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NEWS SUMMARY.

tions, One Dollar each.

There were no regular gold quotations in New York yesterday. The closing price on the street was 84a35. Cotton unchanged. Sales 1600 bales at

-In Liverpool vesterday cotton closed firm. Uplands 121d a121d. Sa'es 12,000 bales.

-The Pacific Railroad has demoralized the istinmus. The merchants and traders there are packing up their goods and flitting olsewhere, having no customers.

-Mr. William Cullen Bryant, of the Evening Post, and Mr. John Bigelow, editor of the Times, are fellow members with Mr. Manton Marble, of the World, in the executive commitee of the Free Trade League.

-The Washington correspondent of the Ballimore Gasette savs: "It is nov quite certain that Congress will refuse to coufirm the nomination of General Sickles as Minister to Spain. The appointment was purely one of Presiden-tial fivor. General Stokles has no friends among the leading men of his party. That he morally and socially unfitted for the position is generally conceded; that he is no diplo-matist, has by himself been demonstrated. That he was sent to Madrid at all was a mistake, due to the obstinancy and self-will of the Executive. It will be for Congress to rectify the error as promptly as possible." -Count Bismarck, the retired minister of

Prussia, it is reported, is affected with the same diseases as those from which the Emperor Napoleon III is suffering. The principal disease is said to be inflammation of the kid no, s, with which Bismarok has been afflicted for several years, and on account of which he has been obliged to intermit his efficial duties. It has been suggested that the Prussian minister has the advantage over Napoleon III of a | notch. rugged constitution, which is not called upon to answer for the excessor of his misspent early life. Bismarok however, passed through a "stormy youth," and although his escapades may not have been so notorious as those of Napoleon, his chances of long life are not much better than those of his rival.

-Mr. James Mace, the English pugilist, is giving statuesque exhibitions at the Tammany in New York, which the critic of the Times considers a 'really interessing, and, properly appreciated an clovating spectacle." The performance may be thus briefly described: When the curtain rises a series of screens cov ered with maroou cloth and hemming in a small platform, upda which are thrown the rays of a double lime-light, are disclosed. Becumbent on bis platform hes a tall figure of superb lines, as white as if bewn from Carrers marble. The music begins, and Heroules slowly rises to struggle with the hon; then quick succession, the lines of the statues mellowed by a note violet light, the spectator sees Ajax defying the lightning, Samson bearing

-A German paper tells an extraordinary story of a natural phenomenon that has occurred in Upper Austria. On the 19.h of August the soil covering several yokos of land in the neighborhood of Moll, a few leagues from the Town of Steyer, suddenly fell in with a crash like thunder, and where the oats were waving a few seconds before there suddenly appeared a lake. The water of this newest addition to Upper Austrian seasory is clear, its temper ture is very low, and it is said to have much resemblance o that of the glacier Likes. Though the River Steyer passes the place at no great discance, it does not appear that any mmunication exists between them; at all events, there is reason to believe that the lake receives no contribution to its waters from the river, and the waters of the two are chemically different. Pueattemous to explain this phenomenon are not very successful.

The fall book trade sale closed in New York Wednesday, having been in progress some days. Throughout the sales the bidding was decidedly brisk, and the number of books sold reached the unprecedented number of 50,000, at an average rate of fifty cents, making the total proceeds of the sale \$250,000. The miscellaneous books-such as old novels, school books and old editions of the more popular works-commanded rather low prices, but the standard Burlish classics, and especially Simkespeare, Milion, Moore and Scott, sold in large numbers and at very high prices. A most noticeable testure of the sale was the extraordinary number of the copies of Byrog's works which were d sposed of, more than 10 000 of all editions and styles of binding having been sold. The great number is mainly attributed by the shrewd dealers present o the popularity his works have of late acquired from the revelations of Mrs. Harriot Bee her Stowe.

-There is great laughter in Washington over the publication of letters written by the Radical city collector, one Boswell, who went to Cape May last summer to arran to for nom . nation for the office of M .yor. The letter furnishing the plan for the serenade, writes to the colore I watchm in at the City Hall contains the gis of the whole matter. The following is an ex rao : "Perry-You boing a friend of m ue, a d I know how much people will wish to see me on my return home you will take proper step to make an arrangement to met me on my return at the depos, and moren from there to my home. You can pri- this end. She pain's royalty and court vately get a band for w ich I will pay the pext day. Make that arrangement. You may have a transparency painted "Welcome Home" upon it. If you want oil for torones go to Mr. Frank Kelley, at my offise, and tell um to give you an order. You can consult with W. H. Brown.

Charles Peters and others privately about the marter. Do not let them know I said anything in my letter about it. I will be home on cr about Septem er 1, and you will now have pienty of time to prepare for it."

_The North Carolins railroal, with which severs. Virgi il a roads connect at Greensboro'. being of a different gauze has had construc :ed, for the purpose of experiment, two adjustable gauge .re ght care. like, we believe those used by the National Disputen Company on the lines from Boston to Cures to and 8: Louis. These cars are at the company's works in Manchester and will be freighted and sent over the lines propably this work. As described by absolutely nothing to "skip."

THE DAILY NEWS. the American Rathroad Journal, the device for the wheels on both sides of the car upon the axle. The wheels are cast with a sleeve about ten inches in length, which envelopes the axle. RIORDAN, DAWSON & CO., This sleeve has two sockets cut in it corres ponding to a like socket out in the axle, and the change from the broad to the narrow gauge is effected by sliding the wheels just the distance that the sockets in the sleeve is in the centre, and the socket or grove in the 31, 1870. axle is cut about balf an irch in depth. The socket in the sleeve is brought over that in the axle, and a steel kov, accurately fitted, is dropped into the openings-thus holding the wheels securely in place. A double steel pin with curved ends is passed lengthwise through the sleeve and steel key, expanding at the upper end in an enlarged opening, and a tightly fitting gutta percha band is placed over the opening in the sleeve and top of the steel key, which serves to snap the key into the groves in the axle when changing the gauge, and as an additional security in keeping the key in position, after the change is effeeted. This holds the whole secure. A change of guage is effected by merely taking out the key and passing the car over a converging and diverging track with a guard rail, which contracts or spreads the wheels, as the case may call for. To facilitate operations, a pit about four feet deep is dug between the rails, in which the workman stands while making the necessary manipulations. It occupies about five minutes to make the change

CHARLESTON.

THESDAY MORNING, SEPT. 28, 1869.

The Crops in Upper South Carolina.

There is no doubt now of the fact that, will not exceed in amount one-third of the top growth has been killed by the drought, and it is expected that all the cotton in the out by the middle of October. The corn that the Comptroller General can demand crop also is very short, and in no one of the northwestern counties can we hear of a surplus supply; while in several districts large quantities of breadstuffs must be bought from abroad. In the low-country the prespect is not so gloomy, as the yield of cotton will be decidedly better than in the

The farmers are already making ready for a hard winter. Oats and other small

It is to be feared, nevertheless, that, in the aggregate, a large quantity of corn must be bought before the crop of 1870 comes in.

The Blue Ridge Railroad.

We are informed that President Harri son, of the Blue Ridge Bailroad Company, did not obtain from the contractors, on his recent visit to New York, the \$800 000 required to redeem the old first mortgage bonds and the fi ating debt of the company Crisswell & Co., the contractors, were, we believe, prepared to turn over the money: but the \$4 000.000 of new bonds of the company, guaranteed by the State, which are to be deposited as collaterals to secure the advances made by them, were not ready Roman stoops to f-sten his sandal, and in for delivery. Only tardiness on the part away the gates of Gisa, the Fighting and Dy- new bonds are deposited, President Harrion will get his money.

This is the title of the latest published novelby M's Marlitt, author of "The O d Mamsel's Secret," "Gold Elsie," &: ; aud, like its predecessors, is admirably transla ted by Mrs. Wistar. Translations, espe citally from the German, are so rurely well done, so seldom like what an Biglish speak ing author would write, that we feel that it is but just to pay this passing tribute to he work before us. We have carefully compared the translation with the original, and while of course the style in the former is necessarily somewhat bald, and many of tue idioms lose much by the "setting over." and while it is absolutely impossible to pre serve the peculiarities of dialectia the or ginal always a very attractive feature of the picture of a people-we are, nevertheless, bound to say that the present volume is much more readable than most of the Buglish translations of German novels that have lately been given to the public

Mrs Marlitt is, in the main, a novelist of the old school. She proposes to tell a story, and she tells it, and does it well. The "Countess Gisela" is as attractive a book as we have read in many a day It is unquestionably one of the kind that, once begue, you are loth to lay aside until you finish it. The great writers of German fie tion at present are mostly of the philosophi oal school. Auerbach borders on the mysic; Freying also writes chiefly f .r the cu tivated classes. Spiellingen is writing up the "Working Classer;" and all three take every possible oppor unity of making roy alty convempable, and setting forth the inberent wrong involved in the existence of a privileged nobility. Auerbach, in his "Villa on the Rhine," demonstrates this view more fully and clearly than any of them; and, strange to say, makes a notle

man the iconoclust of his order. M . Marlett, also, in the novel under consideration, contributes her quota to circles in realistic and very unattractive c lors; picks her hero from "the people," a d lectures the nobility through the mouth of the Countess Gisela The heroine, too, although born to great wealth and titled honors, votuetarily and deliberately relinquishes them all, and marries the man of her choice-the hero, who, as we said, is a man of the people.

There are fine descriptions of the scenery of the Tluringian F rest, where the scene is laid, and of the manners and oustons of De poor and primitive people that intabit that region. We will not it jure the rookseller's business by giving even an out i e of the parrative, but oan assure our resum & that the book is all "story," and there is

Insurance Agents.

An insurance agent has called our attention to a circular issued by the Comptroller-General, directing that insurance agents publish in certain papers designated by him their annual statement of the companies which they represent, together with a copy of their licenses, and a list of the auare from each other. The axle where the thorized agents in this State; this publicasleeve works is made an inch larger than it tion to be made once a month until March

A reading of the "Act to regulate the agencies of insurance companies not incorporated in South Carolina," shows that the Comptroller General cannot compel the insurance agents to publish, in papers' designated by him, anything more than the copy of their license. The only section of the act which bears upon this point is as follows:

"SEC. 3. That every agent or attorney ob taining such license shall also cause such license to be published in some newspaper, to be designated by the Comptroller-General, having circulation in the count in which he resides. The company shall also furnish to the Comptroller-General, through their agent an annual statement of the affairs of the company, as provided in the second section of this act; and it shall be the duty of the agent or agents to publish the same."

Under this section the powers of the Comptroller General are limited and confined, and the choice of a paper in which to publish the annual statement of the affairs of their companies is, beyond cavil or doubt, left with the agents themselves. We only mention these facts to relieve the insurance agents from the apprehension that all their official advertising need be done in the official papers. The waste of money in printing the licenses where no one who owing- to the unfavorable seasons, the cor- insures will see or read them is bad enough; ton crop of upper South Carolina this year but the Radical babies cry loudly for pap, and will not readily be comforted. The inestimates made three months ago. The surance agents must, in time, stop the mouths of the squallers, but only to the extent of one publication of their licenses. region of which we speak will be picked This is all that the law requires, and all

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