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EARTHQUAKE AND FIRE.

The present seems to be a period of dire calamities. Fires, murders, ship-wrecks, earthquakes, follow in swift succession. The wall caused by one mighty disaster hardly dies away before the voice of terror and lamentation is heard in some other quarter of the globe.

The tremendous excitement caused by the Atlantic disaster has scarcely subsided, when news of the terrible earthquake at San Salvador sends a thrill of universal horror over the world.

San Salvador is a beautiful city, with a population of fifteen or twenty thousand souls. It is the capital of Central America, and is located on the western slope of the Andes and within a few miles of the sea. The city lies in a volcanic region many thousands of square miles in extent, the geographical limits of which are well known to scientists.

The following graphic description of the earthquake of 1854 will convey some idea of the last frightful visitation, though the latter is more terrible as it was followed by a great conflagration.

The destructive agent was preceded for several days by premonitory symptoms. On the morning of Holy Thursday, the 13th of April, movements of the earth were felt, and rumbling sounds as of distant thunder or the roaring of heavy artillery were heard.

These phenomena, of course, alarmed the people, and served to enhance their fervor in celebrating the religious ceremonies of the day. On Good Friday the sounds and earthquakes were lighter; Saturday was tranquil, and on Easter Sunday the intense heat only disturbed the people.

The evening of Sunday was clear and until 9 o'clock no evidences of approaching evil were noted by the people of the city. At that hour a severe earthquake came upon the city with such suddenness that the population fled from their houses into the open air.

The Edinburgh Review assigns Bulwer the first rank among novelists. It characterizes him as the most brilliant of story-tellers, surpassing all others, even Scott and Dickens, in the warmth of his imagination, the beauty and splendor of his diction, and the wide range of his sympathies.

THE MODOC BUTCHERY.

News of a "deed of dreadful note" comes to us from the far West. The lava beds on Good Friday were the scene of a tragedy, the mere contemplation of which is enough to freeze one's blood.

The brutal murder of General Canby and the Peace Commissioners by the Modocs, is almost without parallel in its circumstances of treachery and horror. A more base and shocking deed of blood has rarely if ever been perpetrated.

The United States Government has exhibited a weakness and vacillation in its prosecution of this war which reflects no credit upon the Federal Arms. It is time now that the power of the United States be called into action and the Modocs be crushed out.

Ed. R. S. Canby was a Brigadier General, or Brevet-Major General in the Regular Army, and was one of the most distinguished among the six Brigadiers who now belong to the United States military service.

General Canby, it will be remembered, commanded the departments of North and South Carolina just after the war. He did nothing to win either the confidence or respect of our people, and his departure from our midst, in '69, was an event which caused general satisfaction.

MESSRS. GRIFFIN & HOFFMAN.

A paragraph has been lately published in several papers, rehearsing the merits of the case of Messrs. Griffin & Hoffman, the well-known advertising agents of Baltimore, Maryland, and the Memphis Tenn., Ledger.

On Good Friday a wife murderer named Spann was hung in Webster county, Georgia. In his farewell address the trembling culprit alluded to the crucifixion on Calvary eighteen centuries ago.

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Mr. Michael Haley, of Detroit, got drunk a few weeks ago and was picked up by the police in a half-frozen condition. His fingers have since been amputated.

THE MODOC WAR.

Treachery of the Savages.—General Canby Murdered.—SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—A courier has just arrived here from the lava beds, and reports that Major-General Canby and Dr. Thomas were murdered by the Modoc yesterday while holding a peace conference.

Second Dispatch.—LAVA BED CAMP, April 11, via YREKA, April 12.—Yesterday afternoon five Indians and four squaws came into our camp and were made presents of clothing and provisions by the peace commissioners.

Later in the evening Bogus Charley came and told the picket that he could take his gun; that he (Charley) did not intend to go back any more.

About an hour after their departure General Canby, Dr. Thomas, Mr. A. B. Meacham, and Mr. Dyer, with Frank Riddle and his squaw for interpreters, started for the place appointed. The party arrived at the appointed place, and were closely watched by the signal officer, Lieutenant Adams, from the signal station on the hill overlooking our camp.

The National Republican and the Killing of Canby.—WASHINGTON, April 14.—The National Republican this morning says in relation to the murder of General Canby, "Of course there is only one plan to be pursued by the government, no matter the cost or the consequence—they must be exterminated root and branch."

THE POPE.—His Extreme Illness.—NEW YORK, April 14.—Up to a late hour this afternoon neither Archbishop McCloskey, Vicar-General Quinn, or any of the Catholic clergy of this city have been officially advised of the approaching dissolution of the Pope.

NEW YORK.

The Usury Law.—NEW YORK, April 14.—The Grand Jury began the examination of witnesses relative to the violations of the usury law in Wall Street. Nothing of much importance was elicited.

ENGLAND.

Mysterious Tragedy.—LIVERPOOL, April 13.—A mysterious tragedy occurred at the Cape Roman Light House. Mrs. Johnson, wife of the keeper, was found dead with her throat cut from ear to ear; a razor and a revolver were lying by her side.

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TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE OBSERVER.]

[From the American Press Association.]

By the Southern and Atlantic Line.

The Health of the Pope.

ROME, April 14.—The Pope passed a quiet day yesterday. His condition is more easy and his pain less intense a gradual improvement is apparent.

Reception of Orphans.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—The Soldiers and Sailors Orphans, numbering some fifty boys and girls, were received by the President at noon today in the East room of the executive mansion.

Spanish Affairs.

MADRID, April 14.—Continued defeats suffered by the forces of the pretender, have had a disheartening effect upon the carlists. Numerous desertions are taking place in the ranks of insurgents.

Probabilities.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—For the gulf states South easterly winds threatening and rainy weather for the south Atlantic States falling barometer south easterly winds rising Temperature and hazy or cloudy weather.

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It is presumed that the remains of Gen. Canby and Commissioner Thomas will be forwarded to this place, and should arrive to-morrow.

By many persons it is believed that the Modocs are utterly desperate, and will fight till their last man falls and that they will not leave the caves in the lava beds.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 13.—On March 11th, a large band of Apaches killed three men. The troops followed. Lieut. Rice reports the killing of 79 warriors and capturing 26 women and children.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

AT W. H. H. HUNTON & CO'S. This medicine is unequalled as a pure tonic and invigorant.

GRAND OPENING OF MILLER'S NEW HALL!

COR. COLLEGE & 4TH STS. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 14th, 15th and 16th, CHRISIK'S GRAND COMBINATION.

CONSISTING OF WIRE WALKING, JUGGLERY, MESMERISM and VENTRILOQUISM. 150 USEFUL AND COSTLY PRESENTS to be given away nightly.

THE OLD RELIABLE

Southern Sewing Machine Emporium. ESTABLISHED IN 1867. KEEP constantly on hand, Sewing Machine Needles, Sewing Machine Oil, Sewing Machine Thread, and all kinds of Sewing Machines and attachments.

RECEIVED to-day Queen's Delight,

R Ayers Sarsaparilla, Radway's Resolvent, Soothing Syrup, Brown's Essence of Ginger.

WHITE Felt Corn Plasters,

DOOLEY'S Yeast Powders, in 4lb 4lb and 1 lb Boxes.

WINDOW Glass, Putty, White Lead,

NELSON'S Gelatine, Cloves, Spice, Pepper, Arrow Root, Ginger, Mace, Fresh and of superior quality.

TO HOUSEKEEPERS.

Your attention is called to a fresh arrival of finely flavored Roasted Coffee, which by a great saving is effected.

PICKLED CUCUMBERS.

A fine lot of Pickled Cucumbers just arrived and for sale by SYMONS & CO.

BLANK BOOKS, just received at

BAYERS LETTER CLIPS, at PUREFOY'S.

CARMINE and Violet Inks, at

RED, BLUE, Green, Orange Lead Pencils, at PUREFOY'S.

PLAYING Cards, at

A VARIETY of Glass Inkstands, at PUREFOY'S.

INDIA RUBBER Bands, at

BEST Italian Violin Strings, at PUREFOY'S.

NORTH CAROLINA FLOUR.

500 SACKS Fresh Ground North Carolina Family Flour, just received and for sale by STEINHOUSE, MACAULAY & CO.

Encourage Home Industry.

500 COTTON Seamless Meal Bags, made at Franklinville, N. C., and for sale by STEINHOUSE, MACAULAY & CO.

COUNTRY HAMS.

JUST Received, 500 lbs Choice Country Hams, at SIMS & ALEXANDER'S.

STEAM ENGINE WANTED

FOR the Charlotte Ice Company. Capacity: About thirty-four horse power.

Gallego Mills Mfg Co,

RICHMOND, VA. ARE prepared to furnish in large or small quantities (not less than a barrel) all grades of FLOUR and MILL FEED, also FINE BOLTED MEAL for Family use.

CITY PROPERTY FOR SALE.

I WILL sell for cash, on Saturday, 3rd day of May, at 11 o'clock A. M., the following CITY LOTS, levied on for City Taxes:

HOME STOMACH BITTERS.

AT W. H. H. HUNTON & CO'S. This medicine is unequalled as a pure tonic and invigorant.

TO RENT.

A NEAT COTTAGE with 4 Rooms, Pantry, Passage, &c. Also, a good garden attached. Apply soon to THOS. H. GAITHER, Auctioneer.