

MORNING STAR.

Tuesday, May 2, 1871.

Correspondents must not write on both sides of their paper.
We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

THE CIRCULATION OF THE MORNING STAR IS LARGER THAN THAT OF ANY OTHER DAILY NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN NORTH CAROLINA.

ANTHRACITE COAL.

Some interesting figures in regard to anthracite coal are given in the New York Standard. The figures indicate that the amount of that valuable mineral in the United States has been very accurately determined, the area and the thickness of the veins being known. The Central coal fields, comprising 120 square miles, have been calculated to contain 5,854,961,500 tons; the Southern coal fields, 140 square miles, 11,308,842,000 tons, and the Northern coal fields, 108 square miles, 9,178,872,000 tons, making a total of 470 square miles and 20,343,875,000 tons, from which deducting one-half for waste in mining, there remains 13,171,827,500 tons of marketable coal, which will give us an annual supply of 20,000,000 tons for 600 years, or for four centuries after the coal fields of England shall have been entirely exhausted.

RAILROADS IN STREETS.

For more than twenty years the property owners on North Howard street, Baltimore, have been making a steady effort to procure the removal from that street of the steam railway track used by the Baltimore and Ohio and Northern Central railway companies. Two years ago, after a thorough discussion of the subject, the city councilors ordered the removal of the track by the 1st of May, 1872. Last week, as the time had nearly expired, an effort was made in the council to extend the time for the removal of the track to October, 1872. A resolution to this effect was considered at an adjourned meeting Thursday, and was rejected—yays, 5; nays, 13. This action of the council was applauded by the crowd of citizens present.

RED REPUBLICANISM ILLUSTRATED.

Nothing occurred in the worst excesses of the old French Revolution of 1793, of a more crazy character than the late unblushing proposition of Rochefort to chain distinguished members of the present French Republican government, at Versailles, together in a public square in Paris, and allow them to be torn in pieces by a mob who had relations killed in the insurrection. Yet Rochefort, who publicly makes this suggestion, is a prominent leader of what aspires to be the dominant party in France, and which really is possessed of great power. It is an unhappy people that have such men as advisers, and nothing but evil can be expected of them.

GRANT'S SPECULATIONS.

Grant makes a much better trade for himself than he does for the Government. The house in Washington which the New York politicians bought for him at a cost of but \$30,000, he afterwards sold to the friends of Gen. Sherman for \$65,000. He agreed to pay Barz \$3,000,000 for a twenty years' lease of the Bay of Samana, when he could have leased it for twenty thousand years for one-third of the money. The first trade was for himself; the last was for the Government.

WORK BEFORE AN EMPEROR.

The Emperor of Brazil is likely to have enough work on his hands for some time to come. Simultaneously dispatches state that he has been chosen as arbitrator to settle the Alabama claims, and that a revolution has broken out in his own empire, and recently it was stated that he was going to Europe with his wife on a grand tour.

Palmetto Leaves.

The Greenville Enterprise advocates as a remedy for legislative abuses a property qualification in all voters for the members of the State Senate.

The Barnwell Sentinel says: Wednesday last was Decoration Day in Barnwell, and the young ladies of the village turned out in large numbers and paid tribute to the graves of the Confederate dead.

The Yorkville Enquirer says: "From various sections we have reports of slight frost on Sunday morning last. There was frost in this locality on the same morning, and also on the morning following, but no damage was inflicted to fruit or vegetation."

The Charleston News requests to learn from a correspondent that the recent cold snap has destroyed many hopes for delicious peaches this year.

Mr. E. C. McOlnire will revive the Chester Reporter.

The Greenville Enterprise says: "Mr. J. B. Sherman, deputy United States marshal, received a severe blow on the head from some man, last Thursday night, whose keg of whiskey he had just seized, and for some time his life was despaired of. We are pleased to learn that he is now regarded as likely to recover in a short time."

The ladies of the Baptist congregation in Anderson are preparing for a grand festival for the benefit of the church, to come off to-morrow.

Ought the right of suffrage to be conferred upon the female sex? was the question of Thursday evening, publicly debated in Bennettsville.

Homicide in Lake City.

W. P. Mahoney, republican member of the Assembly from Columbia county, was shot and killed yesterday morning by a man named Ballinger, at Lake City. The particulars received by telegraph are as follows: At a social dance last night, Mahoney demanded an apology from Ballinger for an alleged in-law to his, Mahoney's wife, which Ballinger refused to give until Mahoney whipped him, when Mahoney refused to accept it. On yesterday, Ballinger went into a saloon where Mahoney was, and demanded an apology from him, when a quarrel ensued. Ballinger drew his pistol and fired at Mahoney, but the ball entered the floor. Mahoney jumped behind the counter and returned the fire, but missed, when Ballinger fired several times in succession, one ball entering Mahoney's heart and killing him instantly.

Mahoney was a young man, a native of this State, and a soldier in the Confederate army, but was a prominent Republican in his county, and, as such, was elected a member of the Legislature last year.—Florida Union.

The Joint High Commission—International Arbitration.

WASHINGTON, April 28.

It is rumored in diplomatic circles that the joint high commission have agreed to settle the questions of international law which have arisen in the Alabama claims controversy by their reference to an international arbitration, to be composed of the Emperors of Austria, Prussia and Russia, and representatives of Great Britain and the United States. Secretary Fish to represent the latter as a commissioner, and that the arbitrators shall meet in Berlin and decide the issues on the facts as they have been accepted by the present commission. The San Juan boundary and the fishery questions, being mere local matters, are to be determined by the existing commission, except in the event that points of international law in dispute shall also be referred to the proposed international arbitration. The statement is given as it is circulated, and for what it is worth.—Balt. Sun, 29th.

Found Guilty.

McGinn, the accomplice of Dr. Lewis in the murder of Special Constable Drummond, of Brunswick county, was on Saturday found guilty of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hanged on the 21st of July next.

Dr. Lewis, the principal in the murder was upon examination by expert physicians, pronounced insane.

[These are the parties who were arrested at Fair Bluff, Columbus county, several months since, an account of which appeared in the STAR.]

Discovery of a Brother's Grave.

A lady and gentleman from the far South, while here on a bridal tour a few days ago, visited Oakwood Cemetery. Among other objects of interest while roaming through the soldiers' section in that city of the dead, the gentleman suddenly came upon the grave of his only brother, killed in the Confederate service, and whose last resting-place had hitherto been unknown to any member of his family. It had been carefully and legibly marked by the good ladies of the Oakwood Association, and there could be no mistake as to its identity. The stranger immediately ordered a marble slab to be erected over the remains, and took the wooden head-board put there by the association to his mother in the South. It is stated that a brother of the bride was also killed during the war, and his remains are interred at another Richmond cemetery—Hollywood.—Richmond Dispatch.

Colored Population.

The census returns show a noteworthy change in the distribution of the colored population among the Southern States. Compared with 1860, the following percentages of increase and decrease are exhibited: Increase—Florida, 50 per cent.; Texas 25 per cent., Arkansas 12 per cent.; Georgia 12 per cent. Decrease—Kentucky, 7 per cent.; Virginia 8 per cent.; West Virginia 15 per cent.; Louisiana 19 per cent. Thus it appears that the colored population have been drawn off from Virginia and Kentucky to the more profitable employment in the cotton region. Equally they seem to flee from the hard and trying labor of sugar harvesting in Louisiana.

Texas Fruits and Flowers.

San Antonio is at present one bewilderment mass of loveliness. Roses and honeysuckles fill the air with a perfume almost oppressive, while the bright colors of beautifully-tinted flowers, contrasting with the deep green of the foliage, lend an air of beauty to the surroundings of neat dwellings and handsome residences that ought to leave us in full possession of the title of the "Garden Spot of Texas."

The oldest inhabitants declare that they have never experienced a season so favorable to the growth of fruits, flowers, and crops, and they are not slow in declaring that they believe the fabled seven years of prosperity are upon us. We hope their prophecies may prove to be true.—San Antonio Express.

Mr. Commissioner Pleasanton writes to R. M. Proud, of Maryland, that after the 30th of April apothecaries will be subject to the same liability as any other person whatever for the sale of distilled spirits, wines, or malt liquors in any quantities, and without reference to the purposes for which in the manner in which they may be sold.

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