STRICTLY IN ADVANCE.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 1883.

A PLANTER TO PLANTERS. Mr. Edward Richardson, of Mississippi, a native of Rockingham county, in this State, is the most extensive, and perhaps the wealthiest planter in the South. He is worth several millions of dollars, every cent of which he earned by his own energy, honest industry and good management. He is the only planter in the South that we know of who in addition to raising large crops of cotton spins and weaves it and puts it on the market himself, thus reaping all the profit there is in it. If there is any man capable of giving advice to the Southern planter he is that man, for he has demonstrated by his own brilliant success that he knows whereof he speaks. In a recent conversation on Southern agriculture and prospects he

The only help I see for the planter of the Mississippi valley is to raise more corn and hogs, grasses and small grain, and live more at home and not have his smoke house and corn crib in the West, and not plant cotton at a loss to the exclusion of everything else, and it would not be many years before he would not be many years before he would be an independent as the farmer of the West, who rarely, if ever, seeks any pecuniary assistance to enable him to make a crop. The cotton planters of Georgia and Texas are also nearly self-austaining, make large crops of cotton, but make it secondary to what they consume, and it is said can make money at it as low as six cents per pound. We of the Mississippi valley, the finest and most fertile region on earth, have got to pursue the same course, or but a few years more will see the whole section involved in general bankruptcy.

What he says here of the Mississippi

What he says here of the Mississippi valley applies, of course, with equal force to all the cotton growing States. No agricultural section can now, whatever it might have done in the past, devote itself safely to the cultivation of any one special crop, especially if it be an expensive and difficult crop to raise and handle. Cotton and tobacco, each of which is the almost exclusive crop of certain districts in certain States of the South, are both difficult and costly crops to handle, requiring, when homemade fertilizers are not used, large investments in manufacturfertilizers, bought too often with borrowed money at a high rate of interest. Both of these crops are sensitive and subject to damage by unfavorable weather, &c., when hardier crops escape, and even when harvested and housed are uncertain in profit, because subjects of speculation which influence the price, which may rise one day and fall the next as the market is manipulated by the speculators who control it. Both of them are exhausting crops and give little or nothing back to the land to restore the strength they take from

The Southern planter must if he would succeed and be thoroughly independent, adopt the system of diversified crops, raise his own horses, cattle, hogswheat, eorn, oats, grass, &c. Many of our planters are now doing this, and when the time comes that it becomes the rule, then will Southern agriculture be what it ought to be, a thoroughly independent calling.

A NAVY AT AUCTION.

Some doubts have been entertained as to whether the United States has a Navy or not, but these doubts are set at rest by the announcement that Mr. Chandler, who wears the title of Secretary of the Navy, which was handed down from former times, has advertised that he will sell at public auction thirty vessels which do or have belonged to that Navy, and which have been by some means kept affoat. Here will be a fine opportunity for P. T. Barnum, and other curiosity and relic hunters in the show business, to buy curiosities of the deep, along side of which the sportive whale and comely sea horse would pale into insignificane. But it is consoling to our national pride that this is not all but only a portion of our Navy. Some ships are left which will pirute around in the salt water on friendly shores, and carry Mr. Chandler and other distinguished government officials out to recuperate on the briny deep when they take on too much Washington malaria.

As an evidence of the splendid ability the Republican party has shown in building up and managing a Navy, we may state that eleven of these thirty vessels advertised to be put under the hammer have been built since the war at a cost for construction and repairs of \$9,957,255,the larger portion of which sum went as profits into the pockets of favored contractors, who kept an eye to business and diligently voted the Republican ticket. But few of them have been much at sea, because it wasn't safe to send them out where the waves had room to toss in freedom and cuff them about. Consequently, they were considerately and tenderly kept near home in shallow water. They have been of no earthly nor watery use, save, perhaps, as excursion boats for official dead-heads of lower grades. Republican statesmanship has been

remarkable in many things, but in none has its policy met with that complete success that has crowned it as a Navy

Wong Ching Foo, editor of the New
York Chinese-American, still finds the York Chinese-American, still finds the paths of journalism thorny paths to travel. But a few days ago he had a brother Calestial arrested for an alleged attempt to assassinate him for de-nouncing his gambling den, and now Chan Pond Tipp, another son of the Flowery Kingdom, sues him for libel in styling him a thief, for which he asks the modest sum of \$25,000, more money than Ching Foo or Pond Tipp ever saw at one time in their lives. Ching Foo

at one time in their lives. Ching Foo was arrested, and in default of \$2,000 ball, was locked up in jail, where he can philosophize at his leisure and meditate upon the uncertainties and ups and downs of journalistic life.

In this glowing outcome of his spirited dash at reform, Mr. Ching Foo has our profound sympathy, in fact, we mourn for him, though New York is a considerable distance from here, for when we see a man of real talent, in-

spired by a noble ambition, and with courage enough to tackle a printing press so far from home and friends, come to grief, the martyr of his missionary inspiration, we can't help but be sad. We read his first articles denouncing the Chinese opium joints with a feeling of genuine admiration for his reckless valor, and when he announced that he would make his next issue "hot for the Irish," we felt that he was blazing out the path to brilliant fame. But with a perverseness that we did not anticipate from the placid, peace pursuing, unpugnacious fellow country-men of Ching Foo, they are throwing obstacles in his way, besetting his path, going for him with the assassin's weapon, and with libel suits, after the fashion of the "Melican man" who wants to get even with the reckless editor who says something mean about him. If Ching Foo emerges from jail and rises triumphant above all this, he will show that he is built out of no ordinary mud, and that he possesses some of the necessary journalistic en-

THE JENKINS-BORDEN MURDER No Justification for the Shooting-A Hallucination.

Mew Orleans, June 19.—The preliminary examination of Rev. Ben. T.
Jenkins, Jr. for the murder of Rev. J.
Lane Borden began at Mansfield to-day.
Immediately after the shooting of Borden by Jenkins, District Attorney Hall wrote to John S. Butler, father of the young lady whose name is involved in the matter, giving him the particulars of the tragedy, the alleged cause being the ruin of his daughter. Mr. Butler replied under date of June 18, saying:
"There is not one word of truth in the charge you refer to. I regret very much Mr. Jenkins took up such an idea. My daughter says she said nothing to Mr. Jenkins that he possibly could infer anything of the kind."

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"I hereby deny having made at any time a confession to Mr. Ben. T. Jenkins, Jr, to the effect that Mr. Benden had in any manner ill-treated me, only so far as shall be explained. When asked by Mr. Jenkins if Mr. Borden had treated me badly I told him yes. He then asked in what way. I told him 'I can't tell, but you can think any way you wish.' The only indignity ever offered by Mr. Borden to me was in the library, about ten days ago, when I was there for some books, when he approached me and attempted to put his hands upon me, and I immediately left the room and was never in his presence alone again during the remainder of my stay at Mansfield. This treatment of Mr. Borden to me was never mentioned to any one but my mother."

It may be stated that Miss Butler has a father and two brothers to protect her honor if such protection had been necessary. She is 18 years old, handsome and unusually intelligent. A younger sister was at the Mansfield Seminary with her. Jenkins seems to have hear suffering from hallucination Seminary with her. Jenkins seems to have been suffering from hallucination of mind when he fired the fatal shot.

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The Harper, or high license bill became a law of the State of Illinois on Friday last. Its operation will be the most important and interesting test yet made of the new theory of promoting temperance reform by high rates of license. The bill received the support of the men who in other days were uncompromising prohibitionista. It represents views which have been modified by experience. Prohibition being now a conceded failure, its old friends turn to high license as the best practicable measure. And in this they are supported by those who were never prohibitionists, but always believed in a rational system of liquor regulation, and also by the most respectable of liquor sellers. Such is the odd combination that has passed the Harper bill.

The new law is of a type different from that of Iowa—a State where the experiment of high license has also been tried, but without the uniformity of rate which characterizes the Harper bill. In Iowa citles and towns are permitted to charge what they please for license and as a result the rate ranges all the way from \$75 a year (in Dubuque) to \$1,600 (in Creston.) In a number of large places \$1,000 is the fee, and the average throughout the State is high. The Nebraska law puts the license fee at \$1,000 in cities of a certain grade and \$500 for all other places. It linois now establishes a cast iron system of excise, operative alike in all parts of the State, viz. \$500 a year for the sale of beers. It is estimated that on such a basis Chicage will resp an annual revenue of not less than \$1,000,000, or a gain of about \$600,000 on her present income from license fees. This would be a decided relief to taxpayers, and insures the popularity of the measure with that class. As the proprietors of the lowest dram shops cannot raise \$500 to pay in advance for a license, the liquor selling business will naturally be concentrated in the hands of men who are less amenable to the charge of promoting drunkenness and crime. This theory is not fallacious. For

high license sentiments throughout the country.

If it proves a success in Illinois, as in Iowa, Nebraska, Missourl, and Michigan, it may be expected to reappear as an issue in New York. The last Legislature refused to try it here, but the majority against it was so small in the Assembly as to encourage the friends of high license to renew their efforts next year. The bill defeated at Albany resembled the Nebraska law in its discrimination between places, but was more moderate in its scale of fees. For cities of over 50,000 inhabitants the liquor licenses were fixed at \$500 and beer licenses \$250, and for all other places liquor licenses at \$250 and beer licenses \$125. This bill was favored by many of the largest liquor retailers in the State, and they can always be trusted to advocate it. The societies representing the spirit and wine interests of the country have been the most active promoters of such schemes, and have done as much as the most enthusiastic friends of temperance reform to pass and enforce high license laws. Under such auspices the new system bids fair to become generally adopted, especially if the Illinois variety of the law shall

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