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CHARLOTTE, N.C.

SATURDAY: : : JUNE 19, 1869 LETTER FROM CALIFORNIA.

We have been handed a letter by the some from a citizen of Charlotte now in California. As the letter will prove interesting to all of our readers, coming from the one it does, we give it space in our columns to day:

SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA, grotosteital w - MinJune eth, 1869.

W. M. MATTHEWS, Esq-My Dear Sir :- I have waited a few days at ter getting here to rest and see something of the city before writing you - We had a delightful trip, safe, quick and full of interest. The first stop we made was in Nashville, one day We went to see all the curiosities, to wit: the Capitol, Suspension Bridge and Penitentiary. Our next stop was in Louisville, Ky. We happened there at the Grand Inauguration Ball, at the opening of the new Galt House. This is the best Hotel ever saw. I don't mean to say they have better chicken pie than the high feasted, but they have a splendid new building, splendidly furnished, and taking it all in all, it beats any hotel I ever stopped at. Next we staid at Chicago from Friday till Monday. Chicago is a live place with perhaps more enterprise than any place in the United States .-This was our last stop till we reached Sacramentg, where we were detained 24 hours. This, you know, is the capital of California-not a very inviting place—the mean hotels give you a bad impression of the town. It is 1,900 miles from here to Omaha, the starting point of the Union Pacific Railroad in Nebraska, situated on the West bank of the Missouri river. The river here is not bridged yet, and the transfer of baggage and passengers from the Iowa side takes some time. The Railroad from Omaha follows the Platte river for several hundred miles over as praisio as level as a floor. These plains are sometimes visited by Buffalo, but this early in the season the Buffalo are further South, and we did not see any. We saw plenty of antelope, prairie dogs, and squalid Indians.

"We fared much better at eating stations across the plains than we expected. At some stations we had elegant meals, antelope steak, and everything nice.

The Rocky Mountains are ascended so gradually you hardly know when you reach them, but you are reminded by the cold air and snow covered mountains when you reach the summit. When you descend the Rocky Mountains into the Salt Lake Valley, you see evidences of Mormon enterprise and industry. Great south of the Railroad, but there are several little Mormon towns along the line. The Central Pacific road extends from Salt Lake Valley to Sacramento City, at present, but is a number of tunnels, a dozen, per the country made like a desert. haps, you pass through in an hour's time. On this road there is, perhaps, twenty miles of continuous shed to protect the road from snow in I winter. When we passed, the snow at some places was heaped against these sheds. The scenery is you see beautiful clear lakes, said to contain trout. At one of the stations we saw an old Squaw carrying a

We came from Sacramento here down the Sacramento river in a little of all kinds of travel since we article on Eternal Punishment."

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backs. I tried to hire little Leu to

have been here. She has crossed the Bay several times by steamer. The population of San Francisco is estimated at 160,000. Louisville, Ky., claims an equal or greater population, but there is no comparison in stage of the proceedings, taken that the business activity of the two .-This is decidedly the liveliest place I ever saw to its size. There is much of its business and activity fictitious -stock gambling of every conceiva friend, and requested to publish able kind. There is something enchanting in this, but if I am to profit any vy --- rerience of others, I will keep out, but I awat know whether I will do it or not. It takes a might sharp and cool man to do a business of this kind.

This seems to be the most plentiful country I ever saw, and yet the most expensive to live in. I don't know how to account for this except that labor is so dear, or as the Yankees say, "help." I have not fixed upon any thing yet. I am waiting to post myself. There are thousands of Chinese here, as you know. They all maintain their national dress and customs. They belong to a nation that has an ancient civilization and religion, and an old philosophy, but Yankee philanthropy has never been awakened in their behalf.

The United States flag is displayed on all occasions and everywhere, from a comic theatre stage to a school girl exhibition. I can't help but think of the outrages committed in its name. * * * Dinner is ready and I will stop.

> Your friend truly, F. S. DEWOLFE.

THE LAST TIE. -Some people suppose that the gold and silver spikes that were used to fasten down the Pacific Road were left there, and on account of the honesty of the native and nomadic inhabitants of the " deserts," are still there, and in a good state of preservation. But such is not the fact. An eye-witness takes the romance out of the "last rail," and reduces us to this reality: "After the ceremony of putting in the last spike was over, and before the several parties left the spot, the laurel tie and golden spikes were removed and carefully placed away in the car. Immediately after it was colored people, removed, ar ordinary wooden tie was put in and nailed down, to keep,' and in earnest. Soon after the crowd made a descent upon it with knives and axes, and cut piece after piece out of it, for a pocket piece, in commemoration of the last tie, until it was entirely used up, and another replaced it. Late in the afternoon the trains proceeded on their return journey-one to the Pacific, the other to the Atlantic."

The Pall Mall Gazette mentions the recurrence of an extraordinary phenomenon, recorded by Heroditus as having been observed in remote times by the tribes inhabiting the shores of the Caspian Sea. That huge salt lake is dotted with islands from which enormous quantities of Salt Lake City is about 40 miles | naptha are yearly taken. Early last month, owing to subterranean disdisturbances, the naptha wells on these islands overflowed, and the inflamable substance spread over the entire surface of the lake. It acciintended, ultimately, to come to this | dently took fire, and for forty-eight city. The Rocky Mountains are hours burned furiously over a surface bare and bald, without anything of many thousands of square miles, growing on them except a small presenting a magnificent and terrifysage brush The Sierra Nevada ing spectage to the inhabitants of Mountains, through which the Cen- the surrounding country, who imagtral Pacific road passes, is covered lined that the end of the world was with large timber, and it required at hand. The fish in the lake were much more work to build the road entirely destroyed, and for miles through these mountains. There are around vegetation was parched and LAIRING MARIA & CO.

> The following is a specimen of printer's technical terms-it don't mean, however, as much as it would seem to the uninitiated?

"William, put General Washington on the galley, and then finish hese mountains, but the murder of that young girl you is much obstructed by these sheds commenced yesterday. Set up the On the tops of these high mountains ruins of Herculaneum, and distribute the small-pox; you need not finish that runaway match, but have the high water in the paper this week. papoose, after their fashion, on their Put a new head to General Grant, and lock up Jeff Davis: slide that kiss the Squaw, but she was afraid old dead matter into hell, and let that pie alone until after dinner. You can put the Ladies' Fair to press, and then go to the devil and splendid stamer. Limbas tried a put him to work on Deacon Fogy's

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The Chicago Times says of the \$100,000 damages awarded to Miss Amanda F Craig, that "nobody in his right mind can feel the least doubt that she would much rather, at any sum than to have taken the phonetic. old Sighing Strephon who poured out his amerous soul on the 3 story of his building' in the most damnable orthography the world ever beheld."

The town of Quitman, Ga., which was laid out in 1860, has now 2,000 inhabitants.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Barnwell is said to be one of the richest counties in the State.

The Thermometer reached as high as 90 degrees in Charleston, Monday last,

It seems hard for the City Council Charleston to "harmonize."

The Governor continues his ill-timed clemency to regues and cut-throats.

Ames' New Orleans circus troupe will exhibit in Blackville next Tuesda

It is said that an Insurance Agent recently visited Kershaw county, and in one week's time took out applications for policies amounting to over a quarter of a million of dollars. (The wives of that county ought to be hap

A grand mass meeting of the Irishmen in Charleston was held Monday night, and Gen. O'Neill made an address that was well received, and loudly applauded at the close.

The Charleston News says : "There was a rumor afloat on the streets yesterday that the Messrs. Gunn, who for sometime past has labored faithfully and efficiently as Clerks in the Postoffice are to be removed from office on the 1st of July, and their places filled by

VIRGINIA NEWS.

The amount of money in the State nry yesterday was \$401,625,82.

The Southwest, says that in Christiansburg there are 35 habitual drunkards, and 'Mutual Admiration Society," with all its vigilance, can't keep them straight.

On Thursday Gen. Canby appointed L. M. Powers Recorder of the city of Richmond. Justice R. D. Mitchell was the choice of the bench of magistrates, who unanimously nominated him to the position.

The News says : We have information that it has been fully determined by the Radical party in Richmond, to throw the Legislative ticket nominated last week overboard and select another-it is too black even for the

Among the ultra Radical nominees to refe resent Richmond in the Legislature was man named Farrar, who had been in the penitentiary. He accepted the honor, and was duly enrolled in the black list, of the Wells organ of this city, and there kept until Monday when Farrar, in a card, of very great complacency retired.

A. H. Curtiss, the ignorant and incompetent carpet-bag clerk of Bedford county, has been appointed by General Canby clerk of the District Court of Appeals for the 3d District. Curtiss knows about as much of the duties of a clerk as a hog knows about Sunday. Such cattle, however appear to be the favorites of our military masters.—Lynchburg

The following is an accurate statement of the amount of interest due the State by the various railroad corporations

Orange and Alexandria, \$17,500; Richmond and Danville, \$12,000; Virginia Central, \$65,500; South-side, \$252,000; Virginia and Tennessee, \$420,000; Norfolk and Petersburg, \$45,655,18. Total, \$843,855 13.

The Hon. Edward R. Olcott, has been appointed successor to Judge Burnham in the Hustings Court of Richmond. He was brother-in-law of the late Rufus Choate .-His father a lawyer of eminence, wealth, and high social position, was himself a son of Governor Olcott, of Vermont. He has been induced to accept a position in Virginia at the solicitation of friends.

ATTEMPT TO BURN OUT A NEWSPAPER. An attempt was made on Sunday night to destroy by fire the Bedford Sentinel. The fire was fortunately discovered by persons retiring from church, and was extinguished before serious damage was done. It is be lieved to have been the work of some miserable scallawag or carpet-bagger, who adopted that infamous plan to get a staunch Conservative paper out of the way .- Lynchburg Vis

A young Shaker in a Connecticut commu nity lately made a velocipede. The Elder beheld the preposterous machine, and thus exercised it: "A Shaker on a velocipede can ride only in one direction-straight to the devil," and smashed it incontinently with an axe. Young Shaker kicked at this rough discipline, and went off for good, other young disciples not well grounded in the faith joining in the indignation and revolt.

A SHOWER OF WORMS.—The Portland (Oregon) Courier says that during a brisk shower at Sheridan, in Yambill county, recently, there fell what seemed to be a kind of hail, but on examination was found to be composed of peculiar whitish worms-millions of them. Each worm had the power of doubling up and skipping a foot or more. They were from an eighth to a quarter of an inch long, with a small darkish spot about the head. They appeared to die very soon.

NEW ORLEANS CORRESPONDENCE.

NEW ORLEANS, June 12th, 1869. EDITORS OBSERVEE: There has been a fair enquiry to-day, principally for better qualities of cotton. The sales foot up 850 bales at 27% a 281/4 for good ordinary; 283/4 a 291/4 for low middling; and middling nominal at 30; there being very little in market. The stock on hand not cleared is but little

ser 30,000 bales, and the next ten or fifteen days will reduce it below 20,000. The receipts this week have been very light,

showing that there is but little more to be expected from the interior until the new crop is ready.

The stock on hand last night at all U. S. ports was only 109,645 bales, of which a considerable portion is going aboard ships for

New England spinners will have to run short-time a portion of the summer, or import a few cargoes from the other side, to keep their mills running until the growing crop begins to come to market.

The stock on hand in, and affoat for, Great Britain last evening was 1,021,000 bales, of which 328,000 were American, Since 1st September, 1868, Great Britain has consumed more than 17,000 bales per week of American cottons. The same rate for the balance of the season will leave them with a sma. I supply at the end of August.

Should the growing crop not exceed large ly the one just marketed, it will all be wanted at 25 cents per pound and apwards. Yours truly,

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NEWS SUMMARY.

Williamsburg, L. I., has an "oldest inhabitant" aged 127.

A tornado last week did \$500,000 worth of damage to the little town of Shipman, Ill. General Lee has had a house built for him by public subscription at Lexington, Va.

A "Lobby member" of the Connecticut Legislature is reported as having made \$6000

A woman has been arrested and tried in New York city, who kidnapped children of a "profession."

The London Times says that the celebration of "Derby day," implies the unlimited right to get drunk. S Same and

Women are steadily asserting their rights. Boston has chosen a woman to deliver her Fourth of July Oration.

Seven hundred girls responded to the advertisement for performers in the ballet of the "Forty Thieves," at Chicago.

Mr. Elihu Burritt, the "Learned Blacksmith," having been superseded as American Consul at Birmingham, is coming home.

Booth's Theatre is said to be new the only one in New York in which anything in the least approaching the legitimate drama can A man, named Brown, shot his wife at

Berea, Ohio, last week. They became acquainted with each other through a matrimo-Wendell Phillips is now championing the

redress against the United States by tearing up the Pacific railway. A Scotchman, who joined the Federal army in 1864, and was reported killed in one of the last battles of the war, returned the other day

cause of the Indian, and advises them to seek

to find his wife married again and quite unwilling to give up her new husband. An IMMENSE RELIEF .- All the pickpockets have gone to Boston to see the Jubilee; so have the thimble-riggers, and the man who owns the ox with eight horns, and the cow

with seventeen tails .- N. Y. Herald.

WESTERN INSANE ASYLUM .- The States ville American in noticing the fact, that the Insane Asylum of the State is now filled to its utmost limit, says: "There has been a large increase of this unfortunate class of late in our State, and it is probable the number will go on enlarging. This involves a necessity of either making an addition to the institution at Raleigh, or building another Asylum in another portion of the State-and we would suggest the latter, and that it be erected in some part of Western North Carolina, on the railroad. The next session of the Legislature would do well to take this matter into consideration and act upon it. The insane are the children of the State, and they should be well provided for by its munificence. Every family is liable to this hamentable misfortune within its circle, and so the people are all interested."

RIGHT OF REVENUE OFFICERS TO SEEL AND EXAMINE ACCOUNTS .- Supervisor Perry, of the District of North and South Carolina, informs Commissioner Delano that a case involving the right of internal revenue officials to examine the books of shipment of merchandise subject to internal revenue tax, which he was instrumental in bringing before the court of Raleigh, N.C., had recently been decided in favor of the supervisor in every particular.

The case grew out of the seizure by the supervisor of the books of the North Carolina Railroad Company for the purpose of obtaining information concerning shipments of tobacco, whiskey, stills and other merchandise, which seizure was resisted by the freight agent of the company; whereupon the supervisors procured an attachment, Chief Justice Chase was present but did not

Agents for the Carolina Observer.

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. New Advertisements.

We direct attention to the following New Advertisements :

A. R. Nisbet & Bro.-Just Received.

Kilgore & Cureton-Fine Toilet Soaps &c. New Goods-McMurray, Davis & Co., an nounce the reception of a second stock of new goods this Spring. This announcement is alone sufficient to show the fast increasing rade which this popular house is securingand is an evidence of their fair and liberal MICHTY OF CHARLO Sollas

We have taken a peop through their store, and can say that they have an excellent stock of dry goods, groceries and hardware. The ladies will find there elegant and beautiful dress goods, trimmings, hats, &c., and the gentlemen will find any and everything necessary for an entire outfit. They are clever gentlemen, sociable and agreeable, and always ready to wait upon customers; and render any accommodation. Therefore, we advise all to give them a trial. If you do not buy, it will not be because the goods are not put to you cheap enough; for they are very liberal in their prices.

Disinfectants.

"In time of peace prepare for war," and thus it is necessary ere the season too greatly advances to make every possible preparation against the ravages of disease. We would suggest in the prosecution of sanitary | sion. measures that disinfectants be freely used in all alleys and upon all private premises where water is known to stand. This is easy and attended with but little expense, yet accomplishes a world of good. We cannot be too particular.

Things at Women.

Do editors who make a practice of admitting to the columns of their papers low and vulgar flings at their mother's sex, consider that they are lowering the standard, of manly journalism, and demeaning themselves in the estimation of all true men and women? Some of our exchanges are notorious in this particular., Can it be that editors are wholly heartless? df certain journalists would?correct their morals and manners in the matter above alluded to, they would take a gigantic stride in the direction of common decency.

Mr. M. L. Wallis, of this county had in town yesterday a sack of new flour, the first that has been offered in this market. We d d not learn what it was sold for, but understand \$6.50 was offered.

A Chicago journal offers some very sensible suggestions to business men on the subject of advertising. The remarks were called forth by a letter from a subscriber, asking the address of a prominent firm doing business in that city and dealing largely in musical instruments. This firm were quite extensive advertisers, but had always advertised in what is very properly called the spasmodic fashion.' This manner has bccome much too common everywhere. Many advertisers seem to regard an occasional card of more than ordinary length and attractiveness more efficacious than a standing advertisement. They forget that the only object of advertising at all is to cause names to be indelibly associated with their business. Or if they have this end in view, their practice is inconsistent with their motives. If it be of any advantage to advertise a month, it is cerainly more advantageous to advertise weekly; and, reafoning syllogistically, the daily method is far preserable to e.ther. ..

When tired nature is about to sucumb to the overpowering heat of these sultry days when, almost overcome by the concentrated rays of "Old Sol," we pray for some shady, cool retreat, where we may, for awhile, le exempt from the ills generated by the heat of summer, we can always find a cool, sparkling glass of Soda Water at Drs. Smith & Brems. And then these gentlemen are so pleasant and agreeable that it will bay any one for the trouble to call in and see what a bi jou of a place they have how well arranged-how neat and tasty their judgment in everything about their Store. Their stock of Perfumery is complete and ladies, or others, wishing to supply themselves with all the standard articles of the toilet, will find them here in profusion, and at low prices.

If you don't believe it, go and see, I will

There will be a Railroad Convention held in Salisbury, on the 5th of July, for the purpose of securing concert of action in favor of the construction of the projected road from Cheraw to that point.

FRESHET. We learn that much damage. was done by heavy rains in the counties west of this on last Sunday and Sunday night. The trestle work, bridges, culverts, &c., on the W. N. C. R. R., wast so much damaged about twelve miles above Statesville that it will be several days before the trains will be able to pass through We also learn that the mill of Capt. Hayne Davis, of Iredell county. was swept away. The rains in this section were not heavy enough to do much harm, but the large streams that have their sources. west of this were much swollen .-- North State.

HOTEL ARRIVALS-MANSION HOUSE WM. P. MOORE, PROPRIETOR.

Jone 18, 1869. R A Davidson, Gaston; P A Brown, Balti. more: J A Lederer, Yorkville S C; Walter Brem. E W Groot, TH Allison, M Rheott City: James S White, W H Trezevant J u Wilkins, S C; W. C Means, Concord; H w Fisher, N. C. B. R. C. F Bradshaw, City: W. C.

Hewitt, Augusta. Hotel Arrivals Charlotte Hotel

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J H. Whorton, Baltimore; W. A. Davis, Sea. board Air Line; G. W Hanks, Gaston: J w Quinn, Cherryville; Miss Laura Cayson, Jack. son Miss; M. E. Alexander, N. G; S. H. Hoev Gaston; B.E Dickson, Columbia; W C Hewitt Augusta; DN Sherwood, Raleigh; CW Weath. erspoon, T M Caserly, J.T Smith, N C R R. J M Hutchinson, J L Quary, County; W R Burwell, City; Saml Thaxton, Savannah Ga.

Receipts per North Carolina Railroad. June 18, 1869.

J W Quinn, J Wooten; J H Sharp; Groot. K & Co; D R Leak; E M Holt & Co; R M Miller & Co; Duls & Hilker; R Shaw & Son: Brem, B & Co; Wade & Gunnels; J H Mc-Aden: S B Meacham; B R Smith & Co.

RAILBOAD MEETING. -We learn that there will be a railroad convention held in Salis. bury on the 5th of July. . The object of the meeting is to take steps to secure the construction of the Cheraw and Salisbury road at the earliest day practicable. Our opinion as to the great importance of this road is already well known to our readers, and we scarcely need to reiterate it now. We will say, nevertheless, that in our opinion Salisbury is more deeply interested in this than any other railroad ever projected. If she does not make an exhaustive effort to secure this road she does not deserve to have one. We hope and believe she will prove herself worthy of her ancient renown on this occa-

Col. Townsend, the President of the road. we are informed, will be here at the proposed meeting. He is a gentleman of great energy, experience and information in railroad matters, and will give our citizens much useful information in relation to the project on foot We hope to see a very large assemblage of the people of Rowan and other counties on the occasion .- North State.

In Cincinnati they are agitating a device to make conductors on street cars honest. The conductor is to have a number of printed cards, and for every passenger, who pays his fare a card is to be torn in two, one-half to be given to the bassenger, the other half to be put in a box in the car. The number of tickets in the box will indicate the number of fares due at the office. But how can the conductor be induced to put all the tickets in ? The company hopes to secure this by making it every passenger's interest to see that this is done. For this purpose the tickets in the box at a certain date are to be treated on the lottery principle and one or more drawn as prizes, the prize money to be paid to the holder of the other half of the ticket. There are some defects here. The conductor may not put the tickets in; but if the whole ticket were given to the passenger be probably would deposit the necessary part .-N. Y. Herald.

THE FRENCH TELEGRAPH. The French Atlantic Telegraph cable, is about to be laid. The Great Eastern, with the cable on board, had, moved out of the Thames on her way to Brest, where the work of paying out the cable would be commenced upon her arrival. It is quite a striking fact that the Great Eastern. having been built upon a scale utterly unsuited to the wants of convenience of commerce, and beyond the requirements of travel, has proved to be exactly adapted to the business of ocean cable laying. It would be difficult to get along without her, and it would seem that this was the work she was built for, but her buildets didn't 'see'it" when they built her.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

JUST RECEIVED.

FRESH supply of Layer Raisins, in New Store under Democrat office.

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JUST RECEIVED. FRESH supply of French Candies, and Cake Trimmings, Gum Leaves, Roses cented, Oraments &c. A. R. NISBET & BRO.

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rect from the Refinery, and which we offer as low as it can be bought in the market, either to the Wholesale or Retal trade. Give us a call before buying elsewhere. june 18jel . A. R. NISBET & BRO. OF FINE TOTLET SOAPS.

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