

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES.

A recent number of the Wilmington Journal contains an intelligent account of these societies now so common in England and Germany. The object is by co-operating to reduce the cost of living, and at the same time to increase the comforts of the house hold.

To crown the noble work, they have adopted the principle of brotherly assistance to all similar institutions, and have not only never refused it to those who were in need, but have actually bestowed their liberality spontaneously upon outsiders, as when they presented the city council of Rochdale with the necessary funds for the erection of a public fountain.

THE FENIAN EXCITEMENT.

The old sage of sowing the wind and reaping the whirlwind is being exemplified in the British Kingdom just now. Giant mischief has begotten a fearful progeny of rebellious spirits, who are sadly troubling Her Majesty's ministers.

MARRIAGE ON THE CARS.

A runaway couple were spliced on the cars near Weldon, N. C., on Friday last. It appeared that as soon as the cars slacked up the Justice (who was to make the twin one flesh, and who had been telegraphed to) jumped on board, and before the train stopped had commenced to tie the knot, and there at the depot, while the passengers were getting off and others getting on, he finished the job that made them man and wife forever.

No good man ought to countenance such a proceeding. The parents of the girl were more deeply interested in her welfare than any others on earth. We have no respect for the Magistrate or any one else who takes a girl from home without the consent of her parents.

A man for stealing another's sheep is branded as a scoundrel, and ejected from society; but when a man steals his neighbor's daughter, dearer than ten thousand sheep, inconsiderate people "laugh at parents" and talk bosh about Cupid.

ANOTHER GREAT POPULAR LOAN.

It is commonly known that the General Government, for wise purposes, has given its aid and encouragement to the construction of one MAIN THROUGH LINE OF RAILROAD from the Pacific Ocean across the Territories, to connect with the various Eastern Branches of the Pacific Railroad system, and which will form the GRAND TRUNK ROUTE to the Far West, upon which the mighty trans-continental traffic will concentrate.

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The act further authorizes them to issue an equal amount of their own First Mortgage Bonds of corresponding denominations which shall be the first claim upon the whole railroad property, and to which the lien of the Government shall be subordinate.

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