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MORNING'S NEWS

BY TELEGRAPH.

A Chicago dispatch announces the failure of T. Johnson & Co., grain commission merchants, 100 West Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill., who were reported to have failed last night.

Fire in Rural Hill, Ga., yesterday destroyed four of the principal business houses in the place. Losses are estimated at \$100,000.

The Egyptian government has issued orders for the evacuation of Kahrirah. Jerry Alexander, colored, was hanged at Sparta, Fla., yesterday for murder. He confessed his guilt, and said he was ready to die.

Treasurer Wyman says there are now no notes of the denomination of \$2, \$5 and \$10, and only 187 of the denomination of one dollar in the reserve notes held to redeem other notes.

There is a rumor in St. Petersburg that a woman planned the attack on the czar, which was first reported as an accident, and that she has been secretly hanged.

In a letter to a German newspaper, Marquis Tainy expresses the opinion that France and Germany have made a great mistake in not calling a halt to France in the Tonquin matter some time ago.

J. M. Fuller & Co. and E. W. Coleman & Co., grain dealers in New York, have failed.

The Secretary of the Treasury yesterday sent the Collector of Customs at New York instructions in reference to the classification of imported leaf tobacco.

The two failures reported in New York yesterday, Fuller & Co. and Coleman & Co., are said to be the latter was in business for forty years.

A New Orleans dispatch reports the closing of the store of S. M. American under attachment and a boiler explosion in which four men were injured, one fatally.

THE CENSUS OF 1880.

We are in receipt of the first volume of the census report of 1880, giving the population, by States, counties, and minor civil divisions with distinction of race, sex, age, nativity and occupations, with summary tables relating to newspapers and periodicals, public schools and illiteracy, the dependent, defective and delinquent classes, &c. It is a ponderous volume, quarto size, containing 961 closely printed pages of small type.

The first census taken by the United States government was in 1790 when the population of the then thirteen States aggregated 3,929,214, distributed almost entirely on the Atlantic seaboard, extending from the eastern boundary of Maine nearly to Florida in the region then known as the Atlantic plain. Not more than five per cent. of the population was then found west of the Appalachian Mountains.

The average depth of settlement at right angles with the coast was 225 miles. The densest settlements were in eastern Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut, and about New York city, whence the population moved up the Hudson as far as Albany. The settlement in Pennsylvania which started out from Philadelphia, extended northeastward until they formed a pretty solid body of occupation extending from New York to the upper part of Delaware.

In Virginia the settlements had extended westward beyond the Blue Ridge, and to a small extent on the Tennessee river. In North Carolina the settlements did not extend beyond the base of the Appalachians. The State was occupied with remarkable uniformity, except in the southern and central portion where the population was comparatively sparse.

Outside of the line of continuous settlement a number of smaller ones were made, the principal of which were one in northern Kentucky, bordering on the Ohio river, comprising an area of 10,100 square miles, one in West Virginia on the Ohio and Kanawha rivers, comprising 650 square miles, and one in Tennessee, on the Cumberland river, embracing 1,200 square miles.

In addition to these there were a number of frontier posts in what was then the wilderness. The settled area in 1790 was 226,085. The district of Maine belonged to Massachusetts. Georgia included Alabama and Mississippi. Kentucky and Tennessee were known as the "Territory South of the Ohio River."

Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin and a part of Minnesota were known as the "Territory North west of the Ohio river." Spain claimed Florida with a strip along the southern border of Alabama, Mississippi, and all the region west of the Mississippi river.

In 1800, settlements had pushed westward into Ohio, and one or two as far west as the Mississippi, the present site of St. Louis being one of them. The area of settlements then reached 205,708 square miles and the population 5,208,483.

Marked changes took place between 1800 and 1810, a large number of new frontier settlements having been made and those previously made having largely increased. The purchase of Louisiana in 1803 added 1,214,685 square miles to the territory of the United States and gave control of the Mississippi and its navigable branches.

This of course brought in the French settlements which had been formed on the Mississippi river, during that decade Georgia ceded to the government the territory of Alabama and Mississippi. The State of Ohio was formed out of the territory north of the Ohio, and several territories formed.

IMPORTED LEAF TOBACCO.

Instructions of the Secretary of the Treasury in Reference to Classification for Customs.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The Secretary has written a letter to the collector of customs at New York in regard to the correctness of a former decision relative to the provision in the law of March 3rd, 1853, placing a duty upon leaf tobacco fit for wrappers.

That decision held that in order to duty to be levied at 75¢ per pound, when unstemmed and \$1.00 per pound when stemmed, the package containing the tobacco to contain 85 per cent. fit for wrappers, of which more than 40 per cent. leaves are required to weigh a pound.

The decision thus made the packages units of quantity by which to determine whether the merchandise conformed to the statutory standard. It has been verified by persons interested that there are two descriptions of tobacco known to the trade—one known as wrapper tobacco and the other as filler tobacco.

And further that all of the class known as wrapper tobacco may however not be fit for wrappers, or may have sufficient lightness of texture to require more than one hundred leaves to weigh a pound, so that when the tobacco belonging to the wrapper class is found not to conform to the statutory standard in two respects it falls into the provision for tobacco not otherwise provided for, dutiable at 50¢ per pound.

The Secretary says that this reasoning would make the class of tobacco the test, and the quantity contained in the packages and that he thinks that these views are entitled serious consideration. No evidence has been presented on the part of importers since the case was originally decided.

As preliminary to any further decision in the matter the Collector is directed to suspend action under the decision before referred to until classified wrapper tobacco which may be found by the collector according to the standard before indicated, leaving the importers, if dissatisfied with such a classification, to present their case by protest and appeal.

NEW BLOOMFIELD, Miss., Jan. 2, '84. I wish to say to you that I have been suffering for the last five years with a severe itching ailment. I have heard of Hop Bitters and have tried it. I have used four bottles and it has done me more good than all the doctors and medicines that they could use or with me. I am old and poor but feel to bless you for such a relief by your medicine from me.

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MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH. JANUARY 12, 1884. Produce. BALTIMORE.—Wheat—Flour quiet; Hoop Street and Western Superior \$5.00; No. 23; Extra \$5.75; Family \$5.00; No. 25; City Mills \$5.10; Rio brand \$5.75; No. 26; Family \$5.00; Super Patent \$7.00.

MY NEIGHBOR, THE DRUGGIST.

What a wonderful miscellany is displayed on the shelves and the counters of the store which my neighbor, the druggist, keeps! It is a compendium on human misery and the relief of distress.

There are medicines to cure the most distressing ailments, and there are poisons to kill. There are cosmetics to make the complexion beautiful, and there are pills, and plasters, and potions, and lozenges, and beautiful, and pomades, and salves, and sun-dries, and scaps, and pads, and ointments, and perfumes, and toilet essentials, and, in a word, almost everything that people need to cure their diseases, and a great many things that cannot cure even a sick cat or a debilitated monkey.

My neighbor, the druggist, will not take it as uncomplimentary, if the remark is made that many of the things he sells for the cure of dyspepsia are of no particular account. The fact is that dyspepsia is a very tough disease to wrestle with. It needs tonics and it needs iron. A good many of the articles offered for the cure of this malady have failed in that the tonics they contain are not the right things, and that the iron is introduced in such a way as to do more harm than good.

But my neighbor, the druggist, is fortunate in having on his shelves, one medicine which is no failure, but, on the contrary, a sure success. Among all the others that my dyspeptic friends need, many a victim of dyspepsia here I see what by it into liberty and life. Let all the other contents of his be helped by it into liberty and life. Let all the other contents of his be helped by it into liberty and life. Let all the other contents of his be helped by it into liberty and life.

A dollar a bottle, did you say? Certainly a reasonable enough price. My neighbor, the druggist, will tell you so.

NEW YORK.—The total visible supply of cotton for the world is 3,970,100 bales, of which 2,853,210 bales are American, against 1,300,000 and 2,568,106 bales respectively last year. The latest receipts of cotton at all interior towns is 80,245 bales; receipts from plantations 72,166. Crop in sight 493,364.

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REMOVAL. Lotteries. CAPITAL PRIZE, \$75,000. Tickets only \$5. Shares in Proportion. L.S.L. Louisiana State Lottery Co. We do hereby certify that we supervise the arrangements for all the Monthly and Semi-Annual Drawings of the Louisiana State Lottery Company, and in person manage and control the Drawings themselves, and that the same are conducted with honesty, fairness, and in good faith toward all parties and we authorize the company to use this certificate, with fac-similes of our signatures attached, in its advertisements. W. Kaufman & Co. Large and Commodious Store. CORNER TRADE and TRYON STS., Under the Central Hotel. Where They Will be Glad to See Their Old Customers and be Pleased to Show Them. AN ELEGANT LINE OF THE CHEAPEST Clothing In the City of Charlotte. Extending the congratulations of the season we take the opportunity of thanking a generous public for the patronage given us during the past seven years, and confidently hope to merit a continuance in the future. Respectfully, W. KAUFMAN & CO.

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