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THE NORTHERN MAIL arrived yesterday from beyond Charleston.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

We trust the readers of the *Bee* will bear with us yet a few days, if we fail to give them the usual variety and amount of reading matter. The pressure on our columns from the immense quantity of Legislative journals, reports and laws, is so great that we are universally compelled to trespass largely on the space generally occupied with more agreeable subjects. The State Printer is bound to complete the publication of the official proceedings of both Houses within a specified time, and the limit is approaching so rapidly that, in order to perform our contract, we are obliged to exclude from our columns much that we should be pleased to publish. In ten days, or two weeks at farthest, our official labors will terminate, and we shall then endeavor to render the journal more worthy of the liberal patronage which it continues to enjoy.

MR KING'S CALIFORNIA REPORT.

This very elaborate document fills some ten or eleven columns of the Washington papers and it is long that we cannot do more than furnish our readers with a synopsis of its contents. In the outset Mr. King gives the reasons which compelled the people of California to establish a State government—the want of an efficient and satisfactory legislature of the country, the inadequacy of the arrangements for the uncertain character of the contracts by which the residents were supplied with the most indispensable articles, and the want of instructions of any nature, to enlighten the people of California in regard to slavery.

The population of California is estimated at 115,000; and that of the whole Territory at 160,000. The latter are rather in an incipient capacity to the tribes on the Atlantic side. Of the climate, Mr. King is clear to think more favorably than it has often been described by writers of eastern and north Atlantic States. He gives the mean temperature of the different seasons from which it appears that they differ much less from each other, in temperature, than those in the east or the Rocky Mountains. On the coast, in the summer months, the mean temperature was only 58 to 62 degrees—with a mean of 46 degrees at Fort Hull in the winter. At Sutter's, about 100 miles inland, and fifty miles from the coast, the mean temperature of August, September and October was 67 degrees. The climate of the Sacramento Valley, and upper country, is more like that of the Middle States, and is subject to greater extremes of heat and cold. Rain commences generally in October, and ceases in April. The amount of rain is about the same as in the Middle States. Snow rarely falls in the valleys, but in the mountains it is sometimes very deep. Upon the whole, Mr. King considers the climate of California as favorable to health, and to the production of the most valuable articles of agriculture. Of the soil, he says that the valleys of the Sacramento and San Joaquin, and the country bordering on the bay of San Francisco, are unsurpassed in fertility by any country. The mountains are generally covered with timber, and abound in rich pasturage. The gold region is described as extending from the Sierra Nevada to the base of the main range of the Coast Mountains. From information collected from various sources, Mr. King has examined the gold region with considerable minuteness, and has carefully examined the rivers and streams, and, in some instances, has personally visited the gold districts. He has also collected much information in connection with the quartz rock formation, and the character of the country presented by the surface of the gold region. He has also shown up and referred to all the authorities which he has consulted in relation to the gold region. It is only found in particular localities, and is attended by peculiar circumstances and natural facts. It is found in the beds and shoals of the rivers, in ravines, and what are called the dry diggings.

The rivers, in forming their channels, of breaking their way through the hills, have come in contact with the gold, containing the gold in their beds, and in the strata cut out by the gold; and the rivers, rolling and tumbling the said gold, carried it on their beds at the points where the velocity of the current reduces it, in the direction of the northwest to the Pacific, and where a wide margin is consequently left on each side, over which the waters rush during the wet season, with great force.

As the quantity of gold is greater in certain others, so is the gold found in fine or coarse particles, especially from according to the degree of attrition to which it has been exposed. The waters from the hills and upper valleys, in finding its way to the rivers, has cut deep ravines and where it comes in contact with the quartz, has dissolved or crumbled it into pieces.

In the dry season the channels are mostly without water, and gold is found in the beds and margins of them, in large quantities, but in much greater quantities in the rivers, being, in consequence of the moderate flow and tempering influence of the current, rounded, and reduced to smooth shapes, first into like pebbles, but had not sufficient force to cut it into flakes or dust.

In the dry diggings are places where quartz contains gold, and the gold and quartz is found in separate pieces, both of fragments, pebbles and dust. By the action of the water and frost the rock is broken up, the gold has been left as it was first formed, in irregular shapes, in pieces of all sizes, from the grain to several pounds in weight. The crevices in the rock are scarred in combination with quartz, are too numerous and striking to admit of doubt of cause. They are found in combination in large quantities.

A very large proportion of the pieces of gold found in these situations, have more or less quartz adhering to them. In many specimens they are so combined, that they cannot be separated, without reducing the whole mass to powder, and subjecting it to the action of quicksilver.

The gold not having been exposed to the attrition of a strong current of water, retains, in a great degree, the angularity of its formation.

These diggings, in some places, spread over various of considerable extent, which have the appearance of an alluvion, formed by washings from the adjoining hills, of decomposed quartz of slate earth and vegetable matter.

In addition to these facts, it is beyond doubt true that several veins have been discovered in the quartz, from which numerous specimens have been taken, showing the minute connexion between the gold and the rock, and indicating a value to hereto unknown in gold-mining.

These veins do not present the appearance of places where gold may have been lodged by some violent eruption. It is combined with the quartz, in all imaginable forms and degrees of richness.]

The rivers present very striking, and, it would seem, conclusive evidence respecting the present way of gold remaining undiscovered in the South 2 years. It is not probable that the gold in the dry diggings, and that in the rivers—the former in lumps, the latter in dust—was created by different processes. That which is found in the rivers has undoubtedly been cut or worn from the veins in the rock, with which their currents have come in contact. All of them appear to be equally rich. This is shown by the fact that a laboring man may collect nearly as much in one river as he can in another. They intersect and cut through the gold region, running from east to west, at irregular distances of fifteen to twenty, and perhaps some of them thirty miles apart.

Hence it appears that the gold veins are evidently rich in all parts of that most remarkable section of country. Were it wanting, there are further proofs of this in the ravines and dry diggings, which uniformly confirm what nature so plentifully shows in the rivers.

Mr. King proceeds to give a history of the discovery of the gold deposites. He estimates the products of the mines for 1848 and 1849, in round numbers at $10,000,000. The rivers have been by no means exhausted, and new ones are from time to time discovered. Gold has been found in twelve principal rivers. It is the belief of Mr. King that the veins in the mountains are even richer in the precious metals.

With respect to the proper mode of disposing of the gold region, Mr. King says:

The first step, in my opinion, should be to reserve the entire region where gold is found from the operation of the pre-emption laws, and from sale, so that it may be now regarded as the *common property* of the American people, and certainly as such the interference of their public officers. Then provide for the appointment of a commissioner of the mines, and a sufficient number of assistant commissioners to carry the law into effect. Let the office of the commissioner be established at some point convenient to the mines, say Sacramento city, and the offices of his assistants at the principal rivers. And let the most productive districts, if not all, and every American citizen on application at the office of the commissioner, or any of his assistants, and by paying one dollar, or $16, or such sum as may be considered equal to the value of the gold he may be entitled to a permit or permits to dig any where in the Territory for one year. Provide, also, that any one who shall discover, or purchase of the discoverer a new mine, shall be entitled to work it to the extent of two hundred square yards, on paying to the commissioners such per centage on the proceeds of the mine as may be a suitable tax on the privileges granted.

It will be necessary also to allow the miners to erect such mines and other building materials as his business requires; and also to allow those who work under the permits the privileges of erecting cabins for shelter through the winter. Authorize the commissioners to cut timber, and to convey it on terms reasonable to the miners, say Sacramento city, and the offices of his assistants at the principal rivers, and on the most productive districts. Provide for any and every American citizen on application at the office of the commissioner, or any of his assistants, and by paying one dollar, or $16, or such sum as may be considered equal to the value of the gold he may be entitled to a permit or permits to dig any where in the Territory for one year. Provide, also, that any one who shall discover, or purchase of the discoverer a new mine, shall be entitled to work it to the extent of two hundred square yards, on paying to the commissioners such per centage on the proceeds of the mine as may be a suitable tax on the privileges granted.

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Telegraphic Dispatch.

SOUTH WEST PASS, April 10, 1850. } 10 o'clock, A. M.

The tow-boat Hercules blew up this morning, at 7 o'clock, killing six, and wounding five. Capt. Brown 1st Engineer, steward, carpenter, cook, one steerman, five deck-hands and four firemen, unhurt. The second, third and fourth engineers and mate, badly scalded.

The boat is a perfect wreck. The Anglo-Saxon has gone for the Doctor. I think it is best to keep the men here for the present.

SECOND DISPATCH.

12½ o'clock, M.

The Hercules is as bad a case as you have ever seen. Every boiler gone; all the beams under deck broken. Boiler-deck gone to the cabin, and the boat has commenced leaking since.

THIRD DISPATCH.

4 o'clock, P. M.

List of the Killed and Wounded on the tow-boat Hercules.

B. F. Miller, pilot; dead. James Riddle, 3d Engineer, dead, son of Capt. Riddle. Wm. Hammond, deck hand or fireman, dead; Jno. Nunan, do do, dead; Wm. Haren, do do, dead; Thos. Murphy, do do, dead; Rufus Tarbox, do do, dead; Jno. Fullerton, 2d Engineer, scalded; Oliver Arnold, deck hand or fireman; Edw. Bhiersen, do do; James Miller, do do.

The tow-boat *Bell* left the S. W. Pass at 1 o'clock P. M., with the corpse of James Riddle, 3d Engineer of the *Hercules*.

The *Hercules* was towing in a ship at the time she exploded.

THE WEATHER continues remarkably beautiful, and is just beginning to grow warm.—Hitherto the season has been very different from the usual spring weather. We have experienced a cooler temperature during the month of April, than has been felt in New Orleans for the last twenty years. Generally, spring in our latitude is only a nominal season—winter being immediately succeeded by the fervid heats of summer. This year, however, we have enjoyed a large share of genuine vernal weather.

REWARD OF $500.—We are glad to perceive that Mayor CROSSMAN offers a reward of $500 for the detection of an incendiary. It the sentiment of duty should fail to stimulate the police to proper exertions, the remuneration offered may probably indude them to keep a vigilant look out.

ANOTHER FIRE.—A fire broke out yesterday morning in the stables belonging to James Wright, in Girond street, but was fortunately extinguished before it had made much progress. The horses were safely removed, though one mule was badly burnt. It is generally believed that the fire was the act of an incendiary.

THE COMMANDING INFLUENCE OF WOMAN.—Mr. FISKE has consented to give this evening at Armory Hall, an address upon the patriotism perils and sacrifices of the women of the American Revolution; woman's excellence and all-powerful influence over the destiny of man. His class for lanes will be formed this afternoon.

NEW WORK.—We are indebted to the Appleton's, publishers, through J. B Steel, No. 14 Camp street, for a copy of "Woman's Friendship—a story of domestic life, by Grace Aguilar, author of "Home Influence." It is a charming tale, and illustrates the finest qualities of the female heart.

MURDER.—On the 21st ult., says the Vicksburg Whig, W. H. Lashly was murdered near Decatur, Miss., by Dr. S. W. Buchanan. Both had been out hunting that morning and each had guns; Buchanan met Lashly at a house and asked for water, and the latter was leading the way to a spring when Buchanan shot him in the head. The cause of the murder seems to have been, that on Buchanan's part that Lashly would expose a request made to him to swear to a falsehood, in order to clear the former from a charge of having stolen a watch last summer. The murder was witnessed by two men, and Buchanan was afterwards found on the same day, by a man who knew that he had killed Lashly, at the house of a Mr. Jones in the neighborhood, waiting for dinner, and yet he was suffered to escape.

DEATH OF LIEUT. WASHINGTON REID.—We copy the following from yesterday's *Delaware*. The deceased had a large circle of friends in this city, and a near and dear one:

From a letter, post-dated Farm River, Feb. 23, 1850, January 1850. We learn that Lieut. Washington Reid of the Navy, died on board the U. S. ship Albany on the 18th of February last, of bilious fever, after a short illness, in the thirty-third year of his age. He was buried at Grand Cayman, on the 19th, in the church yard, with military honors, and interred in the consecrated grounds of the Catholic Church at that place.

Lieut. Reid was the son of Captain Samuel C. Reid, of New York, and was well known in this city. He entered the service in 1822, and served with distinction on the coast of Africa, where he was instrumental in capturing and bringing to justice the celebrated pirate, some years ago. He was a gallant and accomplished officer, and by his uniform courtesy of deportment was universally esteemed, and fondly cherished himself to all who knew him. He leaves a wife and two children, besides his own connexions, to lament his loss, and with them all we sincerely condole. He has made his last cruise in the service of his country, and his soul has anchored in the blissful sea of heaven, where no storm or threatening billow can disturb his rest.

GEORGIA MANUFACTURES AND THEIR PROGRESS—The New York *Courier & Enquirer* says:

We were shown yesterday specimens of wrapping and newspaper from the Rock Island Factory, near Columbus, Geo., and in our surprise and gratification found them of a very superior quality,—even, strong, and the newsprint of very perfect color,—the whole exhibiting a thorough acquaintance with the business, perfection of machinery, and care in the manufacture. Good judges pronounced it superior to much of the paper manufactured in the North.

We understand that this factory has but recently commenced operations, with a cash capital of forty thousand dollars, paid in. They are turning out about one thousand pounds of paper per week per day, but will soon employ twenty-five hundred to three thousand pounds. The stock is all procured in the South, and the most of it in the region around Columbus. We are gratified to learn too, that the factory finds a ready market for the whole of the paper that they make. The affairs of the company are conducted by R. L. Mott, Esq., of Columbus, who is acting president, and D. Adams, Esq., Secretary, a worthy son of New England.

There are two paper mills in Georgia, but none anywhere South on so extensive a scale as this.

From the Franklin (Attakapas) Banner.

THE RAILROAD AGAIN.—It appears that the Legislature of this State has paid her respects to the Attakapas and Mississippi railroad scheme, and has granted a charter for a road anywhere between the Lafourche and Bayou Plaquemine, to commence wherever the company may please to decide best, and to terminate any where between the Lafourche and Donaldsonville. This is giving a generous scope to enterprise and ambition, and now, if we fail to get a railroad, it will be the fault of the people of Attakapas alone. The charter has been set in motion, and it should now be kept rolling. Next week we will publish the act granting the charter.

HONORS TO MR. CALHOUN.—A dispatch from Washington informs us that the United States Senate have appointed a committee of six, to convey the remains of Mr. CALHOUN to his native soil. The committee consists of the following gentlemen: Mr. MASON, of Virginia, (who moved the resolution); Mr. WEBSTER, of Massachusetts; Mr. BERRIEN, of Georgia; Mr. DAVIS, of Mississippi; Mr. DICKINSON, of New York, and Mr. DODGE, of Iowa.

Mr. CASS offered a resolution to print in pamphlet form the proceedings of the Senate, in reference to the decease of Mr. CALHOUN, which was adopted.

SUICIDE.—On Wednesday morning last, says the Louisiana *Chronicle*, Mr. Levi Blount, for many years a respectable citizen of this parish, committed suicide by cutting his throat. A jury of inquest was immediately convened, and an examination instituted, and the verdict of the jury was "came to his death by his own hands."

Mr. Blount was very comfortably situated in life, and had just made the necessary arrangements to go into the sugar business. His prospects in life were said to be very flattering, and his decease is not attributed to any derangement in his pecuniary affairs, but to sudden mental alienation.

DROWNED.—An inquest was held last Sunday before Coroner Lewis, on the body of a man found in the river not far from Pirtle's island—verdict, accidental drowning. The man was a stranger in the city, about thirty-five years old, gentlely dressed, and had on his person five hundred and twenty-six dollars and fifteen cents, mostly in gold, a silver lever watch, some papers relative to some land, but nothing to indicate his name or place of residence.—*Mobile Advertiser.*

OFFICIAL.

LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE.

Official Report of Debates.

MONDAY, March 11, 1850.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Honorable J. B. Plauché, Lieutenant Governor, presiding.

Mr. Bryce obtained leave to introduce, without having given previous notice thereof, resolutions proposing amendments to the Constitution which were read for the first time.

On motion, the rules were suspended, said resolutions were taken up at their second reading, and on motion of Mr. Bryce, referred to the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, with instructions to report on or before Wednesday next, 17th inst.

Letters to be post-paid.

15 Jan H. CASTRO.

AGENCY FOR MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THIS Company has an invested capital of more than one million of dollars after paying off the sexiy issued in 1846, of $207,600—and additional assessed more than seven hundred thousand dollars.

Marine, River and Fire Risks continue to be at the office former of Camp and Common streets.

January 1st, 1850 L. MATTHEWS, Agent

THE undersigned informs his friends and the public, that he has taken into partnership Messrs. F. G. CAFFERE and P. G. BARBIERE, and will continue business as heretofore under the title of BARBIERE, LACAPERE & CO.

m 20 1850 CHAS. A. BARBIERE.

THE undersigned, hereby informs the public and his friends that he has sold the whole of the claims of the late firm of DE POUILLY & Co., to R. G. Mc grove, and that by agreement between them, the said R. G. Mcgrove, has bound himself to pay all the debts contracted by the said late firm.

He further informs his friends and old customers, that he has no interest whatever in the tanning yard newly opened on the old Mc Shane, that the firm of De Pouilly & Co., of which he is the senior partner, has been transformed, to the firm of De Pouilly & Gagnet, and that the office of De Pouilly & Gagnet is removed to the corner of Franklin and Tchoupitoulas streets, and to the Mississippi Canal Basin, near Tivoli garden, back of Bayou St. John.

m 25 J. J. DE POUILLY.

Liquidation of Partnership.

THE commercial firm of VERLOT & ANDRY will be liquidated on the 1st of April next. OLIVE ANDRY is alone charged with the liquidation.

The undersigned will continue the same branch of business for his own account and claims the patronage of his friends and the public generally.

m27 1d T. ANDRY.

DISSOLUTION.—The Partnership existing in this city, under the firm of E. LAVERGNE & Co., is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

Madame FANNY RECHER FRYER is charged with the liquidation of the business of the late firm, and is duly authorized to collect all debts due to the same.

m 30 FANNY RECHER FRYER.
E. LAVERGNE.

New Orleans, March 30, 1850 m5

Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana.

NEW ORLEANS, 5th March, 1850.

A meeting of the GRAND LODGE will be held at the Hall of PERSEVERANCE Lodge, corner of Bourbon and Dumaine streets, on FRIDAY, the 15th inst., at 7 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of electing a new corporation. The Officers of the Grand Lodge, and the members of the Louisiana Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons and the members of this Grand Lodge, are entitled to vote. By order of the Grand Master.

JOSEPH WALKER, Secretary pro tem.

CHARLES GAYARRE, Grand Secretary of State. 30t

☞ During my absence from the city on another CHAS. LAMBERT, to my duly authorized agent as per act passed before Octave de Armas, Notary in and for the City of New Orleans.

April 6th 1850. E. LAMBERT, 62 Magazine st.

Mr. Fisk's Class for Instruction

Mr. FISK will form a Class for instruction in PENMANSHIP, on MONDAY EVENING, April 15th, at Lyceum Hall, at 7½ o'clock. All who attend will be fully satisfied in receiving a thorough knowledge of the art, as he has had many years experience with perfect success, and also hopes to merit a liberal patronage adequate to the cost of disease, or the fee charged for instruction can be done. will be given to return the money. Mr. Fisk is a gentleman and can give satisfactory reference and experience. Ladies Class on Thursday afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

The Subscriber, about leaving for Europe, informs the public that he has sold this day, his property to Mr. Clement Barrere & Co., and solicits for him a continuance of the liberal patronage formerly given me from those who call.

19 Cent st. between Chartres & Levee

NOTICE

CONSIGNEES and others, having on hand their establishments, and leaving for France in May next, are hereby notified to call and settle with them immediately, and to request their accounts for passage at

To Builders.

PROPOSALS will be received until the even, next the 15th inst., to repair the brick house of Mr. Wilson, on Poydras street, between Magazine and Camp streets. Specifications can be seen at the office of the undersigned, on Magazine street, with a few lots on Magazine street, belonging to John Braun.

m 30 1d I. MATTHEWS

STOLEN—From Mr. Cousin's store, 131 Poydras-st, on Wednesday last, a number of gold and silver Watches, and from one of gold and silver Watches, and from one of gold and silver Watches, and from one