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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Chattanooga Times says that "whatever political party adopts the 'open river' policy, and passes a bill to appropriate at one time enough to open Muscle Shoals, will for years control Tennessee and Alabama."

The Northwestern Christian Advocate suggests the holding of a Pan-Wesleyan Council, which, it thinks, would be calculated to secure fraternity among the different Methodist bodies in America, and be likely to lead to a speedy union of all the branches of that great family.

One thousand more troops are to be sent from Spain to Cuba. A new Captain-General will also be appointed for the Island. The war cannot be protracted much longer on the part of the government without a reaction in Spain. Amateurs must have success in Cuba, or he will lose his throne.

A Milan letter states that in consequence of a dispatch received regarding the recent Italian emigration to this country, the Italian government has issued imperative instructions to the prefect of Turin to impede all emigration to this country, and to permit only those Italians to leave who have documentary assurance of employment upon their arrival here.

The Bey of Tunis impales defaulting officers-hounds on a spit ten feet high. Three tax collectors who had stolen a third of the taxes collected by them were thus dealt with in November last. What a terrible sensation there would be if the Tunisian method of dealing with official defaulters should be introduced in this country; but it can't be done. It would consume too much lumber and produce a panic in the market.

One of the results of the late storms in Europe was that great numbers of carlines were driven near the Cornish coast. Fishermen from St. Ives and Port Isaac caught them with seines to the number of 50,000 to 60,000 to the boat. As these fish sold at exceedingly good prices, the wind that blew them to the fishermen of Cornwall was not an ill one, however bad it may have proved itself to be in other quarters.

If a man once gets his foot into the smallest little opening in the quagmire of the law, there is no knowing into what depths he may work himself or whether he will ever get out alive. A suit was begun in Easton, Mass., in 1863, in which the matter of controversy was \$1 56 worth of land and a few cords of wood. Out of this thirty different suits have grown, some of which are carried on at great expense and much bitterness of feeling.

The city of Hartford, for sanitary purposes, has commenced the construction of a drain some 7,340 feet long, at an expense of \$125,000, to carry off the water from some thousands of acres of wet land, known as the Great Swamp; and these improvements once completed, the value of the territory will be immense, and will pay in a very few years in the way of betterments—all the money laid out, and be of permanent tax-paying interest thereafter.

The reported financial embarrassments of the Atlantic Mail Steamship are confirmed, and the company has virtually suspended business. Three vessels of the line have been seized for debt, including the Morro Castle, which was seized on her arrival at New York on last Saturday. The company has experienced hard luck. Its business has been reduced by a number of causes, prominent among which are the competition with a rival line and the loss of three steamers—the Eagle, Havana and Missouri.

A bill to abolish the reading and writing clause in the stated qualifications of voters in Massachusetts, is before the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature of that State, and the Boston Post says: "If their report on the subject is in keeping with the fag of reasoning and weight of testimony already presented, it will not fail to approve cordially the proposition. There is manifest inconsistency, as

well as injustice, in imposing on the citizens of Massachusetts voting regulations which the party that rules Massachusetts insists on removing from the rights of the South.

It is said that a company of real estate operators in Boston are building a Long Branch for that town which shall rival New York's bathing place on the Jersey coast. They have purchased a tract known as Broad's Island, lying between East Boston and Revere, and containing twelve thousand acres. The property is divided into eighty thousand shares, of which twenty-three thousand are to be sold at once. A railroad is to be built through it from Boston to Lynn, and an effort is to be made to persuade the people of the "Hub" that here is a Long Branch, now far superior to the Jersey affair.

The President of the Union Pacific Railroad reports that the company have received subscriptions for 367,839 shares, having a par value of \$36,783,000, of which \$20,762,000 have been paid in. The entire cost of the road, including unadjusted balances, was \$114,253,333, and its entire indebtedness is \$75,894,512. During the year ended June 30, 1872, the earnings of the road from transportation of passengers and freight, and from miscellaneous sources, amounted to \$7,962,170, or about twenty percent of the stock. The Central Pacific road has \$54,283,190 of stock paid in, out of \$38,644,000 subscribed; and \$9,373,705 was received from the transportation of passengers and freight. The indebtedness of the company is \$80,900,132.

We saw, says the Boston Journal of Chemistry, a few days ago, in the hands of Alvan Clark Jr., some wonderful artificial rubies, emeralds and sapphires, and some very fine artificial diamonds. They were made by a French workman, and the general opinion is that they have never deceived experts. One of them was shown to a celebrated jeweler in Boston, some time since, and he at once pronounced it genuine, and gave his reasons for so doing. He said it was worth at least \$150, while in reality it was not worth more than \$5.

The rubies have the exact composition of the native gems, and differ from them only in hardness. The process by which these gems are manufactured is known only to the inventor.

Leading Republican Senators hold and express the opinion that the Spaniards will purchase will result in "the necessity of protecting American citizens by our official protectorate over the Island of Santo Domingo, and finally in its annexation. This rich company going there will soon control the interests of the island, and it will not be long before they will appeal for protection, either from foreign governments or from the Hapsburg or Santo Domingo government. The United States government must thus protect its citizens, and from a protective to an annexation is but a step, believed to be within the reach of those at the head of the purchasing scheme." In other words, it is the old San Domingo job in another shape.

Bishop Littlejohn, of the Episcopal Church, delivered a discourse the other evening in New York upon the "Old Catholic Movement in Germany," based upon his own recent observations there. He considered the actual strength of the movement, what it had thus far done, and what it was likely to do in the future. He was quite guarded and moderate in the statement of the numbers and resources of the movement, and claimed for them only a hundred congregations, with somewhat conservative and scholarly leaders, and without any of the spirit of the demagogue or appeal to popular passions. He thought that they had done a great deal to throw light upon important historical and religious questions, to show the fallacy and presumption of the recent ultramontane policy, and to organize carefully, but strongly, their reformed institutions. They could not but act effectively upon the thinking classes in Germany, and do much to modify and guide the present tendency there to break away wholly from Rome and establish the German National Church.

NEWSPAPER-PRESS ASSOCIATIONS.

We have sometimes wondered whether the present prosperous business and political condition of Georgia is not owing in a great degree to the excellence of her State press. It is a fact, anyhow, that the press of Georgia is more prosperous, more vigorous, more generally circulated and read than in any other Southern State. And Georgia is blessed with a better local government, her financial condition is better, her works of internal improvement are more profitable and better managed than in any and all the other Southern States.

We do not refer especially to the press of the larger cities, and towns—and they are an honor to the several communities in which they are published—but to the country papers as well. There are more papers published in Georgia to the population, we believe, than elsewhere in the South, and are, beyond question, more successful than papers similarly located in neighboring States. No one who can see the papers of Georgia requires to be told of its prosperity. They proclaim it more than all the books that could be written or the agents who could be appointed to herald the advantages of that State to the intelligent capitalist or industrious laborer who may be seeking a home.

And why is this? In the first place, Georgia supports her press by wise legislation, and in the next place, the press sustains itself, by mutual agreements, based upon honorable and just principles.

We have read with much interest the proceedings of the recent Press Convention held at Atlanta, and we believe we see therein the reason for the prosperity of the press of that State.

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