

Foreign Affairs.

PARIS, December 21.—Cora Pearl has been expelled from France, in consequence of M. Duval, son of Duval who established a soup house in Paris, shooting himself in her presence. It is hoped Duval will recover.

8,000 students demonstrated in favor of Prof. Rolin, who was struck from the jury list in consequence of disbelief in the existence of God.

The Assembly has adjourned for the Christmas holidays.

LONDON, December 21.—It is feared the steamship Shannon, from Montreal for Hull, has foundered. The Osprey, from Quebec, reports heavy weather. Her carpenter was washed overboard. The river Oall has overflowed. The vicinity of Cambridge is a swamp. Book-side and Eyesburg are flooded. It is estimated that the fall water is 5,000 tons. A breakwater at Wick, Scotland, was seriously damaged by the storms.

PARIS, December 21.—The flood in the Seine is subsiding.

American Matters.

NEW ORLEANS, December 21.—The proceedings before Judge Durell to force the proprietors of the Times into bankruptcy, resulted in a seizure of the establishment. The Times was published this morning.

NEW YORK, December 21.—Putnam, the publisher, was in unusual health and spirits in his store, when he fell, striking his head against a projecting shelf, which caused his death. Apoplexy.

John Taylor, the great pigeon shooter, is dead.

CHICAGO, December 21.—It is reported that Bixby, clerk of Candler, general agent of the Star Union Freight Line, has absconded, with considerable funds.

AUGUSTA, December 21.—General Ambrose Ransom Wright, one of the editors of the *Chronicle and Sentinel*, and a member elect to Congress from the Eighth District of Georgia, died this morning, from nervous fever, after about three weeks' illness. A native Georgian of rare abilities, his death causes most profound grief, and will be mourned throughout Georgia as a public calamity. He was one of the ablest men in the South, distinguished alike by his military record, legal attainments and political abilities. He aged forty-seven.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 21.—Crook is enlisting friendly Indians to fight the hostile. If let alone, Crook expects to make a short and decisive campaign.

WASHINGTON, December 21.—Evening. It can be positively stated, on good authority, that Judge Bradley has not signified any intention to go to New Orleans during the present term of the United States Supreme Court, and it is pretty certain that he will not do so, unless requested by the President, who, as the head of the political department of the Government, is more especially charged with the political relations between the States and the General Government. It is understood the Supreme Court does not regard itself as having any power over the question whether Judge Bradley should or should not go to New Orleans, and his going there at all, at this juncture, at the request of private parties or from his own volition, might have the appearance of distrust of the two judges already on or near the spot. He would be very reluctant to take such a course, however willing to do anything in his power to aid in settling the unhappy difficulties which exist.

Probabilities.—For the New England and Middle States, Southerly to West-erly winds, cloudy weather and light snow to-night, the winds veering to South-westerly and North-westerly on Sunday, with clearing and cold weather. For the South Atlantic States, Northerly to Westerly winds and generally clear weather. For the Gulf States, Northerly and North-westerly winds and clear weather. From Tennessee to Ohio and lower Michigan, winds backing to West-erly and Southerly, and generally clear weather and higher temperature. From Missouri to Lakes Michigan and Super-ior and Minnesota, diminishing pres-sure, higher temperature and winds back-ing to Southerly, and very probably in-creasing cloudiness and possibly snow from Dakota to Wisconsin.

NEW YORK, December 21.—Evening.—The ship Matchless, reported lost, with all aboard, is safe.

George Francis Train pleads guilty to publishing a paper called *The Train Ligu*, which the indictment declares ob-scene. Train was remanded to the Tombs for sentence.

Bank statement.—Decrease in loans \$1,865,000; increase in specie \$1,000,000; decrease in legal tenders \$2,500,000; decrease in deposits \$3,375,000; loss in reserves \$615,000.

CINCINNATI, December 21.—The preliminary report of hogs slaughtered in the West indicates 887,000 in number. Reports regarding weight and yield of lard give a wide margin to estimates.

Financial and Commercial.

LONDON, December 21.—Noon.—Con-sols 91¼@91½. 5s 89¾. Eries 49¾.

LATER.—Eries 51.

LIVERPOOL, December 21.—Noon.—Cotton opened steady and closed quiet—uplands 10¼@10½; Orleans 10½@10¾; sales 10,000 bales; speculation and ex-port 2,000.

NEW YORK, December 21.—Noon.—Cotton dull; sales 797 bales—uplands 20½; Orleans 20½. Flour steady. Wheat quiet and firm. Corn dull. Pork dull and heavy—new mess 13.75@14.00; old 15.25. Lard heavy—steam 7½@7¾. Freights unchanged. Stocks strong. Gold dull, at 12½. Money easier, at 1-16@1/8 per cent. daily. Ex-change—long 9¼; short 10¾.

7 P. M.—Cotton dull; sales 797 bales—uplands 20½; Orleans 20½. Flour in moderate demand and steady. Wheat—spring 1@2c. higher. Corn heavy and lower—old Western mixed 63¼, in store. Pork dull and nominally lower. Beef dull. Lard steady. Groceries quiet. Freights firm. Money easier, at 7,

gold, with large business; closed at 7, currency. Sterling firm. Gold 11½@11¾. Governments ½@½c. better. States steady. Cotton—net receipts 289 bales; gross 289. Sales of futures 6,100 bales; December 19 1-16, 19 3 16; Janu-ary 19 3 16, 19 5 16; February 19 ½, 19 1-16; March 19 ¾, 19 ¾; April 20; May 20 5 16, 20 ¾.

LOUISVILLE, December 21.—Flour firm—extra family 6.25. Corn un-changed. Provisions quiet and steady. Pork 12.50. Lard—choice leaf, tierces 7¾; kegs 8¾. Bacon—shoulders 5; clear rib sides 8; clear sides 8¾, packed; orders ¼c. higher. Whiskey firm, at 88. Obstructions on South and North Alabama Railroad and Selma and Meri-dian Railroad, and suspension of naviga-tion, checked business considerably.

BALTIMORE, December 21.—Cotton dull—middling 19½; receipts 120 bales; sales 360; stock 9,323.

PHILADELPHIA, December 21.—Cotton quiet—middling 20¼.

MOBILE, December 21.—Cotton flat—good ordinary 17½; low middling 18½; middling 19; receipts 1,286 bales; sales 700; stock 41,144.

NORFOLK, December 21.—Cotton quiet—low middling 18¼ @ 18½; re-ceipts 1,670 bales; sales 200; stock 14,977.

GALVESTON, December 21.—Cotton quiet—ordinary 16; good ordinary 17@17½; receipts 662 bales; sales 800; stock 67,239.

CHARLESTON, December 21.—Cotton quiet—middling 19½@19¾; low mid-dling 18¼@18½; good ordinary 18½@18¾; receipts 1,603 bales; sales 400; stock 42,965.

AUGUSTA, December 21.—Cotton in good demand, at 18¼; receipts 905 bales; sales 1,047.

WILMINGTON, December 21.—Cotton quiet—middling 18½; receipts 250 bales; sales 13; stock 2,877.

SAVANNAH, December 21.—Cotton quiet and firm—middling 18¾; receipts 3,640 bales; sales 3,086; stock 8,600.

NEW ORLEANS, December 21.—Cotton in moderate demand and prices easy—good ordinary 18½; low middling 18¾; middling 19½; receipts 3,526 bales; sales 9,800; stock 166,205.

BOSTON, December 21.—Cotton offer-ings good; demand light—middling 20½; receipts 3,573 bales; sales 600; stock 5,000.

The London correspondent of the *New York Tribune* says that Mrs. Gates, who is one of the victims of Bowles Brothers, the American bankers, "is a lady of great age, a Southerner, who had disposed of her property in South Carolina at a con-siderable sacrifice, in order to put it in a shape in which both the property itself would be perfectly secure and the income from it certain." She loses \$5,000.

HOW TO PREVENT CHICKEN THIEVING. A gentleman in Delaware County, Penn., whose chicken roost was the scene of many depredations, a few days ago shut an old buck up in his chicken house. Late in the night fearful yells, mixed up with frantic cries and awful curses, were heard, and, upon going to the scene, a sprawling chicken thief was found, "with a head on him," and an old ram going for him with a vengeance.

CHERING.—The *Greenville Mountain-eer* learns that Mr. Henry Gremshaw, of Canada, has purchased 570 acres of the lands of the late Col. E. S. Irvine, in-cluding the family homestead. The price to be paid for these valuable lands is \$9,120. Mr. Gremshaw expects, at an early day, to bring about twenty families from Canada to settle on the place.

Philosophers do sometimes commit suicide. One did in Cleveland, Ohio, the other day, and the *modus operandi* was interesting. He first loaded his re-volver, and connected it with clock-work, so that it should be fired off at a certain time. Then he took a dose of chloroform, and before he awoke had passed painlessly and peacefully into eternity.

The experiments thus far made in Fresno County, Cal., in the growing of cotton, have been so successful, that it promises to become one of the leading cultures of the Joaquin Valley, much of the ground that has hitherto been un-suited to other crops being found excel-lently adapted to this staple.

THE FUNDED LOAN.—A despatch from Washington says: "It is said that rep-resentatives of a syndicate of German bankers are ready to take the whole four, four and a half and five per cent. funded loan for a commission of 2½ per cent., leaving the treasury free of all expense."

A Barnesville youth, after carrying his sweetheart to her father's door and faltering out a tender good-night, was escorted to the gate by the deep-mouthed watch-dog. The young man says it is impossible to shake himself entirely free from the suspicion that the old man was hid out in the shrubbery.

An Illinois cattle drover, while riding in Minnesota recently, heard the explo-sion of a pistol and felt himself wound-ed in the hip. After yelling "assassins," he learned from his burning breeches that the bombardment proceeded from his own pocket.

In Downieville, Cal., in 1853, a wo-man was attacked with insanity and shot a miner. The populace immediately be-came insane and hung her by the neck to a bridge. It is needless to say that Mrs. Fair does not propose to settle in Downieville.

A Detroit dying man grasped a watch and held it so firmly that after death the fingers could not be unclasped, and the watch was buried with him. He must have died of tick dolour.

Keep sober and then you can talk straight. One of our druggists was quite surprised the other day, to hear a fellow inquire if he had any of "Mrs. Soothlow's Winsling Slyr'p."

When a man falls into a forty foot well at Omaha, and ropes are not at hand to draw him up at once, a bottle of whiskey is sent down to him as an elevator.

A GIFTED MEMPHIS LAWYER, WHO EDITED TWO PAPERS, BOTH DAILY.—An antiquated writer in the *Memphis Appeal* has dug up out of his memory the following rich story. The young lawyer referred to is still flourishing in Memphis:

There was never greater excitement than that which grew out of this infernal navy yard business. Half the people were in favor of accepting the property, and half or more opposed to it, the latter thinking that the Govern-ment might be induced even yet to make liberal appropriations and perfect the navy yard, and build ships and steamers here. There were two newspapers pub-lished here—one a morning publication, edited by a gentleman of no ordinary ability, named Bankhead, who was tragically and mysteriously assassinated some six years ago. There was another, an afternoon paper, called the *News*, (I believe that was its name,) edited by a man named Yancey. These editors op-posed one another on the navy yard question, and their discussion had be-come a good deal of excitement, when both went away for the summer, and each without the other's knowledge em-ployed the same man, this young lawyer, to conduct his paper in his absence. The young limb of the law, naturally enough, took to both sides of the ques-tion. He made the controversy between the two papers hotter and hotter on each successive day. Crowds gathered each afternoon about the *News* office, and somebody expected that the two furious editors would shed blood. The coming duel in Arkansas was confidently anticipated, and the ferocity of the two papers was marvelous. Popular excite-ment was intense when Bankhead came hurrying home from Virginia and Yancey from Alabama, each thinking the other was about to murder his own sub-stitute. Such was the fever of popular feeling and exasperation that the story was necessarily kept quiet. If the mis-chievous fraud upon the public passion had been exposed at the time, the de-ceiving editor would have been hanged to a lamp-post.

AN INDIAN'S REVENGE.—The Rich-mond County (*Wisconsin*) *Independent* tells a curious story, which it asserts as fact, to the following effect: An Indian trapper and hunter has been operating in one of the Northern towns of that County, and near his camp lived a far-mer. The Indian had a box filled with rattle-snakes, covered over with glass. Last August, the Indian came to the farmer's house one day intoxicated, and asked the farmer to give him a certain sheep that he was preparing for exhibi-tion at the County fair, saying that he was hungry. This the farmer refused, but offered him a hen if he would shoot it. The Indian thereupon declared he would have the sheep, and fired at it, but missed it. The farmer then set his dog on the Indian and drove him away. A few nights since, the farmer was awakened from his sleep by something cold crawling over him, and, seizing the object, he hurled it across the room. He was horrified to hear the noise of rattles in every direction. Telling his wife to lie quiet for her life, he raised up and turned up the light, when he saw a large rattle-snake coiled up at the foot of the bed, ready for a spring. Seizing his revolver, he fired and shot off its head. The noise of the pistol aroused the hired man, who hastened to the room, and, before reaching it, (the door was open,) killed two rattle-snakes. Two more were killed in the bed-room, making five in all. At the foot of the bed was the Indian's box. It is sup-posed that he entered the open window and emptied the snakes out on the bed.

A QUEER DELUSION.—Here is a queer story, the truth of which is absolutely guaranteed by one of the most respecta-ble of Paris newspapers, *Le Temps*. A certain M. de B. has long been insane. He imagined himself a Chinese, wore the costume of the Celestial Empire, and spoke a strange jargon invented by him-self, and which he seriously believed to be pure Chinese. This was a very inof-fensive monomania. His family had, therefore, taken no precautionary mea-sures further than that of preventing him from going out. M. de B. awoke the other day covered with cold sweat, declaring that the Emperor, Tehong-Teheon, had condemned him to impale-ment. He asked to be left alone. When, at the end of two hours, his friends re-entered his room, he was found on a chair sitting bolt upright, with his hair standing on end. "Heavens, how I suffer," gasped he; "it is going through and through me." A doctor was sent for, and M. de B. was placed by force in a reclining position. "It is too late," he cried, "the stake is broken in my body!" and he expired under the full conviction that he was actually impaled.

A watering place correspondent writes that "very few bathers bathe at the West End," whereupon Mrs. Partington says she "had an idea they bathed all over."

An exchange says: "In the next Iowa Legislature there will be a Lyon, a Bul-lock, two Foxes and three Ducks." And, pray, how many asses?

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The friends and acquaintances of Rev. J. LEE DIXON and family, and of Mr. H. W. Dixon and family, Mrs. J. G. Bowman and family, and I. O. Morgan and family, are re-quested to attend the funeral services of the former, at the Washington Street Church, THIS AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock.

Auction Sales.

Agent's Sale.
Wm. Weston, Executor, vs. W. H. Dowdy—Sale to foreclose mortgage of personal property.

ON THURSDAY, January 2, 1873. I will sell, at public outcry, at the station known as Woodward's, on the Wilmington, Columbia and Augusta Railroad, at 1 o'clock P. M.: Three MULES, one Horse, one Mare, three Wagons, seven head of Cattle.

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Liquors, &c., &c. For sale low, by
Dec 22 JOHN AGNEW & SON.

Myrtle Lodge No. 3, K. of P.
THE regular convocation of this Lodge will be held TO-MORROW (Monday) EVENING, at 7½ o'clock, at Masonic Hall. Members will come prepared to pay up dues to the close of the year. Instruction will be imparted in the "Acroatic Agenda." By order,
L. M. HOLLAND,
Dec 22 1 K. R. S.

Palmetto Lodge, I. O. O. F.
THE members of this Lodge will assemble at Masonic Hall, at 2 o'clock, THIS (Sunday) AFTERNOON, for the purpose of paying the last and tribute of respect to our late Brother, Rev. J. LEE DIXON. All members of sister Lodges in good standing are invited to participate. By order of the N. G.
Dec 22 1 R. B. McKAY, Secretary.

Acacia Lodge, No. 94, A. F. M.
AN extra communication of Acacia Lodge, No. 94, A. F. M., will be held, in Masonic Hall, THIS (Sunday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to our late Brother Rev. J. LEE DIXON. Members of Sister Lodges and all transient Master Masons in the city, in good standing, are fraternally invited to participate with us on this solemn occasion. By order of the W. M.
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