

LONDON, December 5.—The Newburyport gas works exploded to-day; seven persons were instantly killed and many injured.

LONDON, December 5.—Hans Christian Andersen, the well-known Danish poet and novelist, is seriously ill. He is now in his sixty-seventh year.

CHARLESTON, December 5.—Arrived—Steamship Champion, New York. BOSTON, MASS., December 5.—The Legislature has leased the old South Church for post office purposes.

NEW YORK, December 5.—The schooner L. Marchison, from Wilmington, is ashore at Rockaway. Ben. Wood, of the News, has subscribed \$1,000 to the Greeley press fund.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., December 5.—The electoral college voted Grant Brown & Hendricks 6; David Davis 1.

WASHINGTON, December 5.—The House passed a bill to admit building material in Boston free; then took up the bill for the ten floes of war.

NEW ORLEANS, December 5.—Gov. Warmoth has issued a proclamation regarding the results of the election.

ALBANY, N. Y., December 5.—The report of the commission to amend the Constitution was adopted.

WASHINGTON, December 5.—Evening. In the Senate, Cameron gave notice that he would, at an early day, call up the bill in relation to the French spoliation claims.

Probabilities.—In the North-west, and thence over the upper lakes and South-west to Arkansas and Tennessee, rising barometer, South-westerly to North-westerly winds, generally clear weather and lower temperatures.

CHARLESTON, December 5.—Cotton firm—middling 18 1/2@18 3/4; low middling 18@18 1/2; receipts 2,430 bales; sales 1,000; stock 84,269.

BOSTON, December 5.—Cotton strong—middling 20; receipts 1,758 bales; sales 400; stock 3,500.

GALVESTON, December 5.—Cotton firm—good ordinary 13 1/2; receipts 2,219 bales; sales 3,100; stock 65,407.

PHILADELPHIA, December 5.—Cotton quiet—middling 19 1/2@19 3/4.

WILMINGTON, December 5.—Cotton firm—middling 18 1/2; receipts 142 bales; sales 55; stock 3,155.

NEW ORLEANS, December 5.—Cotton in fair demand—good ordinary 17 1/2; low middling 18 1/2; middling 19 1/2; receipts 16,958 bales; sales 2,700; stock 194,392.

The New York World publishes a list of persons missing in that city since August, with fifty-two names. It adds that in spite of the efforts of both police and public and private detectives, and in nearly every case of a lavish expenditure of money, the veil over those lives has not been lifted.

The following is a statement of the United States currency outstanding at this date: Old demand notes, \$84,387,500; legal tender notes, new issue, \$104,401,162; legal tender notes, series of 1869, \$253,650,074; one-year notes of 1863, \$99,340; two-year notes of 1863, \$34,150; two-year coupon notes of 1863, \$31,800; compound interest notes, \$530,010; fractional currency, first issue, \$4,377,254.78; fractional currency, second issue, \$3,180,637.01; fractional currency, third issue, \$3,757,671.46; fractional currency, fourth issue, first series, \$20,394,772.87; fractional currency, fourth issue, second series, \$12,016,308—total \$492,607,632.62.

PROBABLE POISONING.—A little daughter of Mr. Watson, the forman of the Savannah and Charleston Railroad workshops, situated in St. Andrew's Parish, died a few days ago in a sudden and unaccountable manner. It is presumed that she ate some poisonous herb or berries while wandering through a piece of woodland near the shops.

THE BLUE RIDGE RAILROAD BOND SCRIP.—The following is Judge S. W. Melton's decision relative to the revenue bond scrip, rendered on the 2d instant:

The State of South Carolina ex relatione Edwin P. Gary, State Auditor, plaintiff, against Niles G. Parker, as Treasurer, and others, as County Treasurers.

The decision of the issues involved, it is necessary to premise that by an Act of the General Assembly, ratified 15th September, 1868, the Comptroller-General was required to issue and guarantee of the State upon certain bonds of the Blue Ridge Railroad Company, to an amount of \$4,000,000, with the proviso that "the bonds, or any part thereof, shall not be used unless upon the express condition that upon application to the Congress of the United States, \$400,000 of private capitalists, the amount sum as may be necessary, or so much of that sum as may be necessary, be furnished in exchange, or upon security of said bonds."

By an Act passed March 2, 1872, entitled "An Act to relieve the State of South Carolina of all its obligations for its guarantee of the bonds of the Blue Ridge Railroad Company, by providing for the redemption of the same," it was provided, first, that the Finance Agent should immediately deliver to the State Treasurer, to be canceled, all of said bonds in his possession; second, that upon the surrender by the railroad company to the State Treasurer of the balance of the bonds, the State Treasurer should deliver to the President of the said company, by way of certificate of indebtedness, styled revenue bond scrip, to the amount of \$1,800,000; and if the company should not be able to deliver all of the bonds at one time, the Treasurer should deliver to him such amount of such Treasury certificates as shall be proportional to the amount of bonds delivered; third, that to carry out the purposes of the Act, the State Treasurer was authorized and requested to have printed or engraved these certificates, to be known and designated as revenue bond scrip of the State of South Carolina, in such form, and of such denominations as may be determined by him and the President of the company, to the amount of \$1,800,000.

TREMBLOUS BLAST.—The Richmond Granite Company, says the Enquirer, have just made one of the largest blasts on record, having secured a solid piece of stone of excellent quality, sixty feet long, fifty feet deep and forty-six feet wide, measuring 158,000 cubic feet, and weighing 11,500 tons or, 23,000,000 pounds.

BENTLY ACQUITTED.—In Fulton Superior Court, on Tuesday, the jury in the trial of Moses H. Bently, charged with the murder of Malcolm Claiborne, a negro member of the Legislature, in 1868, returned a verdict of not guilty. Bently was a colored attaché of the Legislature, and the killing, it will be remembered, took place in the Capital building.

The gin-house of Mr. James Born, near Lithonia, on the Georgia Railroad, was burned on the 28th ult., together with thirty bales of cotton, 100 bushels of wheat, the same of oats, and 1,000 bushels of cotton seed. A match in the seed cotton is supposed to have caused the fire. Loss \$3,500 to \$4,000. No insurance.

A terrible casualty occurred at Graham's, on the South Carolina Railroad, on the 29th ult. The wife and daughter of Mr. R. H. Martin were burned to death. It appears that the clothing of the young lady caught fire in the cook room, and the mother going to her assistance, had her clothing ignited also.

It is claimed that no murder has been committed in Frankfort on the Main for 100 years. St. Louis annually brews 351,257 barrels of lager beer, requiring the consumption of 1,001,000 bushels of barley. It costs \$10,000 a day to play the Versailles fountains. The epizootic has appeared in Chester, but in mild form.

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Palmetto Lodge, No. 5, I. O. O. F. THE regular meeting of this Lodge will be held in Masonic Hall, THURSDAY EVENING, at 7 o'clock. By order of the N. G. R. B. McKAY, Secretary.

Survivors' Association of the State of South Carolina. Notice to District Associations. THE meeting of the Survivors' Association of the State of South Carolina, to be held in Charleston on THURSDAY, 12th inst., will assemble at the Hiernian Hall, at 12 M. The annual address will be delivered by Gen. Hood, at 7 P. M. on the same day, at the same place. A. C. HASKIN, Secretary.

Taxes IS a subject of considerable importance to property holders; but where to get the best Cigars for the least money is a thought that prompts all lovers of the weed to call on the "Indian Girl." The stock is To Be Increased In a few days to such an extent as to offer unprecedented inducements to both retail and wholesale customers; but now any calling may rely on saving at least Ten Per Cent. N. B. Every Saturday evening get a supply for Sunday. Dec 6.

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