

The Products of the South.

The staple productions of the South are by immense odds the most important items of our foreign trade, and without them our balances would long since have gone into obnoxious or would have destroyed our credit.

The popular theory referred to, when applied to cotton, is simply a loose way of saying that, when the market is overstocked, it becomes possible for buyers to dictate terms to holders, and that when a range has been touched, lower than the prospects of the market really warrant, buyers will take up the offerings with an eagerness proportionate to their faith in a return, more or less prompt, to a fair standard of value.

The St. Louis Democrat, in an argument upon this subject, mentions that in 1871 the cotton States devoted about 7,175,000 acres of their best cotton land to corn, and produced about 119,500,000 bushels.

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The address of the Rev. Dr. Baird, of the Cumberland Presbyterians, whose General Assembly is now in session at Huntsville, Ala., by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States in session in Baltimore, bearing a proposal for organic union between the two bodies, and the appointment by the latter of a committee to confer with the Assembly at Huntsville, looking to the consummation of that end, possesses an important bearing upon the future of the Presbyterian Church.

Affairs in Vienna do not look prosperous. The shattering of the Western front by a tempest of wind and rain is the first time since glass exhibition palaces were designed that their crystal walls have failed to insure ample protection against storm or avalanche.

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Mr. Editor: I think the lamented Scarborough has a fit successor in Albert Guerry. I have seen several of his portraits, and while all strike me as having rare merit, I have been more impressed by that of D. B. Miller, Esq., of our city, than by any other.

THE SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIAN AND REFORMED CHURCHES.—The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America meets in New Brunswick, New Jersey, on the 4th of June, and will be composed of two hundred and four delegates.

A correspondent of the New York Times, writing from New Brunswick, says that the most important business that will come before the Reformed Synod is the question of union with the Presbyterian Church South, and that overtures of such a nature will be made by the General Assembly of the latter church now in session at Little Rock, Ark.

GROWING DESPERATE.—The unfortunate spinsters of Massachusetts, who are every day increasing in numbers while by an unhappy fatality the marriageable males are rapidly decreasing, have determined upon a desperate expedient to relieve themselves from the "horrors (as Sir Boyle Roche would delight to say) of single blessedness."

NEPOTISM.—Secretary Richardson has announced his determination to break up nepotism, as far as his department is concerned. There has been much complaint because of numerous instances in which two or more members of a family are employed in the department, and with much less claim to consideration than others who have been unable to obtain positions.

The funeral of John B. Mordecai, killed in a duel, near Richmond, Va., took place Saturday, and was attended by a numerous crowd. The verdict of the coroner's jury was that he was killed by McCarty, in a duel, and finds that the seconds are culpable for not informing the authorities of the affair.

An eminent physician says: "Never enter a sick room in a state of perspiration, as the moment you become cool your pores absorb. Do not approach contagious diseases with an empty stomach, nor sit between the sick and the fire, because the heat attracts the thin vapors."

LOUISIANA COURIER-JOURNAL.—A day or two ago we had Captain Jack and his band scattered among the mountains, and were after them with a sharp gun, hunting them down with a vengeance blood alone could quell.

The present Modoc campaign is unquestionably one of great brilliancy. It is a pity, though, that all the brilliancy should be monopolized by the Modocs. This Government of ours is one of the most cruel governments on the face of the earth.

It is said that within the last twenty years people have squandered \$25,000,000 in trying to establish daily newspapers in the city of New York. We don't believe it; but if we had one-tenth of the sum, we wouldn't care a continental whether any daily newspapers were started or not.

One of the finest fields for the study of erpetology in this country at present is said to be the much talked of Modoc lava bed. That blissful region fairly swarms with rattlesnakes and scorpions.

THE BURNING OF COLUMBIA.—The question as to who is responsible for the burning of Columbia having been revived by some of the recent testimony before the British-American Claims Commission, has of late formed quite a prominent topic of discussion in military and other circles.

It is thus perhaps not to be wondered at that the military officers here, who are charged to be responsible for the partial destruction of that beautiful city, deny it with so much bitterness. The testimony before the Commission pointing to the Federal troops as the parties who fired the city is corroborated by the late James L. Orr, who, in a letter from this city last winter, distinctly states that he heard Gen. Howard say, that "the city was burned by the United States troops," and that he (Howard) saw them fire many houses.

There is a postmaster at Bamberg, S. C., who, we trust, will be spared the trouble which might arise from competitive examinations and a civil service law.

The Charlotte Democrat says that seven pounds of gold was recently taken to the mint in that place from the Brewer gold mine in the edge of South Carolina. It was run into one pound bars, and in that condition bought by one of the banks.

Local Items.

CITY MATTERS.—The price of single copies of the Phoenix is five cents. The Governor has appointed J. B. Ferguson Trial Justice for Chester.

There will be services at the Lutheran Church this morning, at half-past 10 o'clock. There was considerable rain, yesterday—Old Probabilities to the contrary notwithstanding.

Storms generally are a mystery, but you can always see the drift of a snow storm. This is Ascension Day, and services will be held in several of the churches of the city.

Fish chowder will be served at the Pollock House, to-day, from 11 o'clock to 1.

The law relative to reducing the number of internal revenue officers went into effect yesterday, and several hundred officials were decapitated.

A large number of the civil cases upon the docket of the Court of Common Pleas have, on motion, been continued until the next term.

Mrs. D. W. Hawthorn, of Honca Path, Mrs. F. G. Parks, of Greenwood, and Mrs. Dr. Edwin Parker, of Abbeville, died last week.

W. E. Rose, Esq., has kindly furnished us with samples of early vegetables—the first product of his garden. They came in very acceptably.

The Greenville Mountaineer, one of the oldest papers in the up-country, is offered for sale at auction—a capital opportunity for an individual who imagines he can run such a machine.

One of the watches found in the possession of one of the supposed burglars, who were arrested here last week, but afterwards discharged, has been identified in Charleston.

Mr. W. F. Brittain—he of the mutton-chop whiskers—with the old-established house of Corcoran, McLean & Co., New York, is paying business calls on his numerous friends in this State.

A Washington doctor asserts that "bald-headed men die young." He probably confounds cause and effect, and means that those who dye young are apt to become bald.

An infusion of celery is recommended by a contemporary as a remedy for nervous depression. This is according to common sense. Manifestly there can be no better antidote for a general feeling of sluggishness than celerity.

The pic-nickers return their thanks to General Dennis for the use of his boat and the necessary motive power; also to Mr. Hayes, (in charge of Neagle's Bridge,) for his kindness and attention.

Through the energy and perseverance of Mr. John Agnew, Jr., Mr. C. F. Jackson was enabled to remove his entire stock of dry goods on Tuesday night before 12 o'clock; and was ready, yesterday morning, to receive his customers.

A level-headed restaurateur is so incensed at the turn Indian affairs have taken, that he has scratched Julien Modoc off his list of wines on account of its disagreeable suggestion of July and Modocs.

A Cherokee chief is soliciting clothing in Georgia for members of his tribe who, having sympathized with the Confederates during the civil war, are not deemed fitting objects for the fostering peace policy which our paternal Government has extended to the Modocs and Apaches.

Numerous Western editors are trying to induce Sergeant Bates to march through the lava beds, bearing the American flag, and although they offer him the odds on bets of \$1,000 to \$1, he hangs back and refuses to undertake the enterprise.

Prof. Sheldon, who has given such general satisfaction by his skill in imparting instruction in dancing, is arranging a grand May ball, which comes off in Parker's Hall, on Thursday evening next, May 29. There are to be three quoons.

The Union Star Fire Company, of Charleston, previous to their departure, presented the Vigilants, of this city, with a silver water set, consisting of a tray, pitcher, two goblets and finger-bowl. The presentation was made by Capt. Robinson and the handsome gift received by Capt. Dennison.

THE TUPPER-CALDWELL HOMICIDE.—In the Court of General Sessions, yesterday morning, before Judge Carpenter, Gen. Butler moved that Capt. Geo. Tupper, convicted of manslaughter, be placed in the custody of the Sheriff, pending the decision of appeal in his case. The following order was made by the Judge, viz:

"Notice of appeal having been given by the counsel for the prisoner in the above case, on motion by said counsel, it is ordered, that the prisoner be remanded to the custody of the Sheriff of Richland, pending said appeal, who is hereby instructed and directed to keep the said prisoner in the County jail until the further order of this court."

FOR ALL LOCALITIES AND CLIMES.—A true specific is adapted to all localities and climates, and for this reason, that it strikes at the causative principle of the diseases which it is administered to cure. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, for example, is a true specific, not only because it fortifies the body against the external influences which prompt disease, but because, when taken as a remedy instead of as a preventative, it neutralizes the infective principle in the blood and thereby destroys the primary source of the ailment.

Dr. J. C. McLeod, of Sumter, died, on Sunday last, after a protracted illness of eighteen months. George Francis Train says he would have been President last time but for 3,000,000 d—d fools.

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