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THE NORTHERN MAIL failed yesterday from beyond Charleston.

SCIENCE AND RELIGION.

One of the papers contained, a day or two since, a communication, of which the object seemed to be an attempt to bring Electro-Biology under the ban of religious denunciation. If all experience had not demonstrated the difficulty with which new doctrines make their way, and the strange pertinacity with which the professors of God's word not unfrequently seek to obstruct their progress, by interposing that strongest of all barriers, religious prejudice—the intelligent and impartial inquirer might well be startled at such objections. But as we are well aware that GALILEO was accused of atheism, for declaring—the Bible to the contrary, notwithstanding—that the earth moved round the sun; that JENNER was persecuted as an infidel, for inoculating the system with the virus of a beast; that GALL was reproached with Fatalism and Materialism, because he taught the doctrine of a plurality of faculties, and that nearly every new system of psycology has been, in nature, subjected to gross obloquy and reproach, we can hardly be particularly astonished at finding, even in the 19th century, well-meaning and sincere people shallow enough to imagine that the electrical theory of life is an atrocious heresy, and hostile to the spirit of Christian faith.

It strikes us, that the first inquiry to be made, in respect to this, equally with other discoveries in science, should be, "Is it true?" The fundamental axioms of ethical philosophy and the suggestions of reason, alike admonish us of the excellence of truth. That which is true cannot be fatal to piety and morality. The Creator has made all his works subservient to man's physical, mental and moral improvement. To suppose otherwise, were to impugn his benevolence and wisdom. To imagine that he has made truth, like the Tree of Life in the garden of Eden, never to be plucked, is to advance an untenable proposition, for he has endowed man with faculties peculiarly fitted for investigation, and has planted in our breasts an insatiable desire to penetrate the secrets of science and of art. Now, if Electro-Biology be true, how can it prove detrimental to religion? If man possesses a power of controlling the muscles and imagination of his fellowmen, he does so in virtue of the mysterious laws of his organization, which is the province of science to investigate, and which indeed has been undergoing investigation from the dawn of medicine to the present day. The new theory of psycology consists of certain deductions drawn from a variety of exceedingly curious facts. So, likewise, was the old theory of chemical action, and the yet older one of vital action. Either one or more of these theories may be fallacious, but the facts still remain, and until they can be overturned, we would counsel those who would urge speculative and theological objections to the science, to proceed upon more rational and logical grounds—to abstain from the silly and puerile method of essaying to argue down a doctrine by reference to its supposed tendencies. Scrutinize the facts with unerring scrupulosity—dispute them, if possible, but do not seek to ingeniously and irrationally to array religious opinion against views which you cannot otherwise combat or overthrow.

It is certain that the phenomena of Electro-Biology are mysterious, wonderful, inexplicable. Must they therefore be rejected? Must the doctrine be regarded as at variance with Christianity? These phenomena, marvellous as they may be, are not a solitary one of those manifestations that daily and hourly occur unnoticed. The process of digestion, the circulation, the peculiar power by which one plant acts as a purgative, another as an emetic and a third as an anodyne—the polarity of the magnetized needle, the laudanum, the process by which we think, and ten thousand other facts, are just as astounding, and just as incapable of being traced to their immediate causes. Providence, doubtless for wise and beneficent purposes, appears to have shrouded the principle of causation beneath a veil of secrecy that mortal hands may not remove, while the broad and boundless domain of effects is extended before us, yielding its rich and precious fruits to all who give it patient, earnest and indefatigable culture. Nor in all this can we possibly perceive anything opposed to the spirit of reverential awe in which we should contemplate the works of the ALMIGHTY. On the contrary, every reflecting mind will behold in these amazing phenomena of Biology, Magnetism and their kindred sciences, additional evidence that the Creator is fearfully and wonderfully made, and abundant proof of the omnipotent might of that Supreme Being who has invested his creatures with attributes so peculiar and strange. The tendency of such researches is to strengthen religious sentiments and impart new fervor to faith. To us they would seem to produce consequences diametrically opposite to those which the apprehensions of the timid have conjured into existence.

The day has, however, gone by, never to return, when the march of science can be permanently impeded by sectarian opposition. People now a-days cannot be frightened back into ignorance, or delayed from prosecuting truth by any species of tyranny exersed over the human mind. The compatibility of religion with science is fully understood. The purest of Christians have time and again been the wisest of men. The very mysteries wrested from coy nature by long and painful exploration have but rendered them more conscious of the infinite knowledge and the endless beauty of the Power which created and preserves the Universe.

THE MONTEQUIN TRIAL.—The jury in the Montequin case, after being out all night, on the 19th inst., came into court, in the morning, for further instructions. After receiving the necessary information they again returned to their room, and, after an absence of an hour or two, they once more returned, and informed the court that it was impossible for them to agree on a verdict, as they had not changed from the opinion they held the day before, before for conviction and seven for acquittal. The jury was then discharged.

CADETSHIP.—Mr. Brooks, one of the Representatives of New York city in Congress, having a cadetship at West Point at his disposal, confined the duty of making the choice upon the Free Academy of New York. The faculty of the Academy have selected, from the most distinguished pupils there, Stephen H. Weed, who has accordingly received the appointment. This is a most honorable method of choosing, and as honorable also to the chosen.

ACQUITTAL OF HADLEY.—We learn from the Little Rock (Ark.) *Gazette*, that Samuel Hadley, indicted for the murder of Standifer, in the Indian country, has been acquitted. The killing of Standifer by Hadley was admitted by his counsel, they resting his defense mainly on two grounds. 1st. That by excessive intoxication for a long time previous to the killing, Hadley had become insane. 2d. That the wound was made in the Indian country, but death occurred in Arkansas, and therefore the U. S. Court had no jurisdiction. This latter point was overruled by the Court in its charge to the Jury.

MOCK GAMBOL.—The report of a horrible mutinous riot in Colombus county in this State, which has circulated so largely in the papers of this city, was essentially untrue. The facts in the case, as we learn from the Hudson Star, were these: Sheriff Ansable, of Hudson, in attempting, alone, to dispossess a man named Shurtliff, at Tagkhanic, a few days since, was resisted. He thereupon summoned a guard of men from Hudson to assist him, and, by the sheriff's officers were forthwith ejected from the premises. Though a number of rude persons went to extremities, none were killed, and no one was wounded. So much for another good story spoiled.—*N. Y. Journal of Commerce.*

CONGRESS.

In the SENATE, on the 18th, the Committee of investigation into the frauds between Messrs. Foote and Benton, was appointed. It consists of Messrs. Dodge, *Webster*, King, Phelps, Rusk, Bell and Shields. Mr. Benton then moved to take up the California bill. This was done, and Mr. Benton then moved to instruct the Compromise Committee to disconnect California from any other measure. Lost—yeas 25; nays 28.

Mr. Benton's nine propositions intended as instructions to the Committee, were considered, and all were rejected. After considerable discussion and the rejection of various amendments proposed by the Free Soil Senators, the the final question was taken on a motion to refer Messrs. Clay's and Bell's resolutions, with-out instruction, to a select Committee of thirteen, it was adopted—yeas 30; nays 22.

On motion of Mr. Mangum, it was ordered that the Senate ballot for the chairman of the Committee on the next day. The Senate then adjourned.

In the HOUSE, Mr. Brown of Miss., preferred the following charges against Mr. Horner, the door-keep. That the said Horner made false certificates, under, and by virtue of which, his brother drew pay as an officer of the House; and when it was notorious that he was absent from the City of Washington, and held office in the State, the duties of which he was performing and receiving his salary from the United States. Second, That Horner has dismissed from his place a page of this House without reason, and in an attempted justification has made charges against said page, which, if true, would disgrace him, and justify a criminal prosecution. Third, That Horner made a false statement in discharging his official duties.

A committee of five was then ordered to be appointed to investigate the charge against the Doorkeeper.

Mr. Richardson asked leave to introduce a resolution that a Select Committee of nine be appointed to inquire and report to the House:

1. Whether Thomas Ewing, Secretary of the Interior, has re-opened and paid the claim of the Ewings against the Treasury, amounting to $77,000, after the same had been adjudicated and rejected by the proper officers of the Government, before Mr. Ewing was inducted into said office—what events operated and what clerks overlooked said claims.

2. Whether said Ewing allowed $31,000 as interest on the claim of Com. James Barron, of Virginia, for services in the navy during the Revolutionary war, and after the principal had been paid, and if paid, whether simple of compound interest was allowed, and whether it was by authority of law.

3. Whether said Ewing paid the Chickasaw claim, amounting to $10,800, after the same had been adjudicated and rejected by the proper officers, and after Mr. Ewing was inducted into office—who were the agents of the attorney, and whether said agents held any office under government, and whether they now hold office.

4. Whether said Ewing has usurped power, and whether any officer of his has reversed the opinion of the Commissioner of Pensions; if so, on what authority it has been done?

5. Whether persons in office appointed by said Ewing corresponded for newspapers; and if so, what salaries they received, and what papers they wrote for.

The rules were not suspended.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole and resumed the consideration of the California bill.

In the House on the 19th inst., nothing of interest occurred. The debate on the California bill was resumed, and Mr. CLEVELAND, of Conn., made a violent Abolition speech.—The Committee then rose and the House adjourned.

TENNESSEE.—*Mr. Polk and the Wilmot Proviso*.—A second meeting, with reference to the appointment of delegates to the Nashville Convention, was held on the 1st inst., at Columbia, in Maury county, Tennessee, which, we believe, was formerly the residence of President Polk. Major Wm. H Polk offered resolutions in favor of the appointment. They were sustained by Col. Jonas E. Thomas, who said he would not have proposed the Nashville Convention himself, but thought, as it was to meet, the people of Maury should be represented. Judge Cahal, Hon. Barclay Martin, and Messrs. A. M. Looney, M. S. Emerson, and A. M. Rosborough spoke in opposition to the convention. The meeting finally adjourned to the first Monday in May.

The remarks of the Hon. Barclay Martin, who was Mr. Polk's representative whilst he was President, present, as they are reported by the Columbia Intelligencer, remind us of remarkable interest concerning Mr. Polk's opinions and public conduct. We submit them without comment at present.

Hon. Barclay Martin was thoroughly opposed to this convention. He saw no necessity for it. He alluded to the Wilmot proviso: said that it originated with Jefferson; that Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, and Polk, and he had voted for the Oregon bill with the proviso in it, *by the request of Mr. Polk*. Mr. Polk could not have signed the proviso in the Oregon bill, unless he thought it constitutional. Mr. M. adduced a most eloquent eulogy upon the Union. The time for any such movement as this Nashville Convention had not come, and he loved and believed it never would come. If a case should arise from the Convention, others were welcome to the honor; if evil, he wished it understood that he was not in any manner responsible for it.

WHAT IS DIRT?—Old Dr. Cooper, of South Carolina, used to say to his students, "Don't be afraid of a little dirt, young gentlemen. What is dirt? Why nothing at all offensive, when chemically viewed. Rub a little alkali upon that dirty coat spot on your sleeve, and it undergoes a chemical change and becomes soap. Now rub it with a little water and it disappears; it is neither grease, soap, water, nor dirt. That is not a very odoriferous pile of dirt, you observe there. Well, scatter a little gypsum over it and it is no longer dirty. Everything you call dirt, is worthy, your notice as students of chemistry." Analyze it! It will all separate into very clean elements.

Dirt makes corn, corn makes bread and meat, and that makes a very sweet young lady that I saw one of you kissing last night. So, after all, you were kissing dirt—particularly if she whitens her skin with chalk or Fuller's earth. There is no telling, young gentlemen, what is dirt. Though I must say that rubbing such stuff upon the beautiful skin of a young lady is a dirty practice. 'Pearl powder,' I think, is made of bismuth—nothing but dirt.

BRITISH NATIONAL DEBT.—Some apprehensions are expressed in high quarters in England that reductions of the revenue may be attempted in the conference on the food fatth due to the public creditor. "A school of *repudiation* is growing up amongst us," says the London Times, "and day by day gaining new converts, warning us that if now—only one generation removed from the war—we make no effort to liquidate our debt, and are goolily scrutinizing the obligation, it will probably be much worse in the time of our children and our children's children." Mr. Cobden declares that neither of the masses of the people will endure a shifting of the burden from property to industry; and the Times admits that "it would hardly be safe to put an ounce more on the broad back of industry."

The financial prospects of the British Government are, it must be confessed, clouded and gloomy. The recommendations of economy in expenditure and the appropriation of two millions sterling annually to the reduction of the national debt, project but a slow mode of final liquidation. It has been calculated that the investment of two millions annually at three per cent would pay off £780,000,000 in eighty-six years. But when it is remembered that the national debt has increased £27,000,000 during the last twenty years, during a general peace in Europe, the probability of a regular annual saving without a great reduction of expenditures seems very slight. It is true that of the twenty-seven millions added to the national debt within twenty years, twenty millions went for emancipation in the British West Indies and some seven millions for the relief of Ireland. Yet a nation, having such extended and complicated interests as Great Britain, can hardly expect to get through many years without contingencies involving extraordinary expenditures. A margin of two millions would disappear upon the occurrence of any difficulty in the East, in Canada, or in any other part of the world where England has possessions, or in the event of any sanctimus dispute with a foreign power.

A suggestion was once made in one of the British Reviews, the Westminster, that the best mode of liquidating the national debt would be to convert the funded stock of the government into terminable annuities for a period so long that the present value of the stock, thus converted, would not be impaired. The gradual decline of the value would not bring serious loss to any class of holders.—*Baltimore American.*

COMMITTED FOR ARSON.—Wm. Rush, charged with setting fire to the premises of Pierre Jacquette, at the corner of Gironde and Common streets, on Sunday last, was examined yesterday before Recorder Baldwin. The evidence against the accused was of a circumstantial character, and he was committed for trial before the First District Court.

NATCHEZ.—The U. S. ship Germantown left Lagoolera on the 11th inst., homeward bound, having on board two pilots, who will attend the number on board the schooner J. H. Lindsey, of Boston.

☞ We have been handed the following lines in reference to the public meeting to be held this evening.

[COMMUNICATED]

MR. CALHOUN.

It will be seen in another column of the paper, that a call has been made by a number of the most prominent gentlemen of the city, for a meeting of the citizens of New Orleans, to do honor to the memory of that eminent statesman, the late Hon. John C. Calhoun.

We are glad to see the citizens of New Orleans thus testify their high esteem for the pure character of the distinguished dead. It does equal honor to themselves and to the memory of that great and good man, to manifest an appreciation of his high intellect and unsullied virtue. The memory of such a man should be honored and cherished. He has set a bright example for the rising generation—especially for all who aspire to honorable distinction. In his high and proud career, they may behold the reward of high morality, integrity and unswerving virtue, without which bare intellectual power loses more than half its force.

In all parts of our country there should be appropriate tributes of respect to the memory of Mr. Calhoun. He has been about forty years in public national life, during which period he has been, at different times, member of the Cabinet, and was twice elected Vice President of the United States.

In every position in which he has been placed, he has exhibited equal ability and integrity. He has filled every office to which he has been called in such a manner as to sustain an unblemished reputation—as to have placed himself above the reach of envy or malignity. As Representative from South Carolina, in both branches of the National Legislature, he secured the almost unanimous love and attachment of the citizens of that State.—Never were constituents more devoted to a Representative—and never a Representative more faithful to his constituents.

In the many differences of opinion, often leading to excited feeling and violent controversy, between Mr. Calhoun and other eminent statesmen, he has never failed to secure their respect and admiration. He united to a remarkable extent those qualities that make up the perfection of human character—a powerful and well-disciplined intellect, with a high toned honor and a gentle manner, and warmth and kindness of heart, that awakened a love for him in his social relations, equal with the admiration of his brilliant course as a statesman.

MACON, Georgia, April 10.

Thus far, the present autumn, the weather has been very unpropitious. In January and February we had the solid weather that properly belongs, in this climate, to March and April, and in consequence we have experienced the worst disagreeable weather of the former months. The cold rains have been succeeded by high winds, and those by fogs. The rotting lands, under they were ploughed, have been considerably washed by the heavy rains.

It is not to be denied that the comparative high prices have stimulated planters to put as much land under cultivation for cotton, as possible, yet, the backwardness of spring, and the extensive overflows of Louisiana and Mississippi, combine to render the prospect ahead any thing but favorable to the planting interest.

The following letter from Beaufort District, S. C., is addressed to the Charleston Mercury:

This morning, April 14th, frost was seen as low down as Beaufort District, and I suppose it must have been enough in the upper Districts to do injury. In this region, however, we have nothing to complain of. The cotton has been planted, and in consequence of the heavy and continued rains, the seed has rotted in the ground. Many planters have been obliged to plant over, and the late cold, wet and cold spring will cause cotton to be later the year than last, and the probability is, the crop will be shorter.

Provisions rule in great demand, as planters did not provide against the contingency of planting their crops over, rendered necessary by the wet weather.

The following extract and notice from reliable parties in Alabama, are equally unfavorable:

PERRY COUNTY, April 16, 1850.

The rains of which you speak, have been shared literally by us. The wet and cold have rotted most of the corn and seed cotton, and in Harry, the ruin of planting over—others are warning, hoping that favorable weather may give them a stand. No acre of ground has fallen to the Northern prospect is wretchedly gloomy. We corn up sufficiently to work, and no column, and cannot tell if we shall have an

Extract from another large planter, dated

LOWNDES COUNTY, April 17, 1850.

I am ploughing up my cotton for the fourth time. The prospects nearly as bad as at the time last year.

The Columbus (Ga.) *Enquirer*, of the 16th inst., thus refers to the prospects in that region

We scarcely remember a spring so backward and unfavorable for planting as the present. In the middle of April with cold chilling winds, and every night bringing fears to the planters of killing frosts, the ground is unbroken in many places, some time or two, and the corn is rotted—unable in many cases to vegetate, are rotting in the ground. Planters are now in some parts ploughing up and replanting. Whilst in others they will not do it, with the conviction that they may get about sufficient to seed. The frost of two years ago, one of the most severe ever known, cut off immensely the crop of cotton, happened just about the time of the month, and was not in our opinion a whit more severe than the present season and withering weather. The crops that will be made must mean nearly start from and after this date, and must consequently be as late as that of the last season."

We might multiply these extracts, but lack of space prevents us. Suffice it to say, that the recurrence of a short crop would be a great evil, and one that we hope may be averted by a continued prosperous season. But though entertaining this opinion, we shall not hesitate at all times to express our real sentiments on the subject; and shall feel in no degree unwarranted in our duty towards the large mass of producers and agriculturists. Fortunately, we have at our command the pens of many of the most intelligent planters in the country, who will continue to advise us from time to time, of the condition and prospects of the cotton crop. The many friends who placed confidence in our estimates the season, will not be deceived in the information we propose to impart to them during the next summer and autumn.

The weather during the past week has been pleasant and seasonable, interspersed, too, opportunely by some fine showers. The river remains at the same stage last noticed.

COTTON.—Arrived since the 19th inst., of Louisiana and Mississippi, 4,280 bales: Tennessee and North Alabama, 3,970; Arkansas, 665; Texas, 250; together, 8,473 bales.—Cleared in the same time, for Liverpool, 5,444 bales; Havre, 2,944: Marseilles; 134; Genoa, 200; Boston, 200; Baltimore, 4,821; New York, 1,800; Boston, 1,004; Philadelphia, 201; together, 20,536 bales; making a reduction in stock of 12,063 bales, and leaving on hand inclusive of all on shipboard not cleared this day, a stock of 165,693 bales.

STATEMENT OF COTTON.

Stock on hand Sept. 1st, 1849.....	bales	13,675
Arrived last week.....		6,473
Arrived previously.....		740,804 749,457
		763,972
Exported last week.....		20,556
Exported previously.....		576,281 597,420
Stock on hand and on shipboard,		165,493

Business was suspended on Saturday in consequence of the non-arrival of the steamer, and only a couple of hundred bales were disposed of at former prices. Late in the evening, a telegraphic dispatch came to hand advising the receipt of the Hibernia's news with information of an advance in the Liverpool market, of ⅛@¼d. ₰ lb. This had an immediate effect, and 2000 bales were sold on Monday at an improvement of ⅛c. On the following day, there was also a good inquiry, and 3500 bales changed hands at a further rise of ⅛c. On Wednesday and Thursday buyers came forward freely, and sent 10,000 bales at another advance of ¼@¼c. ₰ lb. To-day, there was a good enquiry, but as holders generally asked ½b for Middling—a price which was paid in partial instances—the business did not exceed 1,000 bales. English buyers have been the principal operators, though purchases have also been made to some extent for the Continent. The receipts at all the ports now show a deficiency of about *six hundred thousand bales* against last year.

LIVERPOOL CLASSIFICATION—LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI.

INFERIOR.....	10—@10¼
ORDINARY.....	11—@11¾
MIDDLING.....	11¾@11¾
GOOD MIDDLING.....	12—@12¾
MIDDLING FAIR.....	12¾@13¾
FAIR.....	13—@—
FULLY FAIR.....	nominal.
GOOD FAIR.....	"
GOOD AND FINE.....	"

TOBACCO.—Arrived since the 17th inst., 759 hhds. Cleared in the same time, for Bremen, 1,066 hhds.; Genoa, 28; Marseilles, 104; New York, 152; Galveston, 1; Brazos, 1; together, 1,202 hhds. Stock in warehouses and on ship-board 15,132 hhds.

STATEMENT OF TOBACCO.

Stock on hand Sept. 1st, 1849.....	hhds.	12,980
Arrived last week.....		1,393
Arrived previously.....		27,293 28,686
		41,666
Exported last week.....		1,358
Exported previously.....		24,458 25,816
Stock on hand and on shipboard,		15,130

There has been a moderate demand for Tobacco since our last, and the sales have amounted to 1,000 hhds., at very full prices. We continue to quote as follows: Leaf, 4@6c; Leaf Inferior to Common, 6¼@8¼c; Fair to Fine, 7@8c; Choice and Selections, 8¼@9c; Manufacturing, 9@9¾ cents ₰ lb. We quote the following particulars of sales: 2 hhds. Ac'mmod. at 9c; 6 do. at 8¾c; 6 do. at 8½c; 18 do. at 8c; 103 do. at 7¾c; 20 do. at 7½; 20 do. at 7¼; 11 do. at 6¾c; 9 do. at 6¼c; 6 hhds. Refined, at 6¾; 6 do. at 6½c; 12 do. at 5¾@6c; 237 do. at 5¾c and 3 do. at 5½c ₰ lb.

SUGAR.—The demand has been steady, without alteration in prices, and the week's sales comprise 1,300 hhds., at the following quotations: Inferior, 5¾@5¾c.; Good common, 5¾@6¼c; Fair, 6¾@6¾c; Prime, 6¾@6¾c; Choice, 6¾@6¾c ₰ lb. A crop of 62 hhds. has been sold on plantation, 6c ₰ lb.

MOLASSES.—1,000 hhds., at the commencement of the week, were disposed of at former prices to grocers, and from 21@22½c ₰ gallon for the to consumers.

FREIGHTS.—The demand has been steady, without alteration in prices, and the week's sales comprise 1,300 hhds., at the following quotations: Inferior, 5¾@5¾c.; Good common, 5¾@6¼c; Fair, 6¾@6¾c; Prime, 6¾@6¾c; Choice, 6¾@6¾c ₰ lb. A crop of 62 hhds. has been sold on plantation, 6c ₰ lb.

The sales of the week amount to 1,000