

ADVICE TO THE PRESS.

The conclusion of the veteran Ritchie's farewell address to the public, contains a piece of advice to his brethren of the press...

"One word to my brethren of the press, and I have done. They have called me the veteran of the press—Father Ritchie— and all those amiable epithets which seem to give me some right to speak to them in that character...

We cannot refrain from a feeling of sadness in perusing these last lines. It is the common belief that energy in any pursuit of life will insure success...

Pecuniary obligations to the conductors of newspapers seem to sit more loosely on a man's conscience than almost any other kind of debt.

The particular case of Mr. Ritchie is, it is true, aggravated by the desertion of his party in the matter of the contract for the public printing.

Letters have been received at the Coast Survey Office from assistants R. D. CUTTS, GEO. DAVIDSON, and A. M. HARRISON, and acting master J. H. MOORE...

Mademoiselle Jenny Lind, through her private secretary, on Friday morning handed over to the Mayor of Baltimore the sum of \$3,700...

- To the Female Orphan Asylum on Richmond street, attached to St. Peter's Church, \$800
To the Orphans' Home, under the charge of the Rev. Dr. Moriarty, 700
To the Farm School in Baltimore county, 700
To the Widows' Home, 800
For private relief, to be disbursed at the discretion of the Mayor, 700
\$3,669

Miss Lind and suite left Baltimore the same morning in the 9 o'clock train of cars for Philadelphia, having added largely, if that were possible, to her already great reputation.—Bal. Amer.

LATE FROM HAVANA. Preparations for Revolution—Stores of Arms Discovered.

The New York Sun has a letter from Havana, which describes the excitement in that city in relation to the rumored invasion. It says:

"The authorities place no reliance whatever, on the loyalty of the Creoles, and feel it. They have seized on all the steamers between Balabano and Cienfuegos, and those that run to San Juan, as well as the steamers on the North Coast. Troops are constantly prepared to leave their barracks at first warning, and everything looks warlike.

"Among the arrests recently made during the last few weeks, the most important is that of Don Graciano Montoya Socas, a young man twenty-two years of age, and very promising in his appearance. He was arrested for endeavoring to bribe two pilots. Instead of acceding to his proposal they immediately gave notice to the authorities.

"In his dungeon he was tortured and examined, and revealed the most secret springs of this second expedition. He has already caused several persons to be arrested. His revelations, however, did not serve to avert his doom. He was executed on the 29th, at 6 A. M.

"The Government seized on a large depot of arms on the 26th, near Puente Chaves, on the Cerro road. They consisted of pikes armed with bayonets and cheese knives, guns, pistols, sabres, &c. The Captain of this ward, Obier, has been arrested, and is at present confined in Moro Castle. He is a Creole, and is somewhat implicated in the threatened movement.

"Four priests have been sent to Spain for speaking too free about the revolution. They left here on the ship Europa, which sailed on the 28th. The same day, Padre Valdes, curate of Guina, a small town in the western part of the island, was brought to the Habana by a picket of cavalry. He was immediately thrown into one of the dungeons of the Moro castle.

"A good deal was seen of the leading families of the State; the ***.***, and others, all men of talents, wealth, and influence, and, of course, little kings among their friends and dependants—all to a man, steeped to the brims in disunion and secession. On one occasion a militia drill was attended. The companies were composed of the gentlemen of the island of Edisto—the fine for absence being 10 per cent. on their incomes.

"At a supper given later in the day, where much more of the like fanaticism prevailed, they all swore to cling to one another, to make an issue with the other States, and to leave the Union or die. That an attempt, at least, will be made by that State to secede is beyond question.

BALTIMORE CATTLE MARKET, May 5. There was a further increase in the supply of Beeves at the scales to-day, and a slight reduction took place in the average rate. The offering reached 700 head, 470 of which were sold to city butchers, 30 were left over unsold, and 150 were driven to Philadelphia. Prices ranged from \$3 to \$4.25 on the hoof, equal to \$6.68,25 nett, and averaging \$3.62. Hogs \$5,90 a \$6.75.

Rose Cutting.—One of the best methods of securing the success of these, is to stick the cutting an inch deep into clean river sand with properly prepared soil about an inch below to receive the roots as soon as they strike.

"Mr. Snow, I wait to ax you one question."
"Propel it, den."
"Why am a grog-shop like a counterfeit dollar?"
"Does you gib it up? Kase you can't pass it."

"Yah! yah! nigger, you talks so much 'bout your counterfeit dollars, just succeed to deform me why a counterfeit dollar is like an apple pie."
"Ob, I drops de subject, and dose not know nothin 'bout it."
"Kase it isn't current."
"Ob, de Lord, what a nigger! Why am your head like a bag of dollars?"
"Go 'way from me—why am it?"
"Kase dare's no sense (sense) in it."
"Well you was always the brackest nigger I ever see—you always will hab de last word."

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RALEIGH, N. C.

FRIDAY MAY 19, 1851.

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION—DECLARATION IN FAVOR OF SECESSION—MADNESS RULES THE HOUR AND TREASON STALKS ABROAD AT NOONDAY.

The self constituted State Convention of South Carolina which met in Charleston on the 5th inst. have prepared an address and unanimously adopted resolutions which recommend Secession at a future time by South Carolina alone, if they cannot secure the co-operation of our brethren of the Southern States.

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This resistance must be felt at once morally and decisively, we hope never to be tested physically. But the purpose must be manifested at once, to restrain this enraging state in her unhallowed purpose, and save her from the mad destruction to which she would devote herself under the fearful passions and wilful spirit, which seem to rule with all the tyranny of ruin.

Remember that your individual liberties are indissolubly connected with the preservation of the Union and the Constitution—while that immortal instrument is preserved inviolate, there should be no such thing as fear—when its provisions shall be made nought but mockery, then, indeed, will you have cause for alarm—then shall the glory of our Republic be but as a tale that is told, and the "Star of Empire" which has so long lighted the oppressed of other countries to our peaceful shores, go down in the gloom of an "eternal night!"

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GODEY'S LADIES BOOK.

This superb Magazine for June, really presents an appearance so beautiful that we are at a loss for words wherewith to recommend it to our fair friends in the terms it deserves.

CALIFORNIA AFFAIRS. The advices from California, by the Georgia, are of an unusually interesting character,—interesting to all classes of the community, for everything now-a-days, has a connection or an interest of some sort, social, political, or commercial, in the new State.

Society there, we are sorry to say, seems to be deplorably degenerating, instead of improving, as the population becomes more settled and dense. The newspapers literally teem with horrors of all sorts; murders and robberies being the outrages most in vogue.

The State Legislature, we see, has passed a law making death the punishment of all criminals convicted of grand larceny; but to constitute a grand larceny there, the property stolen must be worth in value \$50. It is said that this draconian enactment was forced by the representatives from the mining districts, on the ground that the people more readily executed beyond endurance by the impetuosity with which the offenders were committed, and would now inflict death on the perpetrators without law sooner than they should escape.

The health of the country remained good, and the severe drought which had been prevailed up to the departure of the last mail had been relieved by a series of refreshing rains. True, there is but very little of an agricultural interest to be benefited, but it seems the gold crop at the washings is wonderfully enhanced by wet weather.

Senator Gwin, who was a passenger in the same steamer, had been seriously though not dangerously ill, but was much better on the 9th ultimo.

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OFFICIAL.

Appointments by the President. On Monday, May 6, being the first Monday in May, the President, agreeably to the several acts of Congress in such case made and provided, designated the following Justices of the Peace to be members of the Levy Court for Washington county, D. C., for the term of one year, viz:

HENRY NAYLOR and CHARLES H. WILTZBERGER, for that part of the county east of Rock Creek and without the limits of Washington;

CHARLES R. BELT and JOSHUA PERICE, for that part west of Rock Creek and without the limits of Georgetown;

LEWIS CARBERRY, WILLIAM R. WOODWARD, and ROBERT WHITE, for that part lying within the limits of Georgetown; and

SAMUEL DRURY, BENJAMIN K. MORRELL, JOHN F. COX, and JAMES CRANFILL, for that part lying within the limits of the city of Washington.

THE VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT.—The trip of the President of the United States with a portion of his cabinet, and suite, to the North, constitutes one of those agreeable features of our free institutions which exhibits a marked contrast with events of a like character among the stilted monarchy and military pomps of Europe.

The event is, at this moment, peculiarly impressive from the fact that it occurred in this city—in the State of Maryland—a border State—the middle ground—on which the inflexible patriotism of American citizenship has been exhibited in its most interesting character during the late season of contention.

THE ROTATION OF THE EARTH MADE VISIBLE.—Mr. W. C. BOND, of the Cambridge Observatory, addresses the following to the Traveller:

"I have succeeded satisfactorily in repeating Foucault's experiment respecting the rotation of the earth. The new tower of the western wing of the Observatory I found to be perfectly adapted to the purpose. My arrangements are in this way: Across the top of the central pier, which is a hollow cone thirty feet high, there is firmly fixed a wooden beam, having the centre perforated to admit the passage of a wire and the fixing a Torsion Circle, such as is used with the Gauss Magnetometers.

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