

It costs more to send a barrel of freight from here to Columbia, S. C., than from Ohio to New York. Why is it?—Statesville Intelligencer.

It is because the through-freight system is now the prevailing epidemic in this country. But what does the Intelligencer think of this? A bale of cotton may be shipped from Wilmington to New York, via the Wilmington and Weldon Railway and connections, for \$2.50; but if it is shipped from Rocky Point, a station on the same road, and 14 miles nearer New York, it costs \$4.00. So it is more economical to ship from Rocky Point to Wilmington, paying the local freight of 50 cents per bale, and then re-ship from Wilmington to New York at the through rate. And yet the average shipper will persist in concluding that from Rocky Point via Wilmington to Rocky Point to New York is a somewhat circuitous route. Possibly, however, this may be a "horizontal" route; who knows?

Last Saturday's investigation into the Credit Mobilier business developed the fact that the Union Pacific Railroad Company let out to themselves the contract for building the road. The profits arising from this job are supposed to be at least \$30,000,000. The road is deeply involved in debt. It owes the Government a large amount. Yet it pockets \$30,000,000 profits on a nice little speculation it easily arranged for itself. Such are the influences of our civilization. God help us!

The death is announced of a great social reformer and eminent clergyman of England. Baptist Wrothlesley Noel was a son of Sir Gerard Noel Noel, and a younger brother of the Earl of Gainsborough. For many years he was a prominent clergyman of the established church, but in 1849 joined the Baptists. At the time of his decease Mr. Noel was in his 73rd year.

The Tribune thinks Congress had better keep its hands off the foreign immigration business, and leave it to State regulation. It would do well to keep its hands off some other business as well.

Tuesday, the 21st, was the anniversary of the birth of that grand cavalier and noble Christian gentleman, Stonewall Jackson—the South's idol, and the ideal soldier. Just two days after Lee's.

A Charlotte contemporary talks of "Marriage in the future London"—meaning that interior village. Yes, a good many of them necessary first.

In despair the Register asks, "Is Mobile finished?" Got some fogies down there, probably.

"Cool and calculating—Old Proboscis." But he sometimes raises a tempest.

We congratulate the Southern Home on arriving at its third anniversary.

TIMELY TOPICS.

Measures for internal improvement, commercial utility, and financial reform have engrossed much of the time of Argentine statesmen in and out of their legislative halls. The army and national guard have been reorganized; representation upon the basis of the census established; the Port bill enacted; laws establishing and encouraging six different railroads have been passed; a national bank organized, and other measures of public policy are now laws of the Argentine Confederation. All the world improves except "the land of the tree and the home of the brave." The people of this country seem Gallio-like to care for none of these things, or if they undertake them, do so out of a low, mercenary spirit. We are rapidly forgetting how it feels to be freemen and have freemen's aspirations. The exemplars of our present civilization are Tom Scott, Ben Butler, Kansas Caldwell, Judge Durell and negro Pinchbeck.

The Cotton States members of Congress have agreed on a new bill to refund the tax on cotton unlawfully collected. It is said "for we haven't seen the bill or even a synopsis of the same—that the provisions of the old bill are essentially changed so as to carefully look after the interests of the planters and freedom in securing to them absolutely the return of the cotton tax which they have paid. This measure will bring some relief to the South."

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PROMINENT PERSONALS.

A Brussels bank smash cost Pío Nono a cool \$300,000. The wife of Governor Safford, of Arizona, is suing for a divorce. M. Capéfigue, the French historian, died in Paris three weeks ago, aged seventy-four.

Secretary Belknap has a decided weakness for pork and beans; that is, he goes it strong on 'em. Hon. Fred Bird has been confined to his cage for the first time in 40 years. A jolly healthy bird.

Bradlaugh's ambition is civic. He says: "I desire to climb step by step, resting the ladder by whose rungs I ascend firmly on Parliament-made laws, and avoiding those appeals to force of arms which make victory bloody and disastrous."

ON THE BOARDS.

Charlotte Cushman is going abroad in the spring. Miss Neilson appears as Juliet in Philadelphia. Theodore Thomas closes his engagement in Philadelphia this week.

The Inter-Ocean cruelly alludes to Jenny Lind as "the poor old woman." Mr. Fechter's Lyceum Theatre, in Fourteenth street, erected upon the site of the old French Theatre, New York, is now completed, and is both externally and internally the most unique building of any description in the country.

PALMETTO LEAVES.

The Episcopal Convocation is in session at Columbia. Miss Patterson read in Charleston Monday and Tuesday nights.

President Grant has pardoned William Henry Henderson, convicted in August, 1879, of robbing the mail between Asheville and Greenville, and sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in the Albany penitentiary.

The South Carolinian regrets to learn that Rev. Mr. Davis, a son of the late Bishop Davis, and pastor of the church at Unionville, while riding from the parsonage on Friday last, was thrown violently from his horse against a fence and received injuries of a serious character.

A meeting of the Medical Society of South Carolina was held Monday, and the Trustees of the Roper Hospital were instructed to continue negotiations with the City Council for the purpose of renting the hospital to the city for a term of ten years or more.

The Port Royal Railroad stockholders are much encouraged by a bill recently introduced in the Georgia Senate, which has for its object the amending of the charter of the Georgia Railroad and Banking Company, so as to permit them to aid in the construction of and hold stock in the Port Royal Railroad.

In the United States Court, at Charleston, Elias Reade and Carolina Geiger, convicted of attempting to intimidate voters, were sentenced to two months' imprisonment in the jail at Sumter. S. C. James Elijah, alias Monday Waites, convicted of voting more than once, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment in the Charleston jail. In the Inferior Court, Samuel Frasse was found guilty of forgery. Thursday next was appointed for sentence day.

OVER THE GLAD WATERS.

Famine fever has broken out in the poorer districts of London. The fortifications of Cronstadt are being enlarged.

The English press doesn't like the proposed annexation to the U. S. of the Sandwich Islands.

It is said that Marshal Serrano has written a letter to Seno Sagasta announcing his firm intention to retire to private life.

Sebastopol harbor is being cleared and deepened, so as to enable large ships to enter it, and the materials for such ships have already been sent to Nicolaieff. The entrance will be fortified.

The English Republicans have invented an ensign. It is to be green, white and blue, the first to stand for the fertile earth, the white for purity, the blue for the sky, beneath which all men are equal.

THE OLD DOMINION.

One lady in Richmond was knocked down and had her finger broken by a runaway carriage horse and another narrowly escaped. George E. Deneal, of Rockingham, talks of running as independent candidate for Governor.

By an accident on the Va. and Ten. road Saturday several empty cars of a freight train were thrown from a bridge across Roanoke river. A colored man named Goin, in the employment of the company, was severely hurt. No other damage was done.

A young man named George Mayo, who was an assistant railroad agent on the Central Road, betrayed a young lady of respectable family, and being pursued by her mother, who intended to kill him, committed suicide at Toluca Station on last Wednesday night.

STAR BEAMS.

A lady in Boston is the image of Lucrecia. A capital improvement—The new State House at Albany.

The muskrat crop is said to be winter-killed in the far Northwest. A Vermont baby was so heavy that it came the bottom of the scales.

A clock that has stopped—Mr. Clock, keeper of the Fire Island lighthouse, who has resigned.

In-sultin.—A suit for libel has been brought by the Turkish government against the London Times. It is intended to be very damaging.

Mejia, the Mexican Minister of War, has resigned, and Gen. Mariana Escobedo has been appointed in his stead. Further changes in the Cabinet are expected soon to take place.

A publisher gave a very good reason for preferring deceased authors to living ones. He said that the former never kept him waiting for copy.

"Six feet in his boots!" exclaimed Mrs. Beeswax. "What will the impudence of this world come to, I wonder? Why, they might as well tell me that the man had six heads in his hat!"

Josie Mansfield is a woman of attachments, strong and otherwise. Just now she has one for a resident of Newport, R. I., from whom she seeks to recover \$12,500, which she sunk in the broken Bowles, of Paris. Josie always was a suitor.

During the recent cold weather at Cape May a flock of partridges, overcome by the cold and snow of our recent storm, were found alive in a fence corner of a farm by the toll gate, by Mr. Charles Rutherford, who took them by the sitting-room fire, which soon restored them to unmanageable vivacity and life, one popping through a window pane and escaping.

The financial balance sheet of Baltimore shows a diminution of floating debt of the city since October 31st, 1871, to the extent of \$196,580.84, and of the guaranteed debt during the year to the amount of \$343,000, but an increase of the funded debt during the same period amounting to \$1,273,100. The amount of stock and securities held by the city in the various improvement companies of the State is \$8,542,230.93.

Sisterhoods and Deaconesses had for some time been known in England and Germany at Clewer and Kaiserworth chiefly, and to a very limited extent in America also, before in 1870 the Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church resolved "that this Board hereby recognizes the tested value of organizations of trained laity, and especially of Christian women, in prosecuting the aggressive work of the Church." The result was the appointment of a committee and a report upon "women's work," which endorsed these organizations as a part of the Church's aid for missionary purposes. Since then these "Sisterhoods and Orders of Deaconesses" have undoubtedly increased.

DOWN IN DIXIE.

A Macon colored girl suicided. Unrequited affection. A negro was found dead in Augusta a few days ago.

A Montgomery paper reports that city full of thieves. New cases of small-pox are reported in Huntsville, Ala.

Last Sunday, in Savannah, was the coldest day of the season. The Augusta fire companies observed Lee's birth by a good parade.

Columbus claims to do more business in proportion to size than Atlanta. Col. E. C. Anderson has been nominated for the Mayoralty of Savannah.

Jacob Peiler, a Madison (Ga.) merchant, was robbed of \$11,800 on Wednesday last.

Andrew Crutcher was shot and killed at Vicksburg, last week, by parties unknown.

Mr. Hamilton Green, of Troup county, Ga., died very suddenly last week from heart disease.

The Georgia State University opened on the 18th with the most favorable prospects.

The cotton factories in Georgia are worth \$3,649,050, of which \$1,519,500 are located in Columbus.

An old controversy revived. Lewis H. Noe writes to the Star that he is about to come before the public as a lecturer to show that "Stanley never found Livingstone."

He says: "I have read the newspapers thoroughly, and have searched diligently, but have failed to find any evidence to convince me that Stanley has discovered Dr. Livingstone."

I think the expeditions lately gone into Africa will be sure to find out the truth as to Stanley's story, and in less than a year we shall know more about it than Lewis H. Noe.

A letter from Europe narrates an interview with Dr. Döllinger, at Munich. The venerable scholar stoutly maintains that he was right in his Old Catholic movement, though he does not see how it will terminate. He is well informed as to all that is going on in the religious world, and watches with eagerness for any indications which shall direct his steps.

The fact is that the Old Catholics lack leaders who are competent and willing to make a separate movement, and do not see the Greek or reformed churches sufficiently free from sectarianism to warrant joining in with them.

FURTHER FROM THE FLOOD AND FREEZE.

The Great Freeze and Ice Gorge in the Squahanna. Mention was made in the Baltimore Sun of the alarm felt on Friday and Saturday on the river line in Maryland, but the sudden cold snap, it was hoped, would save it from immediate disaster at least, and by gradually breaking up, it was hoped the ice would be passed out into the Chesapeake, and that for this season an injurious freshet would be avoided on the lower river.

This hope, however, was doomed to early disappointment, as the partial freeze of Saturday only temporarily relieved the danger, and on Sunday morning the water from above came savagely down on the little city of Port Deposit, Maryland and at last accounts had driven forth the population in all the chief and lower sections of the surrounding hills, the river having risen suddenly during the previous night, causing the ice to break up, and pouring a portion of the flood into the streets of the town, submerging wharves, lumber-yards, stores and dwellings; later the inmates had to escape as best they could.

Yesterday a reporter of the Sun who visited the scene of disaster gathered some particulars, from which we select the following:

A SECOND OVERFLOW. About 10 o'clock yesterday (Monday) morning the river choked up, and overran its banks and again did the torrent pour into the town, this time with more volume and force than before. The railway track of the Maryland Central road was quickly submerged for a distance of a mile, as also the Port Deposit branch of the Philadelphia and Wilmington railroad to Perryville. Great masses of ice came into the main street. Doorsteps, porches and fences were carried away. Great piles of lumber tumbled into the torrent and were floated about. The river rose within an hour to a height of ten feet above the ordinary level, and within about two feet of the greatest height attained in 1857. The water in the street quickly arose to a depth of from five to seven feet, and over fifty dwellings were inundated, the inmates being driven to the upper stories. The male population turned out en masse. Row boats were procured, and very soon stout arms were willingly laboring to succor and relieve those in distress. House after house was visited, and the occupants taken from the second-story windows, until over 200 persons were assisted to high land, only to find themselves for the time homeless, and to look down upon the raging river below, in apprehension that even worse might come.

A SCENE OF DESOLATION. As the flood continued houses were struck and buffeted about, some turned around, others knocked askew, and one or two upset entirely. Small outhouses floated in the tide. Boats were seen among the ice and lumber, the rower battling to do good, and on the hills were open and children climbing the bluffs to seek shelter where they might among their more fortunate neighbors. The scene was one of desolation and saddening to the sight. Many families proceeded to Perryville, others to Havre de Grace, on the cars, and some came to Baltimore to their friends to await the result of the flood. The narrow escapes reported were numerous, but fortunately no lives were lost in the town at least.

New Married Men—What They Have to Come to. BY RELIABLE YOUNG.

1. Just married; destined to linger in clover, new-mown hay, and such herbage from nine to twelve months. Then—

2. Some black, rascally, stormy night you are turned out into streets and ponds and mill-races, or amid snow eighteen inches deep, and drifting like blazes, and told to run for a doctor. When you get home again, eight chances to ten, a little red flannel looking thing, about the size of a big merino potato, awaits you. They call it a baby, and packed up with it you will find the first real squalls of married life—you can bet on that.

3. Paregoric and something syrup, and catnip tea, and long flannel, and diaper stuff, and baby-codie—they will come along too; in fact they will become just as much at home in the house as dinner. Then

4. One of these nights, in "The wee sma' hours ayont the twal," you will turn out against Barfoot, an icy, disconsolate sense of dampness all about you, only a cotton shirt or such a matter between you and the distressing openness of a cane-seat chair, you will distractedly rock that baby back and forth, and bob it up and down, singing, meanwhile, with a voice like a wild ox in a slaughter yard:

"This thing is playing out, Mary, Rock o' bye, baby, on a tree-top," or some such melody. And all the time that baby yells. Oh, doesn't he yell! While Mary Ann, up to her nose under the warm bed covers, to help out, every now and then impatiently puts in, just at the wrong place, "Why don't you trot him faster, Samuel?"

And you trot him—oh how you do trot him! If you could only trot his wind out so far that he never could get any of it back again, or break his back, or neck, or something, your work would be immeasurably happy. But no. The little innocent seems tougher than an iron tubber.

Just as you are about giving up, concluding that you must freeze, that there will certainly have to be a funeral in the house made of this wee sma' hours, baby yells with sheer exhaustion, and then with thin chatterings like a Mc Cormick's reaper, you

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