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THURSDAY MORNING, JANUARY 2, 1879
A BUSINESS REVIEW.

An examination of the very full and accurate tables of THE SUN'S Comparative Statement of the Movement in Cotton and Naval Stores at the Port of Wilmington or 1878 as compared with the Years 1876-77, published yesterday, reveals many things of interest to the public. We purpose analyzing the leading features of this statement.

First, let us take Cotton, and first in cotton let us examine the Foreign Exports. In 1876, the total exports foreign were 3,202 bales; in 1877 they were 50,135 bales; in 1878 they were 76,232 bales. There was, therefore, a gain over '76 in favor of '77 of 16,933 bales. Pretty good; but 1878 shows a heavier gain still, namely, 26,097. This is truly a fine showing for Cotton Exports Foreign. But the Domestic Export table shows a different state of things altogether. This class of exports stands as follows: '76, 69,682 bales; '77, 63,598 bales; '78, 54,229. However, Cotton makes a long jump in the grand totals of exports, domestic and foreign. The figures are: 1876, 102,984 bales; 1877, 113,733 bales; 1878, 130,461 bales. Notice the beautiful way this staple climbs up during the three years. In each of these years the heaviest shipments (23,486 bales in 1876; 27,905 in 1877, and 31,681 in 1878) were to England's great port, Liverpool.

We will take Spirits Turpentine next. In 1876 the number of casks shipped foreign was 62,159; in 1877, 78,605; in 1878, 107,152. Domestic, 1876, 29,433; 1877, 23,227; 1878, 11,019. A considerable gain in foreign and a considerable loss in domestic shipments. Again the grand total shows a steady increase in the trade: 1876, 91,592 casks; 1877, 101,832 casks; 1878, 118,171 casks. The bulk of the foreign shipments is for English ports, London taking in 1876, 22,808 casks; in 1877, 24,225 casks; in 1878, 27,454 casks. The figures on Rosin show well in the footing up although there is a falling off in Exports Domestic. In 1876 the Foreign Exports were 379,585 barrels; in 1877, 451,282 barrels; in 1878, 516,279 barrels. The Domestic Exports are indicated thus: 1876, 110,970 barrels; 1877, 86,422 barrels; 1878, 65,979 barrels. Grand total: 1876, 490,555; 1877, 537,704; 1878, 582,258. The grand total of Tar Exports shows a slight gain. The figures for comparison are as follows: 1876, 61,891 barrels; 1877, 69,981 barrels; 1878, 63,184 barrels. There is a loss on '77 of 5,797 barrels, but a gain over 1876 of 1,293 barrels.

The grand total of Crude Turpentine Exports is as follows: 1876, 5,435; 1877, 6,032; 1878, 4,536. A loss of 901 barrels on 1876, and of 1,496 barrels on 1877. The statement as a whole is a gratifying exhibit of the commerce of this port. A considerable gain has been made in the exports of cotton, spirits turpentine and resin, a slight gain in the exports of tar over 1876, and only a loss in the exports of crude turpentine. These figures speak eloquently in behalf of greater exertions on the part of all our people to secure a harbor equal to the vast possibilities of our city and railroads binding Wilmington to the central and north-western counties with bands of steel.

It seems that Gen. Bradley T. Johnson is the author of the plan, referred to yesterday, of a national militia to consist of one thousand men from each Congressional District. We don't care if he is. This country needs no paid reserve army, and we hope that Congress will see to it that the rights of the States sustain no detriment.

The Bryant Commemoration.
New York, December 30.—The Academy of Music was thronged to-night on the occasion of "The Bryant Commemoration," held under the auspices of the New York Historical Society. Mr. Frederic Depeyster presided, and on the platform were Attorney General Devens, Secretary Everett, President Hayes, Secretary Ervart, At General Sherman, General Hancock and many others. The members of Mr. Bryant's family and Mrs. Hayes and the Misses Ervart occupied boxes. The Rev. Dr. Adams opened the services with prayer, and the orator of the evening, Mr. George William Curtis, was introduced and spoke for over two hours on "The life, character and writings of William Cullen Bryant." He gave a very interesting historical sketch of the venerable and lamented poet, patriot, statesman and journalist, from his boyhood in the New England hills down to the close of his honored career in New York. A grand reception at Frederic Depeyster's house to the Presidential party and other distinguished guests was given after the services.

The Shark and the Bazoo are esteemed contemporaries in Missouri.

Obituary.
New York World.
Mrs. GEORGE GROTE.
The cable announces the death of Mrs. George Grote, the widow of one of the most accomplished of modern English scholars, and herself a woman of rare acquirements and distinguished ability. Mrs. Grote was a daughter of Thomas Lewis Esq., and came of an old family, branches of which are to be found in various southern counties of England. She married Mr. Grote in 1820, three or four years before he began to write his monumental "History of Greece," and she assisted him in that work both with her criticism and her scholarship, to the end. As the mistress of his household she presided over its liberal and refined hospitalities with the intellectual grace which made it one of the most distinguished resorts of the best and brightest society of England, down to the time of the historian's death, in 1871. Mrs. Grote was herself a writer of no ordinary power, and published a good deal of her own work. But her real place in literature as in life was that which she made for herself as the admiring, loyal and appreciative wife of a great and original thinker and scholar.

GETZKOW.
Karl Getzkow, whose death was recently announced, was one of the leading literary men of modern Germany. His first novel of importance, "Wally, the Scythian," preached atheism and the liberation of the senses in a form neither decent nor especially attractive, and earned for him a sentence of three months' imprisonment. In due course, however, he sobered down and his masterpiece, "The Wizard of Rome," published in 1859, contains nothing objectionable, either from a moral or an artistic point of view. In the Kulturkampf between Rome and Germany he is foreshadowed with surprising accuracy, and the ultimate solution of the struggle is predicted in the final chapter, dated "1877," in which a future and national Pope fraternizes with a future Garibaldi on the Capitol. As a work of art "The Wizard" was to illustrate the principle of parallelism, several plots being carried on simultaneously with marvellous ingenuity. After this great effort Getzkow's brain gave way for a time, but he recovered and wrote several other novels, none of which, however, obtained much success. Getzkow is the author of one of the best German tragedies of modern date, named "Uriel Acosta," after its hero, the Jewish freethinker and master of Spinoza.

Captain Eads Denies.
Condensed from the St. Louis Republican, 28.
Captain James B. Eads prints in the Republican the following letter, though the letter is addressed to the New York Sun: Captain Eads declares that the Sun correspondent has grossly misled that paper by a series of misstatements. He specifies, first, that according to the correspondent his income twelve years ago amounted to nothing. By a transcript made from the old books for 1864 it is shown that the income of Captain Eads during that year was \$2,555.98; \$5,785.65 were paid in government taxes. Ex-Governor Fletcher writes to Captain Eads that, so far from the stock of the Bank of the State of Missouri being worth 150 for investment at that time, the stock was depreciated and depreciating. Some of the State branches of the bank were insolvent. During the three years previous to the sale the other bank owned by one individual, a three per cent. dividend. As for "wresting the bank from respectable hands, suddenly, by a sharp trick," Captain Eads says that the bank was put into the hands of a new directory by an almost unanimous vote. Then, for the eleven years preceding its failure, the bank earned eight per cent. per annum for its stockholders. No more money was borrowed by the directors than the law allowed, and the borrowed money was in every case secured by collateral. The statement that the bank was "captured" to help build the St. Louis bridge is absurd. The bridge project was not even thought of. The bridge was built by individual enterprise. Other false statements are alluded to by Captain Eads, who thinks that the fact of investigation by the grand jury should close the columns of a newspaper from what cannot but appear to be malignant attacks.

Relief for the Gallant Swede.
Herald Cable.
Berlin, Dec. 30, 1878.—The despatch to the Herald, dated San Francisco, Dec. 10, published on the 11th, and worded as follows: "The Swedes lately arrived from the Arctic Ocean report that a ship believed to be the larger of the vessels of the Swedish Polar Expedition is blocked in the ice above the Cape East," has caused great alarm among the German and Swedish friends of Professor Nordenskjöld, the distinguished leader of the expedition. As the East Cape is at the northern entrance of the narrow of Behring Strait, on the Asiatic side, and so near the goal sought by the adventurous expeditionists, the feeling here is that if the Herald's despatches be true the fate of the party is deplorable and bitterly disappointing. The friends and countrymen of Professor Nordenskjöld intend fitting out, without delay, a relief expedition, which will proceed to the point where he is reported to be beset and afford him and his party all possible assistance. Little difficulty will be seen in accomplishing this purpose, as the ocean currents setting toward Behring Strait from the Western Pacific favor an easy and very direct approach to the East Cape. Those who are familiar with the movement of the ice in this portion of the Arctic Ocean hope that the Nordenskjöld or Swedish expedition will effect release in early part of the summer. Winds and current at present tend to keep the ice against the northeast coast of Siberia, and therefore to lock the Vega in the flocks northward of the East Cape.

Neology of '78.
New York Herald.
The neology of the year is not very remarkable. With the exception of Pius IX. and Victor Emmanuel there have been no deaths in 1878 which make any change in the ordinary current of affairs. The death of personages like the ex-Queen of Spain and young Queen of the same country, and of the Princess Alice, have only a social significance. In the list of American dead we may mention Gideon Welles, Benjamin F. Wood, William C. Bryant, Joseph Henry and Bayard Taylor. There has been a large mortality among European scientists, Dr. Petermann being one of the most conspicuous and George Henry Lewes, better known in letters than in science, one of the most recent. All the most prominent statesmen both of Europe and America who were active at the beginning of the year have been spared to its close, with the exception of Victor Emmanuel.

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