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NEW ORLEANS:
THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 1, 1867.

Thanks to purser Gomiller, of the steamship St. Mary, for Brownsville papers.

MRS. MACE'S SCHOOL.—The vast circles of the Opera House were crowded last night with a delighted audience, to witness the interesting annual exercises of this popular institution. Owing to the lateness of the hour at which they were concluded, we prefer to reserve our report till to morrow.

SECOND LOUISIANA FAIR.—We are indebted to Col I N. Marks, President of the Mechanics' and Agricultural Fair Association of Louisiana, for a copy of a pamphlet giving an extensive list of the premiums to be awarded at the second annual Fair of the Association, to be held at the Fair Grounds, near this city, next November. The pamphlet also contains the rules and regulations governing the Association.

THE ABYSSINIAN WAR.

It is an easy matter for a boaster to pass for a wise man upon subjects of which the present company knows nothing, and any one who has crammed himself with a book of travels, or has seen somebody who once went to a strange country, can get up a story that will command attention. If not directly disputed by some pragmatic individual who has crammed also, the story will, very likely, be taken for granted, and he may set himself up for an oracle upon the politics of Chili, the dynastic feuds of Ashantee, the petty squabbles and jealousies of Abyssinian potentates. Hence it is that so many wild and improbable stories are afloat about the present troubles in Abyssinia, although it was scarcely three years ago that they first began. Seldom, indeed, has a very simple story been enveloped in so much useless mystery and ignorant assertion. The plain truth is, very few persons, even in England, know anything about Abyssinia until the present difficulties began, beyond the fact that it was a dreadful long distance off, and is a very inaccessible part of the world. To this amount of knowledge a few might have added that its capital is Gondar and that the Emperor Theodore is its reigning sovereign. Outside of official circles it was hardly known that England had any diplomatic relations with the court of Theodore, until the news came that Her Majesty's Consul, Mr. Cameron, had been imprisoned by that irascible monarch. To account for this singular proceeding rumor said that a letter from his Imperial Majesty had been unanswered, a piece of neglect, or contempt, his hasty and ungovernable temper would not brook. Considering the fondness of Lord Russell for indicting official letters this was hardly credible, but the difficulty was avoided by supposing it about a matter beyond the jurisdiction of the foreign office, and a most absurd rumor was put in circulation. Theodore, it ran, harm. Board that Queen Victoria had lost her most excellent consort, and appreciating her forlorn condition, proposed to relieve her distress by an offer of his own hand. It is needless to add that there is no truth in this story.

The real story is a simple one. Mr. Cameron, the British Consul at a Turkish town of Massowah had been engaged in some of the Abyssinian quarrels, and had been charged by the F O. to refrain from showing sympathy with any party. When sent out a second time his instructions were, in a general way, to endeavor to promote harmony between the two rival chiefs. This did not interfere with the former order, for a violation of which he was officially reprimanded; but he was to endeavor to promote harmony without deciding for either party. A shrewd man would have no difficulty in following these orders, but Capt. Cameron, it seems, was too fond of adventure, and preferred taking a hand in the free fights of that region. Finally Capt. Cameron was sent to Theodore with a complimentary message. The monarch asked him if he had brought a reply to his letter sent by him a year before. On learning that he had not Theodore flew into a towering rage, and ordered him to leave at once for Massowah. Instead of doing this, Capt. Cameron, on his own responsibility, remained at Gondar, and, contrary to his instructions, entered into the affairs of King Theodore. Becoming mixed up with the internal dissensions of the country he soon incurred the displeasure of Theodore, who threw him into prison. No answer coming to his letters, Theodore's wrath knew no bounds, and finally seized two European missionaries, Messrs. Stern and Rosenthal, who were also placed in confinement at Gondar. Through the agency of an envoy, one Rassam, Consul Cameron appealed to the Home Government for aid. Letters were sent to Theodore, but with no avail. He was now thoroughly mad. Repeated efforts were made to get the release of these men, and they were heard from now and then, showing that they were still alive. Many years ago the writer knew one of them. One was that Theodore had set the missionaries to make cartridges for him, the penalty of disobedience being close confinement. As this part of their education had not been carefully attended to they made but sorry work of it; and the taskmaster inferring, probably, from the kind of projectiles they turned out that this particular branch had been neglected sought another occupation. Accordingly he changed his occupation by setting them to minister to the spiritual wants of the people, not in preaching, but in making brandy; and, for all that is known to the contrary, they may be still engaged at the still.

Two years have passed and all efforts to procure the release of these men have been unavailing, and there seems to be nothing for it but force. Persuasion has no effect upon this hard-headed Emperor; threats do no good; and now he must have a taste of war. But Abyssinia is a long way off; its climate is a bad one for European troops; the war will be a costly one, and without honor or glory; while the approach of an army may be the death signal of the captives. It is now proposed to send some of the native Bengal infantry, and they, doubtless, will prove more useful than white troops. But there is another trouble about this matter. The Tory government has to be roundly abused about it. At the present time Exeter Hall and the Liberals are furious against the Tories because they allow poor missionaries to be imprisoned, and the majesty of England set at defiance. There is no disputing the fact that a beggarly monarch in Africa has twigged the nose of the British lion. But while this cry is kept up now the tune will change when the punishment comes, and then the "poor martyrs" who have been killed will come in for Liberal sympathy, as in the case of Jamaica. The commander of the expedition will find himself another Eyre as sure as he has any work to do, in reducing Theodore to terms.

The facts about the letter from King Theodore are three: The Sultan, it seems, as the head of the Mahommedan faith, claims to exercise some kind of jurisdiction over Theodore's domains. That he attempted to exercise it through his agents is true; but the Emperor immediately protested against this assumption of authority, and wrote a letter to Earl Russell about the trouble, which, had it been answered with decent promptitude, might have avoided the disgrace of the present dilemma. The trouble was, we presume, that Lord Russell feared to decide in the matter without understanding the facts in case of the other powers. As the Sultan is now in Europe he may be consulted about matters, and it is probable that he will take it up, send troops of his own, and make Mr. Theodore a vassal of the Ottoman Porte.

A person whose position allows almost oblique, like to go to all the functions given in the upper circles of society in Paris, says: "I am satisfied with pleasures, and the height of bliss seems to me some round company, where the only company I should see would be a servant. I have dined once every day for the last three weeks, and have not been in bed any night before 2 o'clock, and frequently not before 5 o'clock. I am satisfied with *poulet* and *entremets*, and wines, and long for some fashionable chop and *six ordinaires*, on a table where I sit with unbuttoned trousers, no neck-cloth, and in slippers." The highest circles of society in Paris were never so gay as they are now. The servants of the Tuileries are almost shaking with the fatigue, and, numerous as the imperial suite is, the horses are quite worn out. They are always on foot."

Women helped to work the engines at a recent fire in Ithaca, N. Y.

BY TELEGRAPH.

[To the New Orleans Bee]

FROM WASHINGTON.

The Surratt Trial.

Large Republican Convention at Richmond To-day.

Important Order by Gen. Schofield.

The Cholera Again in Memphis.

FROM EUROPE.

Foreign and Domestic Markets.

From Southwest Pass.

Miscellaneous Intelligence.

Washington, July 31.—Revenue receipts $789,000. Receipts for the month $21,500,000.

Merrick is making a powerful effort in behalf of Surratt. He has been speaking all day and will continue to morrow.

Several parties have forwarded proofs that they came honestly by the Missouri bonds stolen from the Interior Department. The Secretary has remitted the *onus* of proof in such cases, and the interest will be paid at New York.

A delegation from Pennsylvania, representing Conservative Republicans, called on the President to day. They represent themselves in no condition to act with the Democratic party, but propose acting distinctly. The President declined to give them advice, but expressed himself hopeful, saying that the issue of the hour was in the people's hands.

Washington, July 31.—Mr. Merrick commenced his argument to the jury for the defence. He said the feelings with which he argued this case were beyond the power and description. It was of an unexampled character, and the manner of prosecution was unprecedented in the history of the country. It was a case of greater magnitude than any he had ever known, and its surroundings were painful in the extreme. Under your oaths you have the prisoner at the bar in charge. The Government, believing this young man to be guilty of the crime charged in the indictment has caused him to be arraigned before you. Like arrayed against my client the best talent at the bar, and a large number of counsel in court and out of court, and I find high officers of the Government leaving their duties and devoting themselves to manipulating the witnesses for the prosecution. I find numbers of detectives all over the country picking up the paltriest rumors in this case, and millions of dollars appropriated, and all for what? To consign to the gibbet the poor, penniless young man. We have heard much about conspiracy, but gentlemen there are other conspiracies to commit murder under the forms of law. Why is it that there are all these appliances and this vast machinery in this case? Why all this wonderful array of counsel here and elsewhere? The course of this prosecution has been marked by nothing more than its unfriendly character. It has been conducted by the defendants counsel encumber this record. It can only be accounted for by the fact that a despotic power of the United States have strained every point and invoked every discretion of the Court against my client. Instead of representing the United States people, every accusation calculated to excite your prejudice has been urged upon you, such as I have never heard or seen before. Why has the Judge Advocate told you of the shooting of Union soldiers? Why has he told you of the hanging of the telegraph operator, and dwelt upon the poor boy? Why has he looked at the prisoner at the bar and told him: "You are a dying man; traitor and a coward?" It was to stir up your hearts all the passions and animosities which we have seen during our late war. Shame on the United States! I blush to see my country thus degraded. In this way seeking the twelve honest men to decide between

Richmond, July 31.—The following order has been issued by Gen. Schofield:

HEADQUARTERS FIRST MILITARY DISTRICT, STATE OF VIRGINIA, July 26th, 1867.

General Order No. 48.

1. In pursuance of section 1 of the act of Congress, passed July 19th, 1867, this district commander will proceed to these headquarters for the action of the Commanding General in cases of all State, county and municipal officers who are alleged by the Civil Government of the United States, or who use their official influence in any manner to hinder delay, prevent or obstruct the due and proper administration of the acts of Congress.

2. Hereafter, until otherwise ordered, all vacancies that so may occur in State, county or municipal offices will be filled by temporary appointment, to be made by the Commanding General.

3. The Governor and other executive officers, the Courts of law and Councils of cities are invited to recommend suitable persons for appointment to such offices as may become vacant, together with the names of the persons actually filled by their appointment, or upon their nomination.

4. Recommendations from State Courts, and from the heads of the Executive Departments State will be sent to the Governor for his endorsement. Those from any other source will be forwarded by the Civil Commissioner and Sub-District Commander, with their endorsement thereon.

5. General Order No. 16 from these Headquarters, dated April 20th, 1867, is hereby so far modified as to impose upon the Military Commissioners the duty therein required of the Presidents of the Boards of Registration.

6. All persons hereafter appointed to any office in this Military district will be required to take and subscribe the oath prescribed by act of Congress of July 2d, 1862, in lieu of the oath prescribed in General Order No. 9, from these Headquarters, dated April 9th, 1867.

By command of Brig. and Brev. Maj. Gen. J M SCHOFIELD, U. S. A.

S F. SCHALFIN, A. A. G.

Richmond, July 31.—A large number of delegates to the Convention arrived here on the train this evening, and the streets are alive with colored delegates, wearing the blue ribbon, the badge of the Convention. A large crowd is gathered around the Republican headquarters, on Governor street. There have been four or five cancenes already to-day, to arrange matters for to morrow.

Charleston, July 31.—A large Republican mass meeting was held here last night, freedmen largely predominating. Col Hacker, Assistant Commissioner of the Freedmen Bureau, presided. Among the Vice-Presidents were F. A. Sawyer, Collector of Internal Revenue, District Attorney and Judge, and several leading citizens. A motion to add the name of United States Marshal Epping to the list of Vice Presidents, was voted down by an overwhelming majority.

After several speeches, resolutions were unanimously adopted expressing an unalterable purpose to stand by the Union, and to submit to reorganization the Congressional measures looking to restoration, endorsing the platform of the recent Republican Convention in Columbia, and declaring the maintenance of that platform without qualification the only evidence in any candidate for public favor, of devotion to the great party, which will be ever serious alone the South can look for restoration.

Gen. Sickles has dismissed Magistrate Sealey, of Columbia, from office, for releasing on insufficient bail, without due regard for the public peace or gravity of the offence committed, Redcliffe and Dailey, the two men arrested there, charged with assaulting and beating S. Q. Thompson, a Northern correspondent, and W. J Armstrong, of Washington. The military have arrested both parties.

New York, July 31.—Money unchanged. Gold closed quiet at 139¾ to 140. Sterling dull—nominally unchanged. Government bonds firm, with no disposition to press sales. Stocks closed steady at a decline from the extreme prices of the day.

Treasury receipts $3,156,000. Payments $8,556,000.

New York, July 31.—Five-twenties of '62 coupons 111¾. Gold 140.

New York, July 31.—Cotton firmer. Sales 3000 bales: middling uplands 28c. Flour unsettled; heavy; sales 13,000 bbls at 13 to $16. Wheat heavy and 2 to 3c lower. Corn heavy and 1c lower; mixed Western $1 01 to $1 03. Oats steady and firm; sales 20,000 bush. Coffee active; Rio 15c in gold. Groceries steady. Freights quiet.

Louisville, July 31.—Sales 211 hhds Tobacco at full rates. Lugs $3 25 to $5 75; Leaf $6 to $26 50. Superfine Flour $7; No. 1 new $11. Prime Wheat $1 75. Corn, delivered, $1 05 to 1 06; in store 98c. New Pork $24. Prime Lard, in tierces, 12¾ to 13c. Bacon Shoulders dull at 13c. Clear Sides, packed, 16½c. Raw Whiskey in bond 39 to 40c.

Louisville, July 31.—River falling—three feet two inches in the canal.

Cincinnati, July 31.—Flour dull and lower; Family $9 50 to $10. Extra $9 to $9 25. Wheat 10c lower; Corn dull at 75c to bulk. Oats dull, new 98, old 84c Cotton unchanged: middlings 25 to 25½c. Whisky dull, 30c in bond. Pork $24. Bulk meats dull: 11¾c for shoulders, 13¾c for sides. Bacon quiet, 12¾ to 14¾c for shoulders and sides, 16c clear sides. Lard dull 12¾c. Cattle unchanged; Rio 25 to 27½c. Sugar firm at 12 to 15¾c raw; 17¾ to 18c hard refined.

Thermometer down to 55 outside the city, early to day.

St. Louis, July 31.—Tobacco more active and unchanged Cotton 22 to 23c for low middlings. Flour dropping and unsettled: extra $8 to $9; XXX $9 50 to $10; choice to fancy $11 50 to $13. Wheat dull and drooping, except fancy lots which is scarce: prime red $1 90 to $1 97½. Corn dull and lower, white 97c to $1 00; yellow 85 to 86c; mixed 99 to 93c. Oats lower; old 82 to 86c, new 75c. Pork dull. Bacon dull and heavy. Whisky 39 to 40c.

Baltimore, July 31.—Coffee unchanged. Cotton firm and quiet; middling uplands 27¼c. Flour—high grades active, Howard street superfine $10 50, family $14 to $16 50. Wheat advanced 5c; white $2 20 to $2 75. Corn scarce, white $1 25, yellow $1 14 to $1 15. Oats firm and unchanged. Provisions steady.

Vicksburg, July 31.—Down. Commenced, at 3 A. M. and Leminary at 10 A. M. Up: Continental at 5 P. M. River falling.

Memphis, July 31.—There are no apprehensions of trouble here to-morrow.

The cholera has again appeared in the southern part of the city. There were six deaths in a house in Mulberry street, and five in one on Front Row.

St. Louis, July 31.—An Omaha dispatch says the Indians are concentrating at Big Mud River Mountains.

The exports of assayed bullion from Nevada last week were $221,000. Receipts of crude bullion $641,000.

Mobile, July 31.—Cotton sales to-day 500 bales. Market closed firm at 23 to 23½c. for middlings. Receipts 43 bales.

Charleston, July 31.—Cotton quiet. Sales 72 bales. Middlings 25½ to 26. Receipts 205 bales.

Augusta, July 31.—Cotton market quiet but firm. Sales 160 bales. Middlings 25c.

London, July 31, evening.—Consols 94¼. Bonds 73¾.

Liverpool, July 31, evening.—Cotton closed dull. Uplands declined ⅛d Middling Uplands 10¾d; Middling Orleans 10¾d. Sales 10,000 bales.

Savannah, July 31.—Cotton firm; good demand. Middling 26c. Receipts 132 bales.

Southport Pass, July 31, 6 P. M.—Fine weather. Wind N. E. Barometer 29.50. Bilied steamship Crescent.

[Previous Dispatches.]

Southport Pass, July 31, 11 A. M.—Light north west winds; barometer 29.65; tide large. Arrived, steamships St. Mary, Talbot, Brazos, via Galveston, merchandise and passengers to C. N Whitney & Co.

Quarantine, July 31.—Remaining in quarantine, brigs Hope and Wm. Robertson. Steamship St. Mary passed up this morning at 6 A. M. Arrived and anchored last evening, steamship Pissano, Thornham, from Matamoras.

London, July 31, noon.—Consols 94; bonds 72¾.

Liverpool, July 31.—Cotton quiet and unchanged; sales 10,000 bales.

London, July 31, 2 P. M.—Consols 94 3-16. Bonds 72 13-16.

Liverpool, July 31, 2 P. M.—Cotton very dull. Sales will not exceed 8,000 bales. Quotations unchanged.

London, July 31.—Zeb Thorpe won the Goodwood race, with Woolsey second and Saltbush third.

Lord Stanley announced in the House of Commons that Napoleon had written to the King of Prussia, but the disclosure of the note at present made would be improper.

Paris, July 31.—The crops are damaged by drought.

New York, July 31.—Flour—market slightly favors buyers. Wheat dull. Corn dull; shade lower.

Pork firmer, $23 70 to $23 75. Lard firm Cotton firm. Middling Uplands 28½c to 29c. Freights quiet.

Stocks not so strong. Gold 140. Money 5. Sterling 110 to 110¾. 5-20's of '62, coupon, 111¾.

From Mexico.

From the Brownsville *Ranchero* of July 20th we take the following:

From our esteemed contemporary, *El Mercurio*, of yesterday, we learn that a new and infamous system of robbery has been adopted by order of Juarez. The system understanding by Maximilian left the City of Mexico for his Queretaro campaign, he ordered his carriages, various other effects in addition, that he had never paid his laborers and other employes about his house. The effects were sold at auction and passed into a thousand different hands. He directed the seizure of all such property, and ordered all holders of any effects purchased at the Emperor's sale to deliver the same up, under penalty of confiscation and otherwise punish all who should fail to comply immediately with the order. We should called this the very height of robbing and stealing. Information comes through Liberal papers, and is certainly true.

A San Luis letter from an American reads as follows:

Juarez by this time must have reached the Capital; but is already surrounded by enemies and very likely will soon be besieged. The reception of such men as Miramon, Mejia, Castillo and Mendez is producing a storm that Mr. Juarez cannot control. Gen Carlos Mira mon, brother of the unfortunate Gen Miguel Miramon, is in the mountains near San Miguel Grande, at the head of twenty five hundred men, and is playing the very devil generally in that section. Gen Negrete, with a powerful force, is in command daily. Marquez, with a large and rapidly augmenting force is further South in the Tierra Caliente. Reports are coming in from all quarters of Mexicans rising to avenge the deaths of their distinguished leaders, murdered at Queretaro.

Mexicans and foreigners, — especially Americans—here, are disgusted with the liberal government. In fact, the whole republican machine system is rampant every where.

SHOOTING OF DON SANTIAGO VIDAURRI.—We read in the *Globe* of yesterday. At six o'clock this morning Santiago Vidaurri was found in the house and garden of Don Jose Sad Camilo St. He preferred as other high officials of the empire, to hide himself from the authorities and let pass the occasion which we offered upon the occupation of the place by the Republican army to profit by those terms and means, compatible with the honor of his name.

At head-quarters, we are informed, there was found against him, by existing laws, one impediment which could not be passed by without the infamy of making a severe example, in consequence of which, the old Governor of Nuevo Leon and Coahuila was shot this day and proper administration of justice.

THE TRAITOR LOPEZ.—Colonel Miguel Lopez, the traitor, after selling Maximilian and his Generals, went to Nebraska to greet his wife. His reception was decidedly cold. His wife advanced to meet him, leading her little son by the hand, and addressed him as follows: "Here is your son; we cannot cut him in two, take him. You are a base coward and traitor You have betrayed your country and your benefactor. From this moment I am separated for I shall this day retire to my family."—*Go.*

SHOOTING AND PRESTAMOS.—Canales, the bandit, so the report come to us, levied a force loan on the town of Escobedo, near Villa de Reyes, the inhabitants of the place refused to pay. Thereupon Satando seized six of the principal men of the town, and had them shot—After the shooting the Alcalde of the place was found behind a fence shot dead, and the rumor was that he had committed suicide. All this is said to have happened on the 22d inst.

There is fun ahead, Mexico is Mexico again; the constitutional government is re established; touch Mexico and die.

$35,000,000.

This is the estimate for carrying on the military governments in the Southern districts during the next fiscal year. The estimate is based upon information received at the Treasury Department, and may, therefore, be relied upon.

As actual expenditures usually exceed estimates in advance, it would not be surprising if the sum total should amount to forty millions of dollars before the year is out.

Now, this money is taken out of the pockets of the people for no earthly purpose but to keep the Republican party in power. Not one nickel cent of it is needed to support the Government, for the Government does not need the support of the South, nor the South that of the North. The people can and will govern themselves, if the Radicals will only give them a chance.

The military bill, which empowers the Congressional Committee to register the voters, and to disfranchise all who should fail to comply immediately with the order. We should called this the very height of robbing and stealing. Information comes through Liberal papers, and is certainly true.

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CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Railroad Accident.—The train of the Jackson Railroad cars due here at noon yesterday ran upon a cow, half a mile this side of Frenier station, about 20 miles above the city, smashing the locomotive in a ditch and throwing the tender and baggage car on the track. Fortunately nobody was hurt. The track was subsequently cleared and the evening train came in as due.

Boy Run Over.—A boy named John Noble was run over by a cotton wagon and dangerously wounded, about 6 o'clock yesterday evening, on Julia street. The driver, a colored man named Wm Jefferson, was arrested.

Sudden Death.—Nelson Johnson, a colored policeman, died suddenly yesterday between 2 and 3 o'clock, while being carried to his home, corner of Bienville and Robertson streets. He was taken sick on his beat, spitting blood. The Coroner was notified.

Fined.—Charles Wilson, colored, was examined before Recorder Gastinel, yesterday, and sent before the First District Court for trial, for obtaining $10 from Geo. Alexander, colored, on a false written order.

Whose Watch?—Officer J. Feeney very honestly reports having found, yesterday morning, under the wharf, at the head of Ursulines street, an open face gold watch and gold chain, which he has deposited at the station. Mayor Heath should not remove Mr. Feeney certain. He will do to treat with the guardianship of our lives and property.

SPIRIT OF PROGRESS.—*The Merchants' Exchange*.—The inevitable necessity of a system adapted to the changes of our labor relations is well shown by the industrial organization recently formed among us. It is preparing to erect the pioneer ideas which Mr. Charles Briggs announced at the opening of the Merchants' Exchange last winter. It numbers among its most active members, Mr. Monlton, the president, and other members of the Chamber of Commerce. It will be thus seen that the Commercial Association is auxiliary to the Mechanics' Association and the Chamber of Commerce. It comprehends the constituency of those bodies. It will diffuse through society the Free Soil sentiments which animate all the enterprising and ingenious men among us. It will bring together energy and capital; citizens and strangers will meet and organize an action which will soon restore city and valley to their proper status in the commercial and industrial world.—*N. O. Commercial Bulletin*.

DEATH OF HON. A. W. O. TOTTEN.—Intelligence has been received in the city of the death, a few days since, at his residence in Jackson, Madison county, of this distinguished citizen. Judge Totten was for a long time a prominent member of the bar of West Tennessee, and on the resignation of Judge Wm. H Tanley, in 1849, succeeded that learned and able jurist on the bench of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. He brought to that high position solid qualifications as a lawyer, a personal integrity above reproach, and a share of intellectual endowment. He voluntarily retired after five or six years of service, and returned to the practice of his profession. In 1861 he was commissioner with Gen. G. A. Henry and the late Gen. Barrow, in forming the provisional alliance of this State with the then seceding Confederate States, but during the war he was a firm supporter of the Southern cause, but did not seek public station. He was nearly sixty years of age at his death.—*Nashville Union*.

Facts and Fancies.

A Mobile paper rudely speaks of Mr. Raymond as "that soft-spoken and mild mannered Radical savage."

There are about a hundred candidates for the office of Sheriff in St. Helena Commissionship, made vacant by the death of the late Mr. Hargen. Happy city to have so many willing servants!

Speech writing is a profitable branch of the business of Washington correspondents, several of whom can show scores of their speeches in the *Congressional Globe*, purchased at from $25 to $100 each.

Austin Bronson, of New York, seeks a divorce from his wife Hannah. He is afraid of her. She gets drunk and breaks the furniture. She pounds him half to death. He is a man of nervous accuracy, and modify colloquies about arsenic.

The moths have taken up their abode in Rev. Dr. Garnett's church in Boston, and have multiplied in such numbers that they have succeeded in causing the doors to be temporarily closed, in order that the upholstery may be stripped and dusted and the pews cleansed.

The following are some of the prices received at the late sale of the original manuscript of some of Sir Walter Scott's works: "Marmion," 761 guineas; "Lady of the Lake," 784 guineas; "Rokeby," 1,050 guineas; "Annie of Gerrnstein," 121 guineas. The whole sale realized 1,955 guineas.

Miles O'Reilly's faith in Neptune's regard for Venus is boundless. He sings of his sea side belle:

"The brown rocks glow as she bounds along,
And the lichen lies in a golden glory
Like the fleece of the Colchian ram of yore,
The waves that have gathered the radiant form
And the sun's rapture for her embrace,
And will carry it far unto the great storm.
Some proud ship on their bosom bear."

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The three thousand men sent to Savannah by the Federals were all we reached a condition as any detachment of prisoners ever sent from a Confederate prison.

All these things are susceptible of proof, and I am much mistaken if I cannot prove them by Federal authority. I am quite sure that Gen Mulford will sustain every allegation here made.

Yours, truly,
R. OULD.

P S. Gen Butler's correspondence is all on one side, as I was instructed at the date of his letters to hold no correspondence with him. I corresponded with Mulford or Gen. Hitchcock.
R. OULD.

Mexican America.

The following letter, signed by residents of Victoria, Vancouver's Island, has been made public:

VICTORIA, V. I., April 20, 1867.

Hon. Wm. H. Seward, Secretary of State, &c—

Sir—We, the undersigned, citizens of the United States residing in Victoria, V. I., avail ourselves of the earliest opportunity, since the ratification of the treaty by the Senate of the United States, to offer you our congratulations upon the acquisition of our country of Russian America.

We deem this acquisition of the greatest importance, politically, commercially and industrially, and we do not think we assume too much when we say from our contiguity to the acquired territory, and our residence among a people, many of whom have been engaged for years in navigating its waters and trading with its inhabitants, that we are better prepared to appreciate the true worth of its timber, and of the importance of the service you have rendered to the United States, in this acquisition than most other American citizens. Its importance politically seems to be generally conceded; but its commercial, material and industrial value appears to be doubted, or at least but little understood.

The opinion seems generally to prevail in the Atlantic States that the high latitudes occasion the long and severe winters, and the severity of the climate, renders it unfit for the abode of man, and that it offers nothing to capitalists and solid emigrants but its forests and its fisheries. This opinion is erroneous. The climate of the Territory west of the Cascade mountains and up to sixty degrees north latitude, and of the immediate islands bordering the shores, is much milder, both in summer and winter, and much more pleasant than that of the northern parts of the United States, or the Canadas. Its immense forests of pine are of incalculable value, the timber being much superior to that of Oregon or Washington Territory, while the numerous harbors along its coasts will afford the greatest facilities for its shipment. There is no doubt but that within the limits of the purchased Territory many valuable minerals, among which are gold, silver, copper, lead, iron and coal, exist, which will furnish a large and ample field for labor and the investment of capital. Many beautiful and rich specimens of all the minerals mentioned are now in the city, which have been brought from that Territory.

The agricultural capabilities of the country are no doubt inferior to those of the States and Territories lying to the south of it. Still there are large tracts of land known to exist, so far as the country has been explored, capable of producing many of the vegetable commodities of temperate climes, of great excellence and in the greatest abundance, as well as most of the cereals.

Commercially, the new Territory must be of great value, on account of its comparative proximity to many of the teeming populations of the world, and the certainty of the increase of the coasting and general public policy. I have retained to differ from them in some particulars, and chiefly in this: I think there is yet something left of the old Constitution, and that we ought to try and save the pieces; that the South is sufficiently crushed and humbled, without putting them under military rule, or letting loose a flight of *confiscation vultures* to batten on the carcass: and especially I do not think the President ought to be impeached because he differs in opinion with a Congress of Congress, and because he will not hold still while they whip him with nettles.

So far as this is an offense against loyalty, I am guilty.

T. BYRNE.

Lancaster, July 11, 1867.

A huge laundry has been established in Paris, which supplies the public with the washing of 40,000 pieces of soiled clothing from the principal hotels every day. The clothing is boiled with soap and soda in huge iron boilers, weekly, quarterly and yearly reports of his health, quarterly and yearly reports of his sins, a general inventory of his effects, and the resignation of Judge Wm. H

Gen. Lee's Report on School Discipline.

In the Educational Convention, in session at Lynchburg, Va., on Wednesday last, Gen. F. H. Smith read the following "Report on School Discipline," prepared by the Chairman, Gen. Robert E. Lee, who was unavoidably absent:

The committee appointed by the Educational Association of Virginia, on "School Discipline," beg leave to report that, in their opinion, it is impracticable to establish fixed rules for the government of schools. Public sentiment is so divided on the subject, and the methods of family trainings are so various, that no uniform system can be well adapted to meet the general requirement.

If the subject of education could even be of more importance at one period of our history than at another, that period is the present; and that it may be advanced to the highest state of efficiency, it is important that general co-operation should be enlisted in its support.

It is, therefore, considered more advantageous to recommend for attention some general principles, and leave their application to the judgment and discretion of teachers.

The selection of proper persons for the office of teacher is a matter of the first importance, and as its duties require long and comprehensive preparation, it should be regarded as among the most honorable and important professions and be committed to those whose beneficial influence and instruction shall embrace morals and religion, as well as the intellect. The teacher should be the example of the pupil. He should aim at the highest attainable proficiency, and not at a lessening mediocrity. Unless he can teach those committed to his care to think, and to work, and can impart to them vigor with learning, they can be poor real advance. He must study the character and disposition of his pupils, and adopt his course of discipline to their peculiarities. Above all, he must be uniform, consistent, firm, kind in his conduct, teach more by acts than by words, and show the children under his charge that he has their true interest at heart. He should look upon them not only as the parents of a new generation, but also as heirs of immortality, and while preparing them for usefulness in this life, instil into their impressible minds principles of piety and religion; for if it be true, as taught by history, that greatness depends upon virtue, it is equally true that religion is the fountain and support of virtue.

Should the daily business of the school be conducted on such principles, and the pupils trained in the habits of obedience, reverence and truthfulness, and be convinced that they are noble and loved in themselves, and their good behavior is dictated by no mercenary motive, the difficulties of education will have been attained.

In addition to these moral influences, a teacher should be clothed with all the authority of the parent in the discharge of his duties and be constantly informed of the conduct of his child, weekly, quarterly and yearly reports of his progress should be sent by the teacher, in which should be stated his absences, late attendance and misbehavior. Certificates of attendance should also be given to those who excel in studies and conduct. The system of punishments ought to be simple and mild as they can be made effective, and when corrective of recreation, etc., fail to produce the desired effect, the pupil should be required to leave the school. Should admonition, restriction of recreation, etc., fail to produce the desired effect, the pupil should be required to leave the school. Should admonition, restriction of recreation, etc., fail to produce the desired effect, the pupil should be required to leave the school.

In connection with this subject, and as an additional incentive to the pursuit of solid conduct and diligence of paternal duty, the committee refer to a statement which the present Lord Shaftsbury is said to have made at a recent meeting of workingmen, that he had never obtained by personal observation, that of adult male criminals of that city, nearly all had begun to go wrong before the age of fifteen, and that if a young man should pursue a virtuous life until he was twenty years old, he was safe for forty more chances in one, and only one against his continuing an honest life thereafter. How great is the importance, then, of every parent's endeavoring to secure the virtue of his child until sixteen. By proper management this would not be difficult, and might be the means of saving him from a life of misery and crime.

Respectfully submitted,

R E. LEE,
S. MAUPIN,
FRANCIS H. SMITH,
Committee.

WASHINGTON, July 23, 1867.

To the Editors of the National Intelligencer.

I respectfully request the publication of the following letter received by me from Col Ould, of Richmond. It will be perceived that it fully explains the matter referred to in my letter of the 19th inst.

The following are some of the prices received at the late sale of the original manuscripts of some of Sir Walter Scott's works: "Marmion," 761 guineas; "Lady of the Lake," 784 guineas; "Rokeby," 1,050 guineas; "Annie of Gerrnstein," 121 guineas. The whole sale realized 1,955 guineas.

Miles O'Reilly's faith in Neptune's regard for Venus is boundless. He sings of his sea side belle:

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