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MISCELLANY.

CHINA.

A correspondent of the New York Journal of Commerce, writing from Shanghai, gives some interesting information in regard to the vital statistics of the Chinese. These, he says, have not attracted the attention, in the United States, which they deserve. The discovery of gold mines in California or Australia is not a small matter: but should mines of gold be compared with millions of men? Its "living souls"—its men, women and children give a country its power. The lack of moral worth among the Chinese is compensated by its numbers. Low as is their condition compared with that of European nations, it is commanding, when viewed with that of their immediate neighbors. Materials for examination of vital statistics in China are abundant. In the present distracted condition of the country, the greater part of the State papers is wholly devoid of truth. For information, then, we must turn to a different class of writings which corresponds to the histories of townships in the United States. Every community has its own *Tung Chi*, as these histories are called. From one of these, which embraces the statistics for the whole empire, it is found that in 1710 the population was estimated at 23,000,000 This estimate is undoubtedly too low. The census taken in 1792 shows a population of upwards of 307,000,000. In 1812, we find the population has risen to 360,000,000 in the eighteen provinces This was the period of the Chinese Empire's highest prosperity; yet, notwithstanding this prosperity has given place to direct confusion, it cannot be but that the above number has been swelled to 400,000,000. In a commercial point of view, China presents one of the most inviting fields in the world. Its people are a nation of traders, barterers and salesmen. Free intercourse with 400,000,000 of people is a matter of moment, and may well be so considered by the United States. There are, too, things religious, political, scientific, as well as commercial, which should not be disregarded. This intercourse is yet to be secured. Very few, in America, are aware of the exceedingly narrow limits prescribed to their countrymen in the "Celestial Empire."—American commerce with China dates back only to 1784, when the ship Empress sailed from New York. A single port only, then, and for a long time after, was opened to commerce; and it is now restricted to five.

Our benevolent enterprises first gained a footing in China in the year 1829; as for scientific pursuits—such as the investigation of the country's natural products and the surveys of the coast—not a beginning has been made.

The writer thinks that for the United States to place a naval force of twenty vessels on the China coast—with a view to the introduction and regulation of a free intercourse with these millions of men—would be like putting money into the bank at the largest interest.

"A PIECE OF HER MIND."

In the Baton Rouge Advocate we find the following peppery communication from the advocate says, "a young and handsome widow, who sometime since discarded the weeds of woe." It appears that three young gentleman of that town had published a card, which the widow chose to oonsider in some degree personal. Her letter is a model in is way:

BATON ROUGE, January 10.

Eds. Advocate: I gave you credit for possessing more good sense than you exhibited in giving publicity to the impertinent card of the "Trio Bachelors," copied into your columns yesterday from that worthless six by nine sheet known as the Baton Rouge Comet; but I regret to say that I have heretofore over-estimated your characters. [oh, scissors!] and hasten to alter my judgment to suit the circumstances. But it is with neither you nor the upstart editor of the Comet I wish to deal, but that worthy and henceforward notorious *three* pettifogging limbs of the law, who parade themselves for sale in the advertising colums of a newspaper, to the highest bidder, as though sensible women—"widows and old maids" included—could not better invest the sums mentioned as necessary to purchase *them*, in stock, cattle, horses, hogs, sheep, or Mr. Editor, even a drove of Kentucky mules for plantation purposes. These graceless sprigs of impertinence are well-known in the writer hereof, who would advice all heiresses of a speculative turn to invest in Nicaragua land scrip if they wish to *run a risk*, but if they wish to make *dead loss* a certainty, let them turn over their capital to the care of the sickening sap-heads of "Magnolia Retreat."

Yours, &c., A WIDOW.

"Can you take off my "baird"' here?" said a grave, tall, slab-sided Yankee to an Albany barber; feeling, at the same time, his chin with a noise like a grater; "it's a light baird; what d'yer tax? Three cents for a *light* baird, ain't it?" Yes." "Waal, go ahead then." While the barber was rasping three cents worth from his bbin, his "sitter" saw an assistant putting cologne upon a customer's hair, through a quill in the cork of a bottle. "Look o' here, squire," said the Yankee, "can't you squirt some o' that *peppersarse* onto my head, tew? Say, can't you throw a little o' that in for the three cents?"

Some body has kindly undertaken to give the public something new in the dramatic line. Here is scene 1st, act 1st, of the new play: Scene—street in front of the school house. Ragged boy munching a large green apple. Smaller ragged boy with trousers torn out behind, and dirty handkerchief sticking out coming along: Boy with apple stops munching—'O, look a here," Ragged boy with the dirty handkerchief—'Give me a piece of apple.' Boy with the apple—Shant do it.' Ragged boy with the handkerchief—E' you'll give me a bite, I'll show you my sore toe.'—[Exit omnes.

A GOOD SUGGESTION.

The Secretary of War, in his late Annual Report, repeats a humane recommendation heretofore made by him, that the same provision should be made for pensions to the widows of persons dying in the army service as for the widows of persons dying in the na y. The reasons of the *discrimination* hitherto made can only be found in the idea that the attention of Congress has not been drawn to the subject.

SHELBY.

SHELBY, N. C. Jan. 17.—The village of Shelby evinces proofs of prosperity at present, probably greater than it has since its location.

Several handsome buildings are being erected, which will afford convenience to the indwellers, and present a fine appearance to the beholder.

The Stores have been well stocked with articles of merchandise, from which the wants and tastes of most of our people can be served.

There are also two schools, Male and Female, that are in a flourishing condition. Conveniences of a substantial kind are prepared for those who are patronizing these schools, and the citizens of this place will continue to bestow kindness on those who are inclined to support them. The Odd Fellows have manifested a liberal intention in their endeavors to from a high school, adapted to the needs of up-country people The act is benevolent, and will receive reciprocal regard from those that feel an interest for the success of such enterprises.

These, with other things are rendering Shelby a desirable place—*Times.*

UNFORTUNATE OCCURENCE.

We learn that a few days ago, a Mr. Horn, and a Mr. Green of this county, were making preparation at the house of Green for a deer-drive, when Mrs. Green was instantly killed by the accidental discharge of Horn's gun. He had placed the muzzle of his gun against the house, for the purpose of tightening the cap on the tube, when it suddenly fired.

Some three or four children were seriously wounded by the same discharge, but we learn that they are recovering.

This again demonstrates the importance of caution by persons handling fire-arms.

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WHY THE GAS GOES OUT IN COLD WEATHER.—Mr. Douglass Secretary of the New York. Gas Regulator Company, writes a letter to the press to tell the public why the gas fails in cold weather, and the remedy therefor. He says; "Where the frost strikes the pipe, in crossing under iron gratings, from the sidewalk, or in alleyways, or any other opening, it freezes the condensation of gas, making a kind of crystalization or gauze-work, like a spider-web, and, where the pipe is not too large, will completely stop the flow of gas. This network is similar to a spider-web. In most instances it can be thawed out by simply holding a flame from a newspaper or from a torch of pine wood and alcohol upon a shovel; it will in a few minutes be entirely free All wet metres should be filled with alcohol immediately, if not done, and pipes crossing upon open passages should be boxed or covered with woolen coverings."

N. Y. Express.

DICKENS MOLLIFIED.

In Dickens' last Christmas and New Year's story, "The Holly Tree Inn," he acknowledges that the Americans are a kind, generous, large-hearted and great people. The Americans will fall overcome with gratitude for this favorable endorsement of their character, though he did slander them when he returned to England.—As he once visited this country for a few weeks, and travelled in a railroad car from New York to Washington, at the rate of thirty miles an hour, he is eminently qualified to judge.

COLES COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

The Charleston (Ill.) Courier of Jan. 10th, says that for the year 1855, the hogs sent from the county will return not less than $500,000. The beef, at the lowest figure, may be set down at $400,000, mules $150,000, and there is now remaining unsold not less than 1,250,000 bushels of corn, which may be fairly estimated at 30 cents per bushel—an additional sum of $375,000—making in all over one and a half millions of dollars.

CURE FOR BOTTS OR GRUBS.

Take one pound of Alum, and dissolve it in one quart of milk, and then drench the horse, the next minute drench with one quart of Linseed oil, in five minutes the horse will go to eating. It has been tried in a number of cases, and all have been successful.

HEALTHY FOOD.

Of all the articles of food, boiled rice is digested in the shortest time—an hour.—As it contains eight tenths nutritious matter, it is a valuable substance for diet.—Tripe and pig's feet are digested almost as rapidly. Apples, if sweet and ripe, are next in order. Venison is almost as soon as apples. Roasted potatoes are digested in half the time required by the same vegetable boiled, which occupy more than three hours and a half—more than beef or mutton. Bread occupies three hours and a quarter. Stewed oysters and boiled eggs are digested in three hours and a half—an hour more than is required by the same articles raw.

A FEMALE.

The editor of the Portsmouth, Va., Transcript has been informed by Dr. Barclay, of the U. S. ship Dale, that the inhabitants of San Antonio, Cape de Verds, numbering about 30,000 are actually in a state of starvation. For want of other provisions they were killing and eating all their jackasses, &c., and were really in a most deplorable condition. The officers of the Dale have been eye witnesses of the intense sufferings of these people.

LEGAL QUESTION.

The following pertinent question was addressed to a lawyer in a neighboring village:

"If "distance lends enchantment to the view,' and the view refuses to return it, can distance obtain any legal redress?"

The lawyer refuses to answer until he receives a retainer.

Who, according to Shakspeare, was the greatest chicken butcher? Claudius, "who did murder most *foul!*"

MR. FILLMORE.

A foreign correspondent of the Ledger alluded thus handsomely to this eminent statesman:—

"Nothing, indeed, can exceed the unostentatious carriage and simplicity of the American Ex-President on his whole journey through Europe. He goes and sees everything, yet nobody finds out who he is and what elevated station he occupied till he is gone. In Paris, while at the Hotel du Louvre, the landlord never knew his guest till some American had inquired for Ex-President Fillmore; and the same thing occurred in Marseilles, Nizza, Genoa and Leghorn. When the people learned who he was; there was considerable *expressment* to serve him, but he afforded them no opportunity. Living in the simplest manner, and exacting nothing that is not usual with the most unpretending and unassuming gentlemen, he only leaves people with regret that they cannot show him some proof of their respect, or some attention corresponding with his station.

"Mr. Fillmore has now been in England, France, Prussia, Austria and Italy, and will have seen all Europe before he returns to the United States. He has everywhere been the unobserved observer of the poople and their institutions, and will return to the United States a better judge of European governments than the whole body of unfledged *diplomats* who are in a habit of sending abroad that they may become acquainted with court gossip and court manners, much to the detriment of their knowledge and usefulness in foreign parts. The manner in which Mr. Fillmore travels is the only one by which an American can really become acquainted with Europe and learn to love and cherish his own country. I hope to meet him again in Rome; and shall be delighted to pay him again that respectful homage to which his many private and public virtues, the true republican simplicity of his character, and the distinguished services he has rendered out great country, entitle him. What a source of pride to be able to call oneself the fellow citizen of such a man!"

THE BODY FOUND.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 19—An intense excitement prevailed among the denizens in the vicinity of Pine and Aston streets, on Thursday, in consequence of a charge being made against two men of foul play, in making away with a female. The neighbors positively asserted that they heard screams issuing from the house on Wednesday night; and that bloody tracks were discovered leading from the house to a back-house. The Coroner and the police were notified of the matter, and diligent search and inquiry was made, while for squares around the only topic of conversation was about the dreadful murder. The statement of one of the prisoners, that the blood was that of a dog which they had killed, had no effect to turn suspicion from them, or allay the horrible fever, which had seized upon both great and small.—The officers of justice still keep up the search, and on Thursday afternoon, they were informed by the accused, that no one had been killed except a dog; that they had been to a ball the night previous, and on entering their house, on their return home, they found a dog in the room. One of the party cut the dog on the side of the neck with his knife, and the animal, excited by the pain, not only howled, but jumped out of the window and fled in the direction where the bloody tracks had been seen. The two followed the bleeding dog, and after dispatching him, threw his lifeless trunk into a cess-pool. On examing the place indicated, the dog, with his throat cut, was found, and thus the suspicion, that a female had been murdered, was given the lie, though a few positive individuals are not yet fully satisfied with the explanation. The men who were arrested, we are informed have been held in bail to answer any charge that may hereafter be brought against them.

HOW THE MODEST MAN WAS MISTAKEN. The Lowell Courier is responsible for the following:

"In a neighboring city, at Thackeray's lectures, a few evenings since, a young gentleman, the modest man of his sex, and no less polite than modest, was sitting in a pew rather remote from the light. A pretty lady sat next to him. Looking on the floor during the lecture, he espied what he thought was the lady's handkerchief, the lace trimmed edge just visible from under her dress. Turning to his pew mate he gallantly whispered, "You've dropped your handkerchief, madam!" and before she could reply, he proceeded to pick it up. Horror! he had seized the edge or her pet—*skirt*, and did not discover his mistake until the top of a gaiter boot stared him in the face, and the faint sound of a laugh just nipped in the bud by the application of a *real* handkerchief warned him of his mistaken.

"*Moral.*—Don't attempt to pick up anything with lace to it before you know what it is."

CHLOROFORM.

At a recent meeting of the Academy of Sciences at Paris. M. Flourens, speaking of the power of chloroform, remarked that its use in the field hospitals of the army doubled the strength and power of the surgeons, as they are more masters of their action when operating on an inert mass, and are no longer disturbed by the cries or movements of the patient. In the campaign in the Crimea, chloroform was employed, he stated, more than 25,000 times, and always with success. "This immense result, said M. Flourens, "is the best reply to those who had felt apprehension at the use of this powerful auxiliary to surgical operations."

EXCITEMENT IN FAYETTEVILLE. A faro bank was broken up in Fayetteville, N. C., a few evenings since, and the apparatus seized and burnt in the streets the next morning. The gamblers were non-residents, who had been there only a few days. One of them escaped from a window of their room, and the other deposited $1000 as bail.

"Did you ever see me with more than I could carry?"

"No; but I have seen you when you had better gone twice for your load."

BUSINESS CARDS.

J. C. LATTA,
COMMISSION MERCHANT & GENERAL AGENT.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Oct. 1, 1854. 85-1y-c.

WILKINSON & ESLER,
UPHOLSTERS & PAPER HANGERS,
KEEP ON HAND AND MADE TO ORDER,
Mattresses, Feather Beds, Window Curtains and Fixtures.
All work in the above line done at shortest Notice. Wilmington, N. C., Market St.
March 18, 1854. 1.

JOSEPH R. BLOSSOM,
General Commission and Forwarding Merchant.
Prompt personal attention given to Consignments for Sale or Shipment.
Liberal Cash advances made on Consignments to me or to my New York friends.
Wilmington, Jan. 30, 1854. 135.

JAMES ANDERSON. EDWARD SAVAGE.
ANDERSON & SAVAGE.
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
WILMINGTON N. C.
Liberal cash advances made on consignments.
March 27, 1854. 94.

RUSSELL & BROTHER,
(LATE ELLIS, RUSSELL & CO.)
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Liberal cash advances made on consignments of Naval Stores, Cotton, and other produce.
May 3, 1854.

C. & D. DuPRE.
WHOLE SALE AND RETAL DEALERS IN
Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Paints, Oil, Dye Stuffs, Glass, Perfumery, Cigars, Old Liquors, Fancy Articles, &c.,
MARKET STREET,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Prescriptions carefully compounded by experienced persons.
March 28, 1854.

WILLIAM H, PEAKE,
COLLECTOR AND ADVERTISING AGENT.
For Country Newspapers throughout the United States,
Basement of Sun Iron Buildings, Baltimore street
All business entrusted to his care transacted promptly, on liberal terms.
sept 7, 1854. 95-tf

T. C. & B. G. WORTH,
COMMISSION AND FORWARDING MERCHNNTS,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Jan 17, 1854. 125-c

JOSEPH H. FLANNER,
General Commission Merchant,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
May 9th, 1854. 87-1y-c.

JAS. H. CHADBOURN & CO.,
General Commission Merchants,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
JAS. H. CHADBOURN. GEO. CHADBOURN.
Jun. 1, 1854. 123.

HENRY NUTT,
FACTOR AND FORWARDING AGENT,
Will give his personal attention to business entrusted to his care.
Sept. 8, 1854. 75-1y-c.

GEORGE MYERS,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL GROCER
Keeps constantly on hand, Wines, Teas, Liquors, Provisions, Wood and Willow Ware, Fruit, Confectionaries, &c. South Front street,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Nov. 18, 1853. 109.

GEORGE HOUSTON,
DEALER IN
Groceries, Provisions, and Naval Stores;
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
VESSEL AND FORWARDING AGENT,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Aug. 2. 60-tf

H. DOLLNER. G. POTTER, JR. J. CAMERDEN.
DOLLNER, POTTER & CO.
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
NEW YORK.
April 30, 1854. 20-1y.

L. N. BARLOW,
WHOLESALE & RETAIL GROCER,
AND DEALER IN
LIQUORS, WINES, ALE, PORTER, &c.
No. 3, Granite Row, Front Street,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Feb. 17th, 1855. 140-tf.

BENNETT & BROKAW,
PRODUCE
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
FOR THE SALE OF
Flour, Grain and Seeds, Butter, Cheese, Lard, Dried Fruits, Smoked Meats and Provisions.
NO. 4, FRONT ST. NEAR THE BATTERY
NEW YORK.
To avoid errors and delays, it is desirable that consignors be very particular to put their initials upon Goods shipped to us for sale.
June 14. 40-tf

S. M. WEST,
Auctioneer and Commission Merchant,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
WILL sell or buy Real Estate and Negroes at a small commission.
ALSO:
Strict attention given to the sale of Timber, Turpentine, Tar, or any kind of Country Produce.
Office second door, South side of Market street, on the wharf.
June 12, 1854. 38-1y.

PEACH BRANDY.
30 BBLS. Superior, above proof, for sale by
Nov. 22. GEO. HOUSTON.

CHEMICALS—JUST RECEIVED:
1,000 OZ. German Quinine;
500 do. French do;
50 lbs. Calomel;
20 do. Syr. Iodid Iron;
25 do. Blue Mass;
50 do. Vallett's Mass;
50 gallons Sp'ts Nitre;
40 do. Aq. Ammon;
20 bbls. Epsom Salts;
10 do. Copperas. For sale by
C. & D. DuPRE, Wholesale Druggists,
Oct. 5. 86.

BATCHELORS, FAMILIES, HOTELS, Steamboats, &c., can be furnished with mattrasses, beds, pillows, bolsters, sheets, pillow, cases, blankets, comforts, spreads, towels, tablecloths, &c., by calling on
WILKINSON & ESLER,
Upholsters and Paper Hangers.
Sept. 28. 83.

TO RENT FROM FIRST OCTOBER.
THE Store corner of Water and Mulberry sts; the Office on the wharf, now occupied by D. A. Lamont; the Store add Warehouse now occupied by me. Apply to JOS. R. BLOSSOM.
July 26. 57

BUSINESS CARDS.

ADAMS, BROTHER & CO.,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
July 28. 58

J. WESSEL. H. S. EILERS.
WESSEL & EILERS.
COMMISSION MERCHANTS & WHOLESALE GROCERS, North Water St., Wilmington, N. C., intend to keep at the above stand a general assortment of Groceries, Liquors, and Provisions at wholesale—and to carry on a General Commission Business.
REFERENCE:
E. P. Hall, Pres't Br'ch Bank of the State.
O. G. Parsley, Pres't Commercial Bank.
P. K. Dickinson, Esq. } Wilm.
Poppe & Co.
Dollner & Potter. } New York,
Jan. 20 1854. 131.

GEO. H. KELLY,
COMMISSION MERCHANT.
Next door to A. A. Wannet's, on North Water st. will attend to the sale of all kinds of Country Produce, such as Corn, Peas, Meal, Bacon, Lard, &c., and will keep constantly on hand a full supply of Groceries, &c.
References.
Willes Hall, of Wayne, Jno McRae, Wilmington
W Caraway, " Gen. Alx. McRae, "
R. P. Hall, Wilmington, Wiley A. Walker, "
Dec. 13, 1853. 115-1y.

JAS. F. GILLESPIE. GEO. S. GILLESPIE.
JAMES F. GILLESPIE & CO.,
PRODUCE AND FORWARDING AGENTS.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Particular attention paid to the receipts and Sale of *Naval Stores, Timber, Lumber, Corn, Bacon, Cotton, &c., &c.*
March 30, 1855. 6.

D. CASHWELL,
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Sept. 30. 84-tf

COCHRAN & RUSSELL.
(SUCCESSORS TO THOS. ALIBONE & CO.)
General Commission Merchants,
No 32, North Wharves, and 63 North Water Sts.
PHILADELPHIA.
J. HARVEY COCHRAN,
W. S. RUSSELL.
Liberal cash advances made on consignments.
July 30th, 1854. 58-tf.

HOOPER, DEARBORN & CO.,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
GEO. HOOPER. J. L. DEARBORN. WM. L. HOOPER.
July 28. 58-tf

PUBLIC HALL.
THE MASONIC HALL is offered for publ Exhibitions, Lectures or Entertainments.
Oct. 6. P. W. FANNING, Agt.

MACKEREL.
50 BBLS. No. 3 Mackerel, just received and for sale by ADAMS, BRO. & CO.
July 17. 53

GLUE.
OF the best quality, and Bungs of all sizes always on hand. J. R. BLOSSOM.
Nov. 4. 97.

SOAP AND CANDLES.
THOSE SUPERIOR articles, manufactured in Wilmington by Messrs. Coston & Gafford, are offered for sale by the undersigned, who has been appointed Sole Agent for their disposition in this place. Dealers and consumers are invited to examine and test them by use, in comparison with such as are imported from the North. Samples are offered gratuitously, with a full conviction that these articles, after a fair trial, will be preferred to any other in market; while they will be sold for a less price. GEO. HOUSTON.
Nov. 22. 107-tf.

FRESH FRUIT.
LAYER and M. R. Raisins, new and fresh, in whole, half and quarter boxes, Figs, Citron, Currants and Lemons at
Dec. 8. L. N. BARLOW'S.

BOARDING.
A FEW Gentlemen can be accommodated with Board and pleasant airy rooms, in Front street, house next door north of the Presbyterian Church.
June 19, 42-tf

$10 REWARD.
RANAWAY from Clarendon Steam Saw Mill, a week ago, a Mulatto man named LEWIS, generally known as LEWIS MOTT. The above reward will be paid for his apprehension and delivery to the subscribers, or for his confinement in jail.
J. H. CHADBOURN & CO.
Oct, 27. 96-tf

JUST OPENED.
THE largest assortment of Chemicals ever offered in this market, consisting in part of
100 lbs. Sugar Lead;
50 " Sulph. Zinc;
25 " Vallett's Mass;
500 ozs. German Quinine;
10 bbls. Epsom Salts;
15 bbls. Copperas;
25 lbs. Calomel;
30 lbs. Blue Mass;
3 carboys Spirits Nitre (fff);
3 " Agna Ammonia, (fff) and a number of other Chemicals, from the Laboratories of Powers and Weightman, Chas. Ellis & Co. For sale by C. & D. DuPRE.
June 5. 35

WINES AND LIQUORS.
10 BBLS extra old Nectar Whiskey;
10 bbls. old Yannissee do.
2 cases Chateau Lateur Claret;
1 " Pale Brandy;
2 " Margaux Claret;
2 " St. Emilion do.;
2 " Nathaniel Johnson's Claret;
2½ casks Brandy. For sale by
July 19. J. H. FLANNER.

FRESH ARRIVALS,
Per Schrs. W. H. Smith and David Faust, at No. 11 North Water Street.
25 BAGS prime Rio Coffee,
20 " " "
Low for cash at GEO. H. KELLEY'S.
Oct. 13. Herald. 91

FRESH NUTS.
FILBERTS Brazil and English Walnuts, soft and hard shell Almonds at
Dec. 8. L. N. BARLOW'S.

PRESCOTT'S NEW BOOK.
HISTORY of Philip the Second, King of Spain by W. H. Prescott, corresponding member of the Institute of France, of the Royal Academy of History at Madrid, &c. Received and for sale by S. W. WHITAKER
Jan. 8. 126

WROUGHT NAILS.
20 KEGS Wrought Nails just received. For sale by J. R. BLOSSOM.
Oct. 17. 93

CIGARS! CIGARS!!
JUST RECEIVED, 50,000 choice Havana Cigars, for sale by C. & D. DuPRE,
Wholesale Druggists, 45 Market st.
Oct. 13. 91.

BUCKWHEAT.
150 BAGS extra New Hulled Buckwheat.—Just received and for sale by L. N. BARLOW.
Dec. 1. No. 3, Granite Row

NOTICE.
THE subscriber, respectfully informs the public, that he is now transacting the Auction business on his own account, and hopes by strict attention to business, to merit a continuance of that patronage heretofore so liberally bestowed upon him.
M. CRONLY.
Stock, Real Estate and Negroes bought and sold on a commission, either at private or public sale.
Jan 8, 1854.

BOOTS AND SHOES.
THE undersigned is continually receiving direct from the Manufacturers, large supplies of Boots and Shoes of all the various kinds, and has now on hand, a good assortment of Men's & Boys' thick kip and calf skin Brogans. Received this week, a few cases Gentlemen's fine calf skin Boots, suitable for the Spring and Summer trade. For sale wholesale and retail.
Boots and Shoes Manufactured to order.
Also, for sale, Grey's Ointment and Perry Davis Vegetable Pain Killer.
GEO. R. FRENCH.
April 14. 13-tf

HAY AND SALT.
100 BALES HAY;
400 sacks Salt. Landing per schr. Adele from New York, and for sale by
Jan. 10. J. H. FLANNER.

TO "TEACHERS AND FRIENDS OF EDUCATION."
THE following new Books and revised Editions are commended to your attention and examination:
Davies' Primary Arithmetic,
Davies' Intellectual Arithmetic
Davies' New Arithmetic,
Davies' Elementary Algebra,
Davies' Practical Mathematics,
Davies' Bourdon's Algebra,
Davies' Elementary Geometry,
Davies' Logic of Mathematics,
Davies' Legendre's Geometry,
Davies' Surveying (Revised Edition
Church's Elements of Calculus,
Church's Analytical Geometry,
Hackley's Trigonometry,
Bartlett's Treatise on Mechanics,
Bartlett's Analytical Mechanics,
Bartlett's Treatise on Optics, &c.,
Courtenay's Differential and Integral Calculus
Parker's Natural Philosophy (Revised Edition)
Northend's Dictation Exercises,
Northend's American Speaker,
Northend's School Dialogues,
Martin's Orthoepist,
Bartlett's College Astronomy,
The Word Builder,
Monteith's Firt Lessons in Geography,
Monteith's Manuel of Geography,
McNally's School Geography,
Clark's English Grammer (Revised Edition)
Clark's Analysis,
Welch's Analysis of the English Sentence,
Day's Art of Rhetoric,
Mahan's Intellectual Philosophy,
Kames' Elements of Criticism.
Brookfield's First Book in Composition,
Dwight's Grecian and Roman Mythology,
Zachos' New American Speaker,
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