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A FREE TRADE GOVERNMENT.

A New York letter says there is a strong movement on foot in that city to commit the National Board of Trade, which is soon to be at Milwaukee, to a revision of the tariff in the interests of free trade.

"FOR THE STAR."

Our neighbor seeming to have misinterpreted the position of several of the State papers, among them the Statesville Landmark, on the Hayes question, we copy here a few extracts from two different articles in this week's issue of the Landmark.

ENGLISH RAILWAYS.

The three principal lines of railway in London, England, two being underground and the third partly so, have a total length of twenty-eight and three-quarter miles. Their total capital stock is £16,078,451, and was worth on the market July 21, £18,080,698.

HOWARD AND HIS INDIANS.

At last advices "Howard, Brigadier-General" was gallantly pressing forward in the rear of the Nez Percés with the hope and expectation of coming in sight of it before Christmas, provided the Messrs Nez Percés don't get disgusted and turn and show a fighting front.

DECLINE IN SUGAR.

The New York Tribune reports a heavy decline in the prices of all grades of sugar in the last two months, with no immediate prospect of an advance.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14, 1877. The refusal of the Maine Republicans to endorse or directly condemn the administration was the best thing they could do, bad as it was.

ed but did not take final action. This President Hayes has done, and has restored to the service a meritorious officer, against whom, evidence conclusively shows, no just charge was ever made.

Col. John Gibbons, than whom no braver officer is in our service, has just suffered a fearful defeat from the Indians in Montana. No particulars are at hand, but Col. G's despatches show that our loss was great.

BOILED DOWN.

Mr. Tilden is said to be looking well and feeling better.

Doucicault is a candidate for Parliament from the county Clare, Ireland.

It seems to be settled that Charleston has been selected to be the Capital of West Virginia.

One of the leading hotels of New York has the Lord's Prayer printed on its daily bill of fare.

A Texas paper reports that all over the State military companies are being organized with amazing rapidity.

Fires destroyed \$1,055,776 worth of property in San Francisco during the year ending on the 30th of June last.

The probabilities now are that the President will not make the Southern tour which was contemplated some time ago.

Senator L. Q. C. Lamar's son-in-law, Mr. Edward Mayes, has become Professor of Law in the State University of Mississippi.

Josh Billings makes more money than any other American author. And he never wrote a line for print till he was forty-five.

The Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle and Constitutionalist is not satisfied with the work of the convention, and fears it will be rejected by the people.

Sir Garnet Wolsey, of Ashantee war fame, has temporarily substituted the pen for the sword, and is writing a novel entitled "Marley Castle."

Courier-Journal: "Providence is on our side," as Suleiman Pasha remarked when the ammunition wagon drove up with the Rhode Island supplies.

It is stated that Louisiana's corn crop will be the largest since the war; and the crops generally are reported to be excellent throughout the State.

During the glorification at Charleston, West Virginia, over the selection of that town to be the State Capital, a cannon exploded, smashing things generally, but fortunately injuring no one.

The independent Democratic ticket, which the Republicans supported, defeated the regular Democrats in Mobile, Ala., at the late election, by majorities ranging from a few scores up to 2,007.

The Vicksburg "Herald" is strong in the belief that in the parishes of Louisiana and counties of Mississippi, adjacent to Vicksburg, 50,000 industrious laborers could gain a comfortable subsistence from the soil, and still there would be room for more.

Graphic: Mrs. President Hayes has demonstrated that she did not present a bouquet to the German schutzenfest, which drinks beer, but the damning fact remains that she occasionally sipped a ballad which was written by an uncle-in-law of a man whose nephew studied lightrhythms.

The workmen appear to have found lots of political work if no other kind. At Philadelphia an organization has been set on foot in a series of Conservative resolutions, and from present prospects the party will presently have a full State ticket in the field in Ohio.

The Queen's Maids of Honor are all granddaughters of peers who are not below the rank of Earl, that being a sine qua non of eligibility for the position. They receive \$2,000 a year, and if they marry the Queen presents them with \$5,000. Each is on duty about two months in the year. Since the Prince Consort's death they have had a dreadful dull time.

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Major Ben P. Runkle regular army, tried in 1872 for embezzlement while acting as a disbursing officer of the Freedmen's Bureau, was convicted by the Court and sentenced to be cashiered. This sentence was approved by Secretary Belknap.

Civilized Europe will soon grasp the situation fully. It will see that Christians and Mohammedans cannot live together anywhere on God's green earth and the day is not far distant when the turbaned devils will be driven forever from the sight and hearing of Christian people.

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Nicholas Minturn.

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Another serial, "His Inheritance," by Miss Trafton, will begin on the 1st of August. Mrs. Barlett's story, begun in August, has a pathos and dramatic power which have been a surprise to the public.

There are to be, from various pens, papers on "Home Life and Travel."

Also, practical suggestions as to town and country life, village improvements, etc., by well-known specialists.

Mr. Barnard's articles on various industries of Great Britain include the history of "Some Experiments in Co-operation," "A Scottish Leaf Factory," in the November number, and "Toad Lane, Rochdale," in December. Other papers are, "The British Workingman's Home," "A Nation of Shopkeepers," "Ha'penny a Week for the Child," etc.

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