"Perfectly well. I had it last night from one of the post-office clerks, who was betting at my bank, and for whom I changed

"May I ask from which one !"

"O, from Carleton. He is a reliable fel-w. Have you any doubts about the bill?" "No, if you are sure you had it of Carleton."

"You could swear to it as the identical bank-note ?" Captain Wilkins glanced at the paper again.

"It's the identical rag," said he; I can take my oath of it."

This startling revelation gave a different phase to the business. The finger of discovery seemed to point directly at the senior clerk. Again the Agent, on leaving Wilkins, recalled Carleton's every look and word, in the conversation he had with him that morning. He could not recall the faintest indication of guilt. And he could not but hope that the young man was as innocent as he appeared; and that circumstances would prove him so. However, there was no way left but to follow the thread of evidence he had so far successfully traced.

He strolled towards the post-office, and found Howard there alone.

"Where is your brother-clerk?" he asked. "He we: t to dinner about five minutes

ago-rather earlier than usual."
"Very well; perhaps you can do my business for me. I mailed a letter here this morning, which I would like to recover from the mails, if it has not already gone A description of the letter was giv en. All this was done to prevent Howard from suspecting the Agent's real business with Carleton. The letter had gone, as the inquirer well knew, and he left the office.

But now his pace was quickened. He knew not what might be the result of his

interview with Carleton. It was a significant fact that he had gone to dinner at an earlier hour than usual. If guilty, what more natural than that he should take that opportunity of destroying any evidence of his guilt to be found among his papers at home !

The Agent had already learned where Carleton lived, and he hastened at once to his house. The young man's mother re-ceived him in a truly lady-like and hospitable manner.

"He just came in," said she graciously. "Sit down, I will have him called. He remarked that he had some triffing affair to attend to before dinner, and immediately went to his chamber. You may speak to bim, Sarah."

"I have only a word to say to him," replied the visitor. 'Perhaps it will be as weil for me to go to his room, instead of calling him down.'

"As you please. My daughter will show you the war.'

Sarah, a beautiful and stately girl of eighteen, conducted the caller to her bropaleness overspread his features on recognizing the Agent, but without losing his selfpossession, he invited him to enter the chamber.

"I have strange feelings on seeing you!" he observed in a very natural tone of voice. "What you said to me about Howard, has troubled me more than I would have thought it possible. Take a seat. Do you

"Not before dinner," replied the Agent. He made a rapid observation of the chamber, as he sat down. "You are very com-fortably situated here."

"I have nothing to complain of. We live rather humbly, but we are not ambi-

Carleton then spoke of his mother and sister, in a manner which touched his visi- He examined the paper without spectacles, tor deeply. Could it be possible, thought and decided at once that he then and there the latter, that he was destined to destroy saw it for the first time.

the peace of the happy family? He shrank "Did you not buy a l with indescribable repugnance from the per- yesterday?" formance of his duty; but it inexorably urged him to finish what he had begun, and be produced the fatal bank note.

"Not to detain you," said he, "I have some question in my mind with regard to a bill I took this forenoon. I have been re ferred to you as the person who passed it. Will you see if you recognize it!"

Again the swift pallor swept over Carleton's face; but this time it was more mark-ed than before, and his fingers trembled as ed rightly, from his character, that he would ton's face; but this time it was more markhe examined the bill.

"Certainly," said he, "I recognize it. It's a note I changed with Captain Wilkins

"It also happens," observed the Agent, "to be a note which, according to an accurate description I have of it, was recently lost in the Southern mails. This is as painful to me, Mr. Carleton, as it is unexpected; and I hope you will be able satisfactorily to eccount for the manner in which you ob-

tained this money."

"It is still more painful to me than it can he to you," replied Carleton; "and heaven knows I heartily wish I could not tell how that bill came into my possession. I remembered it, after you left me this morning ; and I had a presentiment that trouble would come out of it. I am afraid, sir," Carleton added, after some hesitation-"I am afraid your suspictions of Howard will prove too sell founded ! "
"Do you mean to say, that Howard is responsible for that hill !"

Twill tell you sill I know about it, sign I was a long the past season. He proved too high spirit found lying upon the floor, with an empty will be side after. I sold it to g neights reside after. I sold it to g neight burs life Fellows. He was to pay burded dollars down—and this is

"He replied that he could do no better her late happy days but a few months. And THE INDEPENDENT PRESS more was said about Howard's good luck in no pain.

rompily, and so we parted." sked the Agent.

"I saw him ten minutes ago enter a store in the village." "You are sure he will corroborate your

statement?" "There's no doubt of it. He's a plain practical man, who tells a straight-forward

and find him."

eft the chamber. "I've a little business to transact before

dinner, mother," said the young man, as ence. He was not a hardened sinner. they passed out. "If I am not back in a quarter of an hour, do not wait for me."

But little difficulty was experienced in law of cading Mr. F. H. finding Mr. Fellows. He was such a per-son as Carleton had described; but he more serious offences. Then, in an unguarddeemed it expedient to retire with him and cinating, but gay and heartless woman, unloud talking would not be overheard. The truth and purity of manhood. It was her of the private room of the post office. The deadly drug that destroyed his life. To Agent readily agreed to this, for he was meet her necessities for dress and dissipasomewhat anxious to make sure of Howard; tions, he resorted to the faro bank. and he now resolved that the latter should though fortunate at first, he afterwards lost also proposed by Carleton, and when they had arrived at the post office, the senior ·lerk informed the junior, in a low and seious tone, that his presence was requested in the private apartment.

"But who will attend in the office?" asked Howard.

"I'll speak to one of the clerks in the store; they accommodate us very often in this way," Carleton added, addressing the Agent. "It's only round the corner."

The thought struck the Agent that it chapter. would be safe enough to accompany Carleon. But to do so, it would be necessary to leave Howard, who, if guilty, might by this time have suspected the danger at hand. Besides, it seemed not at all probable that Carleton could have any motive for attempting to escape. His position in society, his family circumstances, his frank and manly demeanor-everything tended to disarm suspicion. Furthermore, nothing could be more satisfactory than the story he had related of the manner in which he obtained the fatal bill. He was accordingly suffered to leave the office. As there were persons passing in and out, the Agent did not consider it proper to broach the important subwet until Carleton's return.

not reappear.
"I thought he said he had only to go around the corner," said the Agent.
"It is probable," Howard replied, "that the boys have gone to dinner. In that

case, if your business is important, he has possibly gone to call the post master him-

A quarter of an hour passed. Carleton had had time to walk to Mr. B.'s house and back, but still he did not make his appearance. The Agent grew uneasy. He waited five minutes longer, then resolved upon

a decisive step.
"Mr. Fellows," he cried in the deaf gentleman's ear, "did you ever see that bill before ?" Fortunately, Mr. Fellows' sight was good, though his hearing was bad.

"Did you not buy a horse from Carleton

of selling his mother a pony, but I never bought anything of him. The truth flashed upon the Agent's un-

derstanding. For his credit let it be declared, Carleton had played his game with consummate art that would have deceived "the very elect." No time was lost in obtaining traces of

not attempt to leave town. He anticipated a more melancholy fate for the unhappy youth. Some inward prompting seemed to direct him to an apothecary's shop not many doors distant, and on inquiry he learned that Carleton had just been there. "Which way did he go f

"In fact, I am not certain he has gone," said the druggist. "He purchased some medicine, remarking that he wished to write out some directions for its use, and stepped into the back room. I have been very busy, and he may have passed out without my seeing him.

The Agent sprang forward. The door was locked upon the inside. "What medicine did you sell him !

sked the Agent. "Oh I you needn't be alarmed, he has studied medicine, and knows how to use

these things." "He knows how to use them too well ! This door must be forced. His life depends all man were all that remained visible of him among the smoking ruins."

ollers down—and this is emerged the support the second the stater not only to support the shock man's party—the Democratic; the black man's party—the Black Republicans; the malato party—the Black Republicans; the malato party—the Black Republicans; the malato party—the Row Nothings—to time was to be loss yet dead, a Medical assistance was speedily

by me, and added he thought Howard would though the sister was afterwards happily like to change it for me. 'How so ?' said I. married, it is said that, from the date of her ke to change it for me. 'How so I' said I. married, it is said that, from the date of her 'You remember," said he, 'that How brother's disgraceful end, a continual cloud ard bought a house lot of me, some time ago. The last payment come due yesterday. He scemed reluctant to part with this bill, and passed into that land where kindred souls said if I would wait, he would give me speare destined to meet again; and these allucie for it in a day or two.' Something sions to her sad family history will give her

The secret of Carleton's lapse from virtue making payments for the house lot, so is soon told; and the lesson is one that ev-"Where will I find this Mr. Fellows!" ery youth, who considers himself secure from temptation, should heed and carefully remember. The devil never boldly enters the citadel of rectitude, at the outset. He first walks around, and passes by; then holds a parley, and "makes the worse appear the better reason;" and ends by gaining permission to walk in just once promising thenceforth to cease his solicitations, "Come, then," said the Aent, "we will go and keep aloof. But once admitted, he goes artfully to work to destroy all our de-Carleton readily assented, and the two fences, and before we are aware of it, he is a permanent occupant of the castle.

Such was undoubtedly Carleton's experiwas truly a man of generous and noble im-But little transgressions of the stern law of conscience had in his boyhood weakurned out to be very deaf, and the Agent ed hour, he formed an attachment for a fas-Carleton to some secure place, where their der whose influences his soul fell from the derk proposed that they should make use hand which indirectly administered the se present at the interview. This plan was extensively, and became pecuniarily embarrassed. He borrowed money, which he was unable to return. Only one course seemed

> doubt, that success at the faro bank would swell those unlawful gains, and cancel the necessity for further depredations. But let us not pursue the sad topic. The end we have seen, and we will hasten to turn the last leaf of this melancholy

open to him, to save his honor in the public

ye. At first, he purloined cautiously and

abstemiously from the mails, hoping, no

The Foreign News.

There is little that is salient in the new y the Persia. It is said on all sides that the Peace Conference is going on favorably; but as no one is able to give even a specious hint of what it has done or is doing, the asurance is of no value. In the mean time France and England are increasing their armaments and sending them forward to favorable points for commencing the third campaign. This may be bravado to influence the negotiations, or it may be from a distrust of their results, - perhaps a mixture of both.

The English newspapers express the mos perfect assurance of peace. But there is a results. What is to become of Turkey if she is left to her own resources! Th Western nations are beginning to understand what the wise Nicholas meant when he said that "Turkey is a sick man." - France is in possession of Constantinople, and will not be at liberty to leave it till there is assurance that the sick man is able to take charge of his own affairs. The British Government, as consulting physician, has demanded possession of certain points in the Empire, by way of making sure that the years shall be secure of their efforts, and and abic. d." that French practice shall not get all the credit of the cure. The readers of Gil Blas may count the probabilities of a professional collision.

The truth is, that Empire which the Allies "No," said Mr. Fellows; "I have talked hesion there was in it, and if they "stand from under," it crashes down from its own weakness. We believe that the statesmen of Europe perfectly well understand this, and that they do not acknowledge it simply because the acknowledgment would throw ridcule on the pretexts of the present war. The Ottoman Empire can only be preserved by forces from without; and the real question is, who shall guard the props! The Allies are not agreed on this point, and Russia has an interest in this question that she is not to relinquish without a good reason. Charleston Mercury.

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT .- The Gallatin

(Miss.) Argus of the 29th ultimo gives the following account of a terrible accident : The most horrible occurrence that w have heard of for a long time occurred eight miles from this place, on the Jackson road, at the store of Mr. Allman, this morning.

Allman was smoking in the store-room, and being called to breakfast, started out, and it is supposed passed over a keg of powder, dropping fire into it. The house was lev-eled to the ground by the explosion that ensued, and was soon wrapped in flames. Some persons near by ran to the spot, and succeeded in getting Mrs. Allman from the ruins, badly but not dangerously burnt and bruised. No property was saved, and a gentleman just from the spot tells us that the skull and the ribs of the unfortunate

Gov. Wise on Pauries.—Gov. Wise thus designates the three Parties which will enter into the next Presidential race:

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Religious Notices.

THE Rev. Mr. COHEN, a converted Jew and a member of the Charleston Presbytery, will preach in the Presbyterian church, in this village, on next Sabbath.

the deceased are invited to attend.

The Presbytery of South Carolina will hold its next regular meeting at Willington church, in Abbeville District, commencing on Friday before the fourth Saturday in April next

We are again in receipt of public documents from Senator BUTLER and Hons, ORR and BROOKS. From Col. ORR we have the correspondence between the United States and British Governments in relation to the Central American and Enlistment questions, which we are especially pleased to receive.

THE Washington correspondent of the Charleston News says the Ohio delegation to the Cincinnati Convention have resolved that the vote of the State shall be cast as two-thirds of their members determine. Two-thirds, it is said, are in favor of Mr. Douglass, which will secure him Ohio, not a small vote to begin on.

WILLIAM M. GOODLET, of Greenville district, a member of the Palmetto Regiment, who was in actual service in nearly all the battles upon Scott's line of operations, died in that district recently.

Red River, burst her boiler, and was destroyed by fire, on Tuesday, 18th instant. A number of persons are missing, and sevral injured.

THE Irish News is the title of a weekly ewspaper, the first number of which will appear on Saturday, the 12th of April, under the editorship of THOMAS MEAGHER, at New York. The Irish News is "dedicamedicines administered during the last two ted to the service of the Irish people at home

Ir appears from the annual message of BRIGHAM YOUNG, that the revenue of Utah Territory for the past year amounted to \$17.have saved, is only safe so long as they keep 348, being an increase of \$10,952 over the their shoulders under its walls. They have taken away the small remains of native adrecommended by the Governor. The fortifications of the Territory are advancing towards completion, its manufactures increas ing, and property rapidly rising in value.

> WE would direct particular attention to the new and flourishing advertisements which appear this week. They give encouraging evidence of life and activity in the various branches of business, and an earnest of still greater life and activity to come We have not the space to note each separately, but hope the reader will not fail to so say, for the patronage thus bestowed upon our humble enterprize, and hope every increase of profit thus secured to us may be followed by a tenfold, increase to every one of those who thus aid the public, themselves, and us.

> Savannah Valley Railroad. which we would direct attention. It was taken from the True Carolinian, and designed for our last week's issue, but was unavoidably deferred.

Since the writing of that letter, at an adourned meeting of the citizens of Augusta. a majority of the committee previously appointed reported in favor of the City Council subscribing five hundred thousand to the capital stock of the company, on certain conditions, one of which is that one million shall be subscribed outside of Augusta. A minority of the committee reported adversely to any subscription. It was resolved to have the question submitted So, we shall probably soon know appriets will do - We esquot doubt.

Congress.

THE Kansas contested election has been the subject-matter of delinte in the House ever since its organization. The Committee on elections made a report asking for authority to send for persons and papers. which was strenuously opposed. A substitute, authorizing the appointment of a special investigating committee of three to go to Kansas and look into the case was finally adopted, and SHERMAN, of Ohio, OLIVER, of Missouri, and Howard, of Michigan, have been appointed. Their return from Kansas with their report will be looked to with much interest.

The Senate has also been engaged for some time in talking over this Kansas affair. plow,) is offered for sale. Apply to Mr. F. Mr. Douglass recently read a report providing for the admission of Kansas as a State whenever she shall have the requisite population. It is said to be a most masterly review of the question.

An interesting and rather exciting debate sprung up, a few days since, between Mr. Douglass and his colleague, Mr. TRUM-Rev. JAS. M. CHILES will preach the BULL. The latter is of the deep Freesoil funeral sermon of Mrs. ELIZABETH McCORD. stripe, and claims to represent more truly at Beuloh church, on Sabbath next, 30th than Mr. Douglass the sentiment of Illiinstant. The friends and acquaintances of nois. DougLass proposed to him that they should both resign now, and submit their re-election to the next Legislature, and thus determine who is the representative of their State. But TRUMBULL had not quite faith enough in his own position to accept the banter.

> We notice little else of interest in Congressional proceedings.

[FOR THE INDEPENDENT PRESS.] Kansas Meeting.

AT a meeting of the two Committees, which were appointed last Sale-day, held at the Court House the 22d of the month, it was determined that all suitable persons who should enrol their names as emigrants to Kansas, will be accepted, and shall receive an outfit of two hundred dollars; that Thursday, the 10th day of April, be the time of their departure from Abbeville Court House; and that those who accept the outfit, will be required to remain in K usas until a Constitution shall be adopted by the people of the Territory in due form of law. It was further resolved, that a meeting be called on next Sale-day, at the Court House, and that the meeting be addressed by Hon. A. BURT, Col. MARSHALL and Gen. McGowan.

The Committee are happy to announce to their fellow-citizens, that eleven true and gallant men - Dr. J. M. PELOT, J. H. Con-NOR, G. W. CONNOR, E. A. HODGES, P. M. CONNOR, W. A. GRAYDON, J. T. Mc-NEILL, WILLIAM APPLETON, WILLIAM MO-GILL, ALEXANDER McNEILL, and ANDREW N. DARRICOTT-have enrolled their names as emigrants, and that handsome contributions of money have been made. The Committee are encouraged by their present success to hope that twenty-five or thirty men will be enrolled, and ample funds to equip them obtained, by the day appointed for their departure.

The emigrants to Kansas will go out as a mere colony, without military organization or equipment. They will carry only the implements that are useful in the private and peaceful pursuits of life. It is not expected that they will be called on to engage in any military expedition or enterprise, but if it become necessary to defend the Constitution of the Country, or the cause of the South, by the might that is in a freeman's arm, they will be expected, every man of them, to do their duty. Those who have enrolled their names, are young men of high respectability, some of them of education-all of them fit associates and companions for our most worthy citizens.

The soil of Kansas is of teeming fertility the climate one of the finest on earth. It is a tempting enterprise to those who seek do so carefully. We are thankful, and will fortune-it is a glorious field for those who seek fame. The cause appeals to the courage and enterprise-to the pride and patriotism of Southern men-to the sympathics of all good men. The destiny of Kansas is the destiny of the whole South. Her triumph will be our triumph-her humiliation will be our humiliation. Her cause is the cause of the Constitution, of the Union, A LETTER from Col. Cathoun, on this of the public peace, and of constitutional subject, appears on the preceding page, to liberty. Brave men and true men will rush from every county and village in the South to the rescue of Kansas. Shall South Carolina, shall Abbeville be a laggard in such a contest t Then, let the meeting next Sale-day be one of those immense gatherings of the people - one of those noble demonstrations of patriotic enthusiasm which have given to Abbeville so much character, and to the State so much renown.

ARMSTEAD BURT. Chairman Joint Committee.

THE Anderson Gazette of the 19th inst. states that the Merchant Mills of Mr F. E. Harrison; were burned down on the night of the 14th. The fire, which it is suspected was the work of an incendiary, was discov was resolved to have the question submitted to the people to decide at the polles, and too late the screen it. The mill was a very superior one after the morning, but too late the screen it. The mill was a very superior one and cost about \$10,000. There was an insurance of fire thousand dollars upon the folliding and machinery. Some

[From the Lexington Express, March 9.] Arms for Kansas Arrested.

The good steamer Arabia arrived at our wharf about sunrise this morning. Immediately on landing, a committee was despatched up town to inform our citizens that person from Massachusetts was on board, aving in his possession one hundred Sharp's rifles and two cannon, destined for service in Kansas, and sent forward by the Massachusetts Aid Society. This information brought together many of our most respectable and reliable citizens, when a conference was had by them with Mr. "Start." with a view of inducing him to leave the "dangerous" weapons with our citizens for safe keeping. This he assented to, and delivered the "goods" up, subject to the requi-sition of Governor Shannon, or his successor in office. The proceedings were orderly, and although the determination to arrest the arms was decided, no one talked of vi-

The arms were boxed up and marked "Carpenters' Tools." The discovery that they were on board was made at or below Glasgow, from a letter, of which the following is a copy, dropped by Mr. S. in the cabn, and picked up by a boy and handed to Capt. Shaw, by whom it was read aloud in the social hall. The passengers and officers were highly incensed at the disclosures, but no indignity was offered to the miserable disorganizer. The letter is as follows:

MISSOURI RIVER, above St. Louis, Friday Morning, March 7, 1856.

Weather exceedingly cold and disagreeable, but fair on the steamboat Arabia, making about four miles an hour against the stream-writing in the cabin-about seventy passengers, some of them "border ruffians." My party consists of four, includ-ing self. The devils do not suspect they are "entertaining angels unaware," and talk and swear freely against the Emigrant Aid Socicety. My goods are so disguised that they will not be likely to excite any sus-

I shall probably land at Kansas city or at Leavenworth city, near the Fort, to morrow night, and then be within thirty miles of Lawrence. I am perfectly well and conficient, with plenty of money in my pocket-Can't learn anything from Kansas. The Mississippi above the Missouri is still closed with smooth, solid ice, and it is a very favorable circumstance that the Missouri has suddenly and unaccountably opened, as the river is in excellent order, and although we are on the first boat up, others are on the way behind us, and Kansas is in direct communication, by water, with the free States, while the weather is too cold for the border devils to leave home on a maranding expedition. I say again, the sudden breaking up of the Missouri river is exceedingly farorable to the free State cause. I suppose the free State Legislature assembled at Topeka this week, Tuesday, but what they did we may not know until Monday. It is rather probable that they adjourned until summer, but they may have continued in ession, and determined to "fight it out, faith," and perhaps that will be the best in the end. It is somewhat probable that I may go back to St. Louis soon, for another load of goods.

I will write again as soon as I have information to communicate, and get where I can trust the Dog Postmaster. Yours affectionately, START.

The "carpenters' tools" are now safely tored in this city. Great credit justly attaches to Capt. Shaw and his under officers for the just and manly course pursued by them in this affair. Three cheers were given the boat as she pushed off.

THE SEMINOLES.—The Florida News gives the following information regarding the government of the Seminole Indians: Like that of most of the Indian tribes, the government of the Sem nation. The nominal ruler now is Hu-la-to-Miko, or the Blue King, familiary known as Billy Bowlegs, but his authority is very much restricted, the actual head of the nation being Arpuika, or Sam Jones, who, though 103 years old, and blind, still exercises a mighty voice in the Council, and one. that, report says, is invariably opposed to Bowlegs. Billy, it is said, is now, and basbeen for a long time past, in favor of emi-gration, but Sam Jones is determined to-die in Florida, and vows eternal hostility. to the whites; and it is supposed, upon authority, that the late attack upon the United States troops was at his instigation.

A SOLUTION OF THE CUBA QUESTION Col. Baylor, in a recent letter to the New Orleans Delta, makes the following sug-

gestion: "Why not make a Cubat." By the constitution of an ample ship canals over Flor ida, we will be forming a great hig for all nations between the and the Atlantic; and slee be and the Atlantic; and see between the cific and the Atlantic; via Florida would be a highway research to commerce of the world, and within jurisdiction of the United States. In the States, of the United States. jurisdiction of the United States. Instead therefore, of expending time and shown in altempting to acquire Cabe, where expends the cald time and money is ship canal scross Florida! It was give us an independent extractic outlants the Cult and Pacific trade; including the Cult and Pacific trade; including the Mississippi—shorten the route to Energy-reduce the rate of insurance, and build in New Orleans."

The Donestic Trabe. We have from many reliable sources that the E Trade of Charleston has been extr