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FRIDAY MORNING, SEPT. 3, 1875.

Rigid instructions concerning the Mexican marauders have been forwarded to the commander of the naval forces on the Rio Grande and there is some hope that the incursions of these freebooters may be stopped.

Our accomplished Christian Reid is writing up North Carolina scenes and life for *Appleton's Journal*, under the title, "The Land of the Sky; or, Adventures in Mountain Byways." The first chapter appears in *Appleton* for Sept. 4.

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It is true the tomato season is three-fourths gone before our suggestion to can the delightful succulent is made. But no matter. As the old proverb says, "better late than never;" it is never too late to do good, and so a profitable source of income to some localities is opened it is immaterial whether North Carolina is behind other States or not. Thousands might be made out of the tomato crop, which grows here almost spontaneously. They can be enclosed in air-tight cans for a trifling sum, and readily sold in the markets of the country.

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THE CHARLIE ROSS CASE.

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It is believed in Philadelphia that Westervelt knows what has been done, with little Ross by the men who abducted him. It is a singular case, and one about which there has been more fruitless speculation than any in our time. If Westervelt can be forced to clear up the mystery, whatever the fate of the boy, it will be a relief. It is hoped that he may be induced to reveal all he knows which is supposed to be sufficient to put the whole matter at rest.

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BUSINESS.

Now we are out on a "wide, wide sea," with scarcely a guide to our course, but we are not "alone." Few men can pierce with "pervading vision" even the immediate future of the country's business. What of the currency? What of the crops? What of trade this fall? What of the iron-pinchings times? These are the questions echo answers the best it may.

Let us see what commercial authority has to say on the vastly important subject of business revival. The September book of a leading mercantile agency in New York considers that "whether the expectation which have been entertained of an improved condition of trade for the present year are to be realized or not, the next ninety days will determine."

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The literary department of the New York *Sun* is edited with rare ability. It is seldom that an author is carelessly reviewed in the columns of that paper, though not infrequently in other respects than its literary criticisms, flippant and unreliable newspaper. A searching and elaborate critique on Tennyson's "Queen Mary" appears in Tuesday's issue of the *Sun*, which whatever may be the effect it may have on the *Lancaster*'s reputation in America, justly considered one of the most earnest and painstaking papers that have ever graced the columns of a daily journal in this country. It is not our purpose to notice this article at length, or even to mention the positions assumed by the reviewer. That would

be to do with the *Lancaster* and its editor, Mr. Grosvenor, of St. Louis, and Fred Hassaneck of Cincinnati, both prominent and talented members of the late Democratic-Liberal Republican party, are on the *Lancaster* to do in behalf of the *Lancaster* what they did for the *Democrat* in the South.

A Philadelphia paper expresses the opinion that "the toppling of the great fabric of the gold system of the Pacific, just when rates are being made against currency inflation, will give the advantage to the Kelleys and Careys and Burfords of the world, and make them 10,000 times stronger in China than he was a week ago." Then the San Francisco panic is not without its good uses.

General James S. Brisbin is the positive gentleman who was suggested the other day for United States Senator from Nebraska, and declined in a way that left the impression that he did not consider the suggestion much of an honor.

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be aside from the purposes of this newspaper and would occupy more of our space than we can give to-day to the consideration of such subjects. The *Sun*, it will be seen from the extract we make below, does not regard Tennyson as even a great artist in literature, which is all his more considerable admirers claim for him. The writer goes into a general review of the poet's powers, along with special criticism of his drama. The mass of American readers will hardly agree that so low a rank among the princes of English poetry should be assigned to Alfred Tennyson. That same public has snatched Wordsworth from his pedestal, and kept Byron on his despite the efforts of detractors of his literary and moral fame. They will see that even-handed justice is meted out to one of the trusty and yet by no means one of the loftiest of the British bards.

But to the extract, it is the conclusion of a long and meritorious dissertation of the poet's faults. The *Sun* says:

In such work as that contained in this volume he has shown himself to be not an artist, but an artisan. Generally speaking, he is a skilful and judicious craftsman, but his artistic power is limited. In this he is like a jeweler, who is lavish with his ornaments, and too nearly overspreads the whole surface. He is not an architect, but a decorator. Yet when he has adorned with sufficient profusion, what another man has built, it may pass for his own edifice; when he has embellished a commodious cottage of his own construction, it may pass for a fairy palace. Measured by the standard of great poets he lacks their essential qualities. It would appear, therefore, that even in these days of speculation no man has received so great an income from the use of such a small capital as has Mr. Alfred Tennyson.

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