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The report of the Postmaster General shows the business of the Department and the condition of the postal service in a very favorable light.

The report of the Acting Commissioner of Agriculture concisely presents the condition, wants, and progress of an interest eminently worthy the fostering care of Congress.

The re-establishment of peace at home, and the resumption of extended trade, travel, and commerce abroad, have served to increase the number and variety of queries to the Department for foreign affairs.

The Republic of Mexico, having been relieved from foreign intervention, is earnestly engaged in efforts to re-establish her constitutional system of government.

A good understanding continuing to exist between our Government and the Republics of Haiti and San Domingo, and our cordial relations with the Central and South American States remain unchanged.

The tender, made in conformity with the resolution of Congress, of the good offices of the Government, with a view to an early adjustment of peace between Brazil and her allies, on one side, and Paraguay on the other, and between Chili and her allies, on the one side, and Spain on the other, though kindly received has in neither case been fully accepted by the belligerents.

The other hand, actual hostilities between the Pacific States and Spain have been more than a year suspended. I shall, on any proper occasion that may occur, renew the conciliatory recommendations which have already been made.

The Exposition of Universal Industry at Paris has passed, and seems to have fully realized the high expectations of the French Government.

The subject may be deemed worthy of your attention. No arrangement has as yet been reached for the settlement of our claims for British depreciations upon the commerce of the United States.

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West Indies naturally gravitate to, and may be expected ultimately to be absorbed by the Continental States, including our own.

The Islands of St Thomas and St John's, which constitute a part of the group called the Virgin Islands, seem to offer advantages immediately desirable.

The acquisition of the Virgin Islands, with the principles to which I have alluded, a treaty has therefore, been concluded with the King of Denmark for the cession of those islands, and will be submitted to the Senate for consideration.

It will hardly be necessary to call the attention of Congress to the substance of the treaty providing for the payment to Russia of the sum stipulated, in the treaty for the cession of Alaska.

The annexation of many small German States to Prussia, and the reorganization of that country under a new and liberal constitution, have induced me to renew the effort to obtain a just and prompt settlement of the long vexed question concerning the claims of foreign States for military services rendered from their subjects naturalized in the United States.

In connection with this subject, the attention of Congress is respectfully called to a singular and embarrassing conflict of laws. The Executive Department of this Government has hitherto uniformly held, as it now holds, naturalization, in conformity with the Constitution and laws of the United States, absolves the recipient from his native allegiance.

The Courts of Great Britain hold that allegiance to the British Crown is indefeasible, and is not absolved by our laws of naturalization.

The abuse of our laws by the clandestine prosecution of the African slave-trade from American ports or by American citizens has altogether ceased, and, under existing circumstances, no apprehensions of its renewal in this part of the world are entertained.

Under these circumstances, it becomes a question whether we shall not propose to Her Majesty's Government a suspension or discontinuance of the stipulations for maintaining a naval force for the suppression of that trade.

DECEMBER 2.—In the Senate, a memorial from the Alabama Convention for the repeal of the Cotton Tax, was referred.

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DECEMBER 3.—In the House on the 3d, Mr Schenck, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported a bill, that all cotton raised in the United States, after the year 1867, be exempt from tax.

Mr Schenck proceeded to explain why the law was not made to apply to cotton raised this year.

Mr Brooks moved a substitute, that the tax be abolished, and that no American manufactured cotton goods shall be entitled to the benefit of the existing drawbacks, unless shipped within ninety days of the passage of this Act.

A general debate ensued, in which Messrs. Covode, Eli and Butler opposed the repeal, and Logan, Blaine, Mullen, Garfield and Niblack favored Schenck's bill, and Barnes and Rill favoring Brooks's substitute.

The President's message was then read in the House, and the standing committees were appointed.

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It will be held on a different principle from anything of the kind ever held heretofore.

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THE MARKETS

New York, Dec. 7.—Cotton closed at an advance of one eighth of a penny. Uplands 7 1/2 Orleans 8 1/2 Manchester advices favorable.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The proceedings in the House to-day, indicate that there are 53 for impeachment, and 110 against it. On the Republican side of the House there is 50 majority opposed to it.

THE IMPROVEMENT MATTER. [It is understood that the effort to impeach the President has been effectually killed.]

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GRAND MASONIC LODGE

The Grand Lodge of Masons of this State, in session in this City last week, elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

Robt. W. Best, Grand Master. Robert B. Vance, Senior Grand Warden. Thos. W. Gardner, Junior Grand Warden. C. W. D. Hutchings, Grand Treasurer. D. W. Bain, Grand Secretary.

UNIVERSITY OF N. C.—We learn that the Hon. Thos. H. Seymour, of Connecticut, has been invited to deliver the annual address before the two Literary Societies of the University, at the next Commencement, and that he has accepted the invitation.

N. C. RAILROAD.—The following statement of the operations of this Road, for the month of October, presents a highly flattering exhibit:

Earnings for the month, \$55,907 85 Expenses " " 26,068 52 Net profit, \$29,839 33

The net profit for the same month, last year, amounted to \$2,561 21,—showing a clear gain of \$27,278 12.—Raleigh Sentinel.

HOW IT WORKS.—We learn that a car load of fowls, weighing with the coops 2700 pounds, was shipped from Salisbury last week, for the New York market, on the N. C. and Wilmington & Weldon Railroad.

Fresh pork is selling in Wilmington at nine cents per pound. And in Edgecombe county at six cents per pound.

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STENHOUSE, MACAULAY & CO.

The undersigned having lately moved to their new Store, corner Trade and College Streets, offer wholesale and retail all the leading articles usually kept in a well conducted Grocery Store, at prices that cannot be undersold.

50 SACKS RIO COFFEE, 20 Barrels Brown Sugar, 20 Barrels "Band C" Soft Coffee Sugar, 10 Tierces and Boxes Havana Sugar, For sale by STENHOUSE, MACAULAY & CO.

10 BARRELS GARDENIA MOLASSES, 5 Barrels "Big Hires" Syrup, 5 Hbls. genuine New Orleans Molasses, The latter for retail only at STENHOUSE, MACAULAY & CO.

150 PACKAGES RAISINS IN WHOLE Boxes, Halves and Quarters, 125 Boxes "English Dairy" Cheese, 100 Barrels Fresh Soda Crackers, 200 Boxes No 1 and Sealed Herrings, 20 Packages Mackerel in Hbls, 3 Hbls. and Kits, for sale by STENHOUSE, MACAULAY & CO.

4000 POUNDS IRON COTTON TIES (various patterns), 25 Coils Rope, 200 Lbs. Hemp Twine, 200 Yards Dundee Bagging, 3000 Yards Gunny Bagging, slightly damaged, for sale by STENHOUSE, MACAULAY & CO.

27 BOXES MANUFACTURED TOBACCO, 13 Barrels Corn Whiskey, 5 Barrels Kentucky Bourbon Whiskey, 2 Barrels Holland Gin, On consignment and for sale by STENHOUSE, MACAULAY & CO.

THE highest market price paid for Wheat, Corn, Peas, Flour, and other Country Produce, by STENHOUSE, MACAULAY & CO.

LIBERAL Cash advances made on Consignments of Cotton, Cotton Yarns, Domestic, &c., to our Branch House in New York by STENHOUSE, MACAULAY & CO.

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DWELLING FOR RENT.

I offer for Rent for the year 1868, that elegant residence situated between the Baptist Church and the residence of Gov. Vance.

S. GROSE & CO., Wholesale and Retail dealers in Groceries, Provisions and Family Supplies, Trade Street, nearly opposite the Post Office, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

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Valuable City Property for Sale.

By virtue of a decree of the Court of Equity, I will sell, to the highest bidder, at the Court House door in Charlotte, on the 19th day of December instant, that Valuable LOT in rear of the Furniture Store and fronting on College Street, opposite the residence of J. S. Means, Esq. Terms Cash.

\$20 REWARD. Stolen from the subscriber, on the night of the 3d inst., 7 miles North-East of Charlotte, between the Salisbury Road and the Railroad, a Sorrel HORSE about 15 hands high, 10 or 11 years old. He is hip shot in left bench, a small lump on his back caused by the saddle. I will give \$10 for the recovery of the Horse, or \$20 for Thief and Horse.

Dec. 9, 1867 2wpd JOHN HOWIE.

NOTICE.

We the undersigned have been qualified as Executors of the late Edward Loneragan of Gaston county, N. C., and received Letters Testamentary empowering us to act as such; we therefore notify all persons indebted to the said deceased to come forward and pay the same, as indulgence cannot be given. Those persons having claims against the deceased will present them within the time prescribed by law, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

Either one of said Executors will attend to the collection and payment of debts, and will be found at any time in Charlotte, N. C.

Rev. L. P. O'CONNELL, JAMES HARTY, Dec. 9, 1867 1m Executors.

GOING TO MOVE.

Preparatory to moving, 1st January next, to 2d door from Springs' Corner, Tryon Street, we offer our entire Stock of GOODS at the very lowest market prices UNRESERVEDLY OF COST.

We are determined to reduce our Stock by that time. Call soon and secure bargains. Dec. 2, 1867. McLEOD & STEELE.

SADDLES, HARNESS, &c.

L. W. Osborne, (Opposite the Old Charlotte Hotel), Manufactures Saddles, Collars, Bridles, and Harness of all sorts to order, at short notice. He keeps on hand, and for sale at reasonable prices, BUGGY, CARRIAGE & WAGON HARNESS, RIDING SADDLES, And everything that may be needed in that line.

Being a practical mechanic, he thinks that he can give entire satisfaction to those who patronize him. His prices will be found as low as any in this city, and the workmanship as good as the best.

He respectfully asks a fair trial and a share of public patronage. REPAIRING done in the best manner with promptness. L. W. OSBORNE. Dec. 2, 1867. 6m