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THE COTTON STATES.

The New York Sun is among the greatest of newspapers in the matter of getting up and condensing news, but in facts pertaining to the South, like most Northern journals it is generally straining after a note in the Southern eye, without regard to the beam which dims their own eye-sight.

Following the deficiency of the crops in Europe inevitably came prosperity for American agriculturists. Blessed with superabundant harvests of all grains, and having a ready market for them at high prices, they are making money; and the looked for revival of business has taken place.

The unprecedented development of the Northwest, the West, and the Southwest, and the marvelous increase of their population, have often been discussed. But, with unanimity that is remarkable, our writers have overlooked the South, or regarding that section as unworthy the attention of Northern patriots, they have scorned to give it the notice that should in justice be accorded to well deserved prosperity.

The States of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas are known as the cotton States, since the cultivation of cotton absorbs the labor of the husbandman in that region of our country.

The Northern agriculturists should look with envy on a land where the owners of the soil control the State. In this article the Sun furnishes the facts and figures which prove to the world that our great cotton industry is one of the most valuable in the history of mankind, and at the same time takes occasion to pay us a tribute for "fighting courageously, and at last gaining control of our own affairs."

LOTTERIES IN THE MAIL.—Our readers are familiar with the efforts made by Postmaster General Key for the suppression of the lottery business as now carried on through the mails, by the seizure of letters intended for the agents of such lotteries.

The New York Sun thinks that the next President, whoever he is, will probably have the appointment of five judges of the United States Supreme Court. The present court is composed of Waite, Swayne, Miller, Strong, Bradley, Hunt and Harlan, Republicans, and Field and Clifford, Democrats.

It is announced in Washington that Secretary Schurz is very much discouraged about the Ute difficulties, and the opinion is freely expressed that Ouray will prove as treacherous as any Indian chief, in which event the extermination of that tribe seems inevitable.

Mr. Blaine says that in fifty-nine years during which annual elections have been held in Maine there have not been as many fatal defects in the returns as in this one year.

A Noble Murder in Newberry. COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 27.—An old gamecock raiser and fighter, named Jim Chappell, was killed in a cock-pit at Newberry, on Christmas night, by a man named Bill Harp.

It must be remembered, when judging of the probable future of the cotton States, that they constitute the only extent of cotton land in the world where the plant can be profitably cultivated; that where cotton cloth is once used by a people, it is never abandoned; and that as long as the human race increases or trade develops, there is no such danger of an over production of cotton as there is of wheat.

Between two and three weeks ago, in the lower part of Duplin county, near the Lenoir county line, a difficulty occurred between two brothers named Thomas and Warren Malpass and a man named John Lewis Holland, during a shooting match between the parties, which culminated in a fight, and while Warren Malpass and Holland were struggling together, Thomas Malpass cut Holland with a knife, inflicting a terrible wound, from the effects of which the stricken man has since died, a jury of inquest having been held over the body last Sunday, the 21st inst.

Gen. Grant's Return Tour. WASHINGTON, December 30.—General Grant and party left for Richmond at eight past 5 this afternoon in Col. Tom Scott's private car, "President." The party consisted of Gen. and Mrs. Grant, Gen. and Mrs. Sheridan, Col. and Mrs. Fry, Miss Kitty Felt, and several others. They will reach Richmond at eleven o'clock to-night and expect to be in Charleston the day after tomorrow.

A Priest Fined for Whipping Boys who Officiated at a Protestant Funeral. The trial of the Rev. Father Dougherty, of the Holy Family Church, Versailles, Indiana, for assaulting his pupils, for attending as pall bearers the funeral of a Protestant boy, ended to-day in a judgment against him in one case for \$100 and in another for \$200. The case excited great interest, and so much bitter feeling was engendered that the venue was changed three times.

Fears of Ouray's Treachery. DENVER, COL., Dec. 29.—Up to this time nothing has been heard from the commission. Communication between Lake City and Los Pinos has not yet been broken—but there has been no news official or unofficial since Friday night. Hatch was to have left for the Chino Rancho 30 miles from Los Pinos, yesterday morning, but whether he left or stayed is not known.

Another Big Railroad Scheme. NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—A New Orleans special says the Illinois Central Railroad officials have been reconnoitering the line of the New Orleans and Pacific extending from this city to Shreveport, it is believed with a view to its purchase as a feeder to the New Orleans and Gulf Coast line.

Attempted Assassination of the King of Spain. MADRID, Dec. 30.—As the King and Queen of Spain were driving through the gate of the Royal Palace in the morning a young man dressed as a workman fired a shot from a revolver at the royal carriage, but his aim was bad and no one was hurt.

A Disappointed Town. FREDERICKSBURG, VA., December 30.—In anticipation of Gen. Grant's passing through this place, the Southern people, the Mayor and most of the city council and a large number of citizens, embracing many of our leading people, together with the city band, attended the early train this morning to meet the general, and to wish him a pleasant journey. They were much disappointed at his not being on the train.

The Maine Situation. BANGOR, Dec. 30.—Adjutant General Leavitt acting under instructions from Gov. Hancock today ordered the arsenal here to be opened for the purpose of removing arms. Several wagon loads of arms and ammunition have just passed through the streets, guarded, and without molestation to the Maine Central Railroad depot.

Shipping News. LONDON, December 30.—The German ship Leda before reported ashore on Goodwin Sands, has become a total wreck. The British steamer Glen Isle, Captain Farmer from Savannah, Nov. 8th, en route for Havana, arrived at Copenhagen Dec. 29th, having lost 100 bales of her property. She will have to lighten a steamer to repair.

The Recent Railroad Accident in Scotland. LONDON, Dec. 30.—The Queen telegraphed the Princess of Wales tendering her condolence with the bereaved. Only one body has been recovered so far and this is a badly mutilated condition. Her Majesty is reported to be placing the total loss of life at ninety.

A Woman Who Married Three Wives. LONDON, TRUTH. Australia is greatly exercised respecting a woman who has for many years passed herself off as a married woman, but who has married several wives. In 1857, a girl bearing the name of Ellen Trengrove, who was the first wife of a man named Monarch. On her arrival she married a fellow passenger of the name of Mary Delahanty, and assumed herself the name of Edward De Lucy Evans. Mary having died, she married Sarah Moore, and on the death of Sarah she married Miss Maynard. Julia is still alive but Miss Edward De Lucy Evans having gone mad, has been confined in the New Lunatic Asylum, where his or her sex was discovered, owing to such intimate being forced to take a bath. The curious circumstances connected with this case is that not one of the wives revealed the imposture that had been practiced upon her. Nor did the inmates with whom Miss Edward worked for above 20 years, ever suspect that she was a woman.

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An Indian Man-Eater Executed. WINNEPEG, December 30.—The Indian cannibal, Swift Runner, was executed at Fort Saskatchewan, on the 20th inst., this being the first legal execution in the Northwest territory. He was convicted of the murder of a man having killed and eaten his mother, wife and seven children during the last winter.

The Maine Matter. AUGUSTA, Me., December 30.—It is learned on good authority that the Governor has decided not to submit to the Supreme Court the questions propounded by Mr. Morrill.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES. J. Lloyd Haight, wire manufacturer, of New York, has failed. Liabilities \$300,000; nominal assets \$34,000.

Groceries. Groceries—Wholesale & Retail. OFFICE OF LEROY DAVIDSON, Dealer in Choice Imported and Domestic Groceries, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Heavy and Fancy Groceries. My stock at present consists in part of: 50 Bags Rio Coffee, 100 Boxes Sugar, all grades, 150 Barrels Flour, all grades, 75 Tubs Lard, 100 Cakes Tea, 100 Boxes Crackers, 500 Cigars, 25 Barrels Raisins (all sizes), 40 Cases Tomatoes, 12 Dozen Buckets, 12 10 gallon empty Kegs, 25 Barrels Sweet Cider, 100 Boxes Apples, weekly arrivals, 80 Boxes Toy Candy, 100 Barrels Buckwheat, 25 Barrels Oatmeal, 25 Kegs do, 50 Cases Oysters, 50 Cases Toilet Soap and various other brands.

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LOTTERY COMPANY. This Institution was regularly incorporated by the Legislature of the State for Educational and Charitable purposes in 1868, for the year of 1871, and has since received the hearty faith of the State is pledged, which pledge has been renewed by an overwhelming popular vote, securing to this institution the new constitution adopted December 24, A. D. 1879, with a capital of \$1,000,000.

LIST OF PRIZES: 1 Capital Prize, \$30,000; 1 Capital Prize, 10,000; 1 Capital Prize, 5,000; 20 Prizes of 1,000; 50 Prizes of 500; 100 Prizes of 250; 200 Prizes of 100; 1,000 Prizes of 50.

15th. POPULAR MONTHLY DRAWING OF THE Commonwealth Distribution Company, AT MACAULEY'S THEATRE, In the City of Louisville, on DECEMBER 31ST, 1879.

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NEW OPERA HOUSE BURNED. NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—A special from Sherman, Texas, to the Times, reports the burning of the opera house and adjoining building, last night, 1899. Loss estimated at \$200,000.

The Most Complete, and Best Selected Stock of BOOTS & SHOES. BROTHERS & RANKIN. WE HAVE OPENED IN THIS CITY, A NEW BRANCH OF OUR STOCK OF HEAVY GOODS FOR COMMON WEAR IS VERY FULL and of excellent quality; and our line of FINE MACHINE and HAND-MADE GOODS for gentlemen, ladies, boys, misses and children, is the best made, cannot be surpassed in beauty of finish, style, quality and cheapness.

Liquors. CHARLOTTE DEPOT OF Portner's Alexandria BREWERY. Tivoli Lager Beer. I would respectfully inform the citizens of Charlotte, and vicinity, that I have opened in this city, on Trade Street (next door to the office of the Carolina Central Railroad) a

Burgess Nichols, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN ALL KINDS OF FURNITURE, BEDDING, & C. A FULL LINE OF Cheap Bedsteads, AND LOUNGES. PARLOR AND CHAMBER SUITS. COFFINS OF ALL KINDS ON HAND. Ladies' and Gentlemen's Burial Robes—the supply, NO. 5 WEST TRADE STREET, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

TO THE CHARLOTTE PUBLIC! COMPETITION IS THE LIFE OF TRADE. I desire the Charlotte public to know that the BOUNDARY AVE. Beer Bottling Establishment has reduced the price of First Class Lager Beer to seventy-five cents per dozen bottles, and that I will in the future, as in the past, try to deserve the patronage of the public by delivering free of charge to any part of the city, our city first class beer.

BENSON'S CAPCINE POROUS PLASTER. The public may be protected against imitations and frauds we specially caution all purchasers of BENSON'S CAPCINE POROUS PLASTERS to see that the word CAPCINE on each plaster is spelled correctly. Do not allow some other plaster to be palmed off under similar names, with the assurance that it is the same thing, or as good. Bear in mind that the only object such vendor can have is the fact that they can buy imitations at half the price of the genuine, and hope by this substitution to gain a small additional profit.

DURHAM WHISKEY. (ANALYZED BY DR. W. H. TAYLOR, STATE CHEMIST OF VIRGINIA, AND PRONOUNCED PURE, AND RECOMMENDED AS A BEVERAGE OR MEDICINE.) The attention of the citizens of Charlotte and the surrounding country is again called to this Pure Whiskey, now so popular both North and South. We have the endorsement of many Druggists and Dealers in New York City, Washington, D. C., New Orleans, San Francisco, and many other cities, and we can confidently recommend the "Durham" to be equal to any Whiskey distilled in this country.

DRESS GOODS, SILKS, SHAWLS, LINENS, COTTONS, UPHOLSTERY, TRIMMINGS, FURNEALS, GLOVES, HOSIERY, Girls' and Boys' Suits, Ladies' Underwear, Infants' Outfits, DRESS MAKING, WRAPS, COSTUMES, HIBBONS, RUCHINGS, HATS, HOSIERY, WHITE GOODS, BUTTONS, HAMBURG, SKIRT BRAD, SEWING SILK, PINS, FRANCES, NEEDLES, FANCY GOODS, &c. COOPER & CONARD, Importers and Retailers, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

HAPPY JOE FISCHER'S SOLE AGENT FOR THE ATLANTA BREWERY. FRESH FROM THE ATLANTA BREWERY, ON ICE ALL THE WAY. I have an arrangement with the Atlanta Brewery, by which I am able to keep on draught, and for sale by the keg. PURE ICE COLD LAGER BEER. Brought to my door in an ice-cold refrigerator direct from the Brewery.

THE LEADING AND POPULAR DRY GOODS HOUSE OF PHILADELPHIA. SHOPPING BY MAIL OR EXPRESS. With us through our SAMPLE AND MAIL ORDER DEPARTMENT is simple, easy, and advantageous. Anyone writing to us for samples, mentioning the kind of goods needed, will receive, by return mail, the desired samples and information. Goods sent BY MAIL OR EXPRESS. Through this means ladies everywhere throughout the United States avail themselves of a very convenient plan of receiving Dress Goods, Trimmings, and a General Outfit from the head-centres of trade—where they can at all times obtain the best goods, newest and latest styles to be had at the least money.

OYSTERS. On the half-shell. Lovers of the luscious bivalves can be supplied by JOSEPH FISCHER'S. New Advertisements. NELSON & COX'S. GELATINE. Fresh Italian Macaroni, Baker's Chocolate. Epps' Cocoa add Oswego Corn Starch. L. R. WRISTON & CO.

CLOSING OUT SALE OF Boots and Shoes. We will commence on Monday, December 8th, to close out our entire stock AT AND BELOW COST. By the single pair, in dozen, or any way to suit the purchaser. We advise all to lay in a supply to last at least a year, as they will be able to save 50c. to \$2.50 per pair. Call early and be convinced that we mean what we say at Smith Building. W. S. FORBES, AGENT. December 20.

READY TO GO CHRISTMAS. THE BEST STARCH FOR LAUNDRY PURPOSES IS SATIN GLOSS. Pearl and Bon Ton also in stock. Use Colgate's New Laundry Soap—best and cheapest. L. R. WRISTON & CO. If you wish to see something handsome in the line of fine Christmas goods, do not fail to give us a call. Our stock of Collars and Florida sets is the best assorted in the city; you will be interested though you do not buy. We have also gentlemen's

Books and Stationery. Educational. SCHOOL NOTICE. I will open a school for boys on Monday next in the school building on Gen. Barthelemy's Indian Church street. The 17th session ending December 17th, 1879, has been the most successful in the 30 years of the school's history. The 17th session will begin Jan. 14th, 1880. Terms \$12 per month; Tuition \$50 per session. For Catalogue giving full particulars, Address: J. B. BINGHAM, Superintendent. Dec. 13-1m. BINGHAM SCHOOL, MERANTVILLE, N. C.