PELOT, a young lady of extreme refinement and intelligence, and altogether competent in point of attainments.—She is assisted by a younger sister, Miss ELIZA PELOT, who has given general satisfaction, here and elsewhere as to her capacities for teaching. They are both natives of Abbeville.

The musical department is in charge of Mrs. NICOLLS, the relict of the late Principal. Mrs. N. occupied this post, when attached to the Limestone High School, and is esteemed a correct and tasteful instructor.

We earnestly appeal to the intelligence and humanity of our District, to make this the most flourishing school we have ever had. And we greatly mistake our people, if this be not the result. It is only necessary to add, that this expectation is based upon the belief that our citizens will hasten to embrace an opportunity of encouraging native merit, when combined with the genuine modesty and high character of true Southern ladies, and to sustain the afflicted widow, amid the wreck of all her hopes.

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