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## NEWS OF THE DAY.

### FROM EUROPE.

By the arrival of the steamship Peruvian at Portland from Liverpool, we have five days' later news from Europe. The pirate Shenandoah had returned to Liverpool, having experienced heavy gales.

O'Leary, one of the Fenian Chiefs, has been tried, found guilty, and sentenced to twenty years' penal servitude. Before sentence was pronounced, he made a speech emphatically denying that he was a traitor, and declaring that he owed no allegiance to the Queen of England nor obedience to British laws.

By the arrival of the steamship Cuba at Halifax, we have European news to the 10th inst.

Leopold, King of Belgium, is dead.

Austria and Mexico it is said are negotiating for the more speedy enrolment of ten thousand Austrian troops who were to be furnished during the next five years.

At the American banquet in Paris on Thanksgiving day speeches were made by Minister Bigelow and General Schofield. The sentiments of the former were "very pacific." The latter gave as a toast—"Friendship between France and the United States."

### CONGRESS.

In the Senate yesterday an appropriation of half a million of dollars was made for the support of destitute Indians. Mr. Wilson introduced a bill granting one million of acres of public lands for the benefit of the public schools in the District of Columbia. The Committee on Commerce was instructed to inquire into the manner in which American vessels were transferred, during the rebellion, to British owners, and as to how they are now refurnished with American registers.

A resolution by Mr. Foote was adopted, that both Houses meet in the Hall of the House of Representatives on the 12th of February next, to manifest their sensibility of our public bereavement in the violent and tragic death of Abraham Lincoln, late President of the United States. In the House Mr. Washburne reported a bill which was passed, paying Mrs. Lincoln such portion of the late President's salary as was due at the time of his death.

Mr. Baker, of Illinois, presented a preamble and resolutions relative to class rule and aristocracy, which was referred to the Committee on Reconstruction.

Mr. Thaddeus Stevens made a speech in Committee of the Whole, to-day, upon the *status* of the States lately in rebellion, in which he took the radical ground that those States are absolutely dead to the Union and must be revived by acts of Congress.

### GENERAL NEWS.

The Canadian Bank agencies west of Toronto have removed all their specie to safe points eastward.

We call attention to a communication in another column headed "not one dollar for the Bishops."

The Virginia Legislature have under consideration a bill in favor of re-uniting the State of West Virginia to the Old Dominion.

A special election is to be held in Washington on Thursday, with a view of ascertaining the opinion of the people upon the subject of negro suffrage in the District of Columbia.

Burglars attempted a few nights ago to enter the residence of P. T. Barnum, but his alarm telegraph scared them away. This instrument must be a handy thing to have in the house.

Some of the capitalists of Erie, Penn., are contemplating the establishment of a line of vessels between that port and Europe for the transportation of oil.

The *Herald* says there is quite an influx of country Fenians at present in New York, and the headquarters of both divisions are the chief attractions to them.

Three hundred barrels of whisky, seized by the United States Internal Revenue Department and confiscated, were sold at auction in Brooklyn on Saturday, at $2.38 per gallon.

The degree of D. D. has been conferred upon the Rev. Alex. R. Thompson of the Reformed Dutch Church, New York, by the Council of the University.

The Canada papers state that the right wing of the Seventeenth Regiment returned to Halifax on the 29th ult. from Jamaica, their services not being longer required there.

Hon. J. H. Beveridge, the Treasurer of the National Lincoln Monument Association, reports the amount on hand on the 14th instant to be $60,867.90—an increase of $6,129.75 within the last fortnight.

President Johnson has positively declined to accept a carriage made for him by the workmen of the army repair workshop, after their working hours, and it has been purchased by Secretary Stanton.

Kansas is to have a State University, to be located at Lawrence. It has an endowment of 46,000 acres of land, and $15,000 as an initiatory investment, and its prospects are said to be very encouraging.

In the United States Circuit Court at New York on Saturday, Justice Shipman sentenced Francisco Buhagier, a counterfeiter of United States currency, to pay a fine of $5,000, and be confined in the State prison for fifteen years.

Gold sold yesterday at 146¾@146½ cash, the demand for it being quite active. Governments were moderately active, Saturday's figures holding their own. Baltimore and Ohio Railroad shares closed at $111½, Northern Central at $44, and City Passenger at $29¾.

The election in Virginia to supersede the present State officers first appointed by the Legislature, to be held on Friday last, and afterwards postponed till Thursday next, has been still further postponed by that body, and is now set down for the 10th of January.

The Mississippi Legislature recently passed a bill prohibiting freedmen from renting or leasing lands, the knowledge of which being received in Washington, President Johnson directed it to be disregarded, and Gen. Howard immediately issued an order to the above effect.

The Director of the Mint has made for the Secretary of the Treasury specimens of double eagles, eagles, half eagles, dollars, halves and quarters, bearing the motto, "In God we Trust." The Secretary approves the designs, and the coins named made hereafter will bear this legend. The smaller coins do not afford room for the words.

The obsequies of Signor Rovero, late of the Italian opera, were performed in Rev. Dr. Cummings' Church, N. Y., on Sunday noon. A chorus and solo singer, from the Maretzek opera troupe (now in this city), combined with the choir of St. Stephen's Church, executed a magnificent requiem by Rossi, and solos from Rossini's Stabat Mater. Rovero was sixty-one years of age.

## LATEST TELEGRAPH NEWS

TO THE

DAILY COMMERCIAL.

LATER FROM EUROPE.

**Steamer Peruvian at Portland.**

**FIVE DAYS LATER NEWS.**

The Pirate Shenandoah Home Again.

CONVICTION OF A FENIAN CHIEF.

SENTENCED TO TWENTY YEARS SERVITUDE

ARRIVAL OF THE CUBA AT HALIFAX

**Death of the King of Belgium.**

**Austrian Troops for Mexico.**

**Earl Russell's Reform Bill, &c.**

### LATER FROM EUROPE.

PORTLAND, Dec. 18.—The steamer Peruvian has arrived from Liverpool with advices to the 9th instant, five days later than previous arrivals.

The steamer Shenandoah put back to Liverpool on the 6th, having experienced heavy gales.

THE FENIAN TRIALS.

O'Leary, the Fenian conspirator, has been found guilty by the special commission. He made a speech denying that he was a traitor. He admitted that he owed allegiance to the Queen, nor obedience to British laws. He was sentenced to twenty years penal servitude.

PARLIAMENTARY REFORM.

The indications increase that Earl Russell intends to introduce a reform bill at the ensuing session of Parliament.

### Commercial Intelligence.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 9.—Cotton.—The sales of the week amount to 99,000 bales. The market opened buoyant, but closed quiet at an advance, which was partially lost, of ⅛d. on this week. The sales on Friday reached 7,000 bales, the market closing quiet, but steady.

Breadstuffs are quiet but prices steady.

MONEY AND STOCKS.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—Consols for money 87¼@87⅝. The Bank of England returns show a decline in bullion of £159,000. United States 5-20 bonds 63¾@64.

### Arrival of the Steamer Cuba.

HALIFAX, December 18.—The steamship Cuba, from Liverpool on the 9th, via Queenstown to the 10th inst., has arrived.

The King of Belgium is dead.

The steamer Arago arrived out on the 8th.

It is said that Austria and Mexico are negotiating for the more speedy enrolment of 10,000 Austrians, which were to be furnished during five years.

At the American banquet in Paris on Thanksgivings day, Minister Bizelow expressed very pacific sentiments, and General Schofield proposed as a toast: "Friendship between France and the United States."

THE LATEST COMMERCIAL.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 9th—Evening.—Cotton.—Sales today 5,000 bales; market easier. Sound descriptions are a trifle lower though the quotations are unchanged. Breadstuffs.—The market is quiet and unchanged. Provisions.—The market is quiet and prices steady. Petroleum is firm.

LONDON, Dec. 9—Evening.—Consols for money 87⅛@87⅜. Erie Railroad 58⅛@59. Illinois Central Railroad shares 81½@82. U. S. 5-20's 63⅝@64.

### TENNESSEE.

**The Exclusion of Negro Testimony from the Courts by Legislature.**

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 16.—The Legislature of Tennessee having refused to allow negro testimony to be taken in the courts of this State, General Fiske, the Superintendent of the Freedmen's Bureau of this district, under special orders from the War Department, has issued an order which demands that all cases in which negro testimony is involved, and which has heretofore been disposed of by municipal authority, shall be brought before the court of that bureau for adjudication.

### From California.

SAN FRANCISCO, California, Dec. 18.—The steamer American, with passengers, which left New York by the steamer Santiago, arrived here last night.

Additional reports from British Columbia report no abatement in the gold field excitement.

Victoria papers of the 13th, say that Maj. Frank Pope of the Russian Telegraph and his party, were at Bulkley's house, near Table Lake, all well. Everything is progressing finely. Mr. Conway and party had communicated with Major Pope and returned to Victoria. The line has been completed four hundred and forty miles above New Westminster, and wire for 400 miles more was on the ground.

### North Carolina Legislature.

RALEIGH, Dec. 18.—The Legislature adjourned this morning to meet the first of February. No law was passed or even a bill presented for the government and protection of the freedmen.

Benjamin Robinson, editor of the *Fayetteville News*, has been arrested by order of General Ruger for articles which have appeared in his paper unfriendly to the Government. He was brought here on Saturday and admitted to bail.

### Ship News.

FORT MONROE, Dec. 18.—Arrivals to-day: schooners Jane Emerson, S. M. Timer, Eliza Neal, Only Daughter, Wm. A. Crocker and West Wind from New York.

The steamship St. Louis, from New Orleans, on the 10th, for Boston, put in to day short of coal. She encountered heavy weather the entire passage.

### New York Bank Statement.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The weekly statement of the city banks shows the following total:

Decrease, Loans, $24,000; Increase, Specie, $1,350,000; Increase, Circulation, $150,000; Increase, Deposit, $4,430,000; Increase, Legal-tenders, $600,000.

### Homicide at Cairo.

CAIRO, Dec. 18.—Lieutenant Commander Bartlett, of the monitor Oneida, shot and killed a gambler here yesterday. Lieut. Bartlett has been arrested and bound over to answer the charge of manslaughter.

### Escape of a Prisoner.

CAIRO, Dec. 18.—The notorious guerilla leader Mat. Suter, under sentence of death, escaped from the Memphis military prison on Thursday last.

### Sickness Among the Freedmen.

MEMPHIS, Dec. 16.—The small-pox is raging among the Freedmen in the vicinity of Selma, to such an extent that they are not allowed to enter that city except under the most pressing circumstances.

### Election of U. S. Senator.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 16.—The Legislature of California to-day elected Cornelius Cole United States Senator, to succeed Mr. McDougall.

### DEATH OF HON. THOS. CORWIN.

The death of Hon. Thomas Corwin, of Ohio, which took place at the National Capital at thirty-five minutes past two o'clock, yesterday afternoon, sunders another link which united the present with the preceding age of our Republic. Adams, Clay, Calhoun, Webster, Taney, Van Buren, Tyler, Loveloy, and others, have, within the last ten or fifteen years, passed to the great hereafter, giving place to a new race of statesmen.

Thomas Corwin sprung from a family of Hungarian farmers and was born in Kentucky, on July 23, 1794. He worked upon his father's farm until he was about twenty years of age, having very under educational advantages. In 1818 he was admitted to the bar, where his ability and eloquence as an advocate soon gained him an extensive practice. For thirty years Mr. Corwin has been conspicuously before the nation, holding the most honorable positions in his own State and in the Congress of the United States, as well as stations of high responsibility in the executive and ministerial departments of the country.

He was first chosen to the Legislature of Ohio in 1822, serving therein seven years, and was first chosen to Congress in 1830. He gave his earnest support to Clay for President in '24, Adams in '28, zealously supporting Clay again in 1832, Harrison in '36 and '40. In 1844 he was elected to the United States Senate, where he remained till 1850, when he was appointed Secretary of the Treasury under President Fillmore. In 1858 he was again sent to Congress from Ohio.

On Mr. Lincoln's accession to the Presidency, Mr. Corwin was made Minister Plenipotentiary to Mexico, where he remained until the arrival of Maximilian, when he came home on leave of absence and did not return, engaging in the practice of law in Washington. Love of country was the law of his political life, and the nation has lost in him one of its staunchest defenders.

### Quartermaster General's Report.

The disbursements of the Quartermaster's Department during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1865, amounted to the enormous sum of $431,706,057.44. How this money was spent for horses, and forage, and ships, and clothing, and ten thousand other things Gen. Meigs tells us in his annual report. During the last year of the war there were 204,102 horses and 58,818 mules used by the Government. It cost $1,000,000 a month to feed the animals of Grant's army alone. During the war, there was fed to the horses and mules employed in the army, 23,000,000 bushels of corn, 70,000,000 bushels of oats, and over 1,500,000 tons of hay, at a cost of $155,000,000. The clothing and equipage for the boys in blue cost last year $105,019,406. The fleet of vessels in the employ of the Quartermaster's Department has averaged 719 vessels of 225,000 tons burden. Its average daily cost was $92,414.

—One of our contemporaries has the following: Bierstadt, the artist, has made $120,000 with his brush in three years. He is now building a princely mansion at Irvington, on the Hudson, and drives the most stylish team in the Central Park—a pair of spirited Black Hawks, both of which figured in the war. The editor of the *Round Table* has mounted a donkey, and is after that artist with a sharp stick.

## FROM WASHINGTON

Provisional Governor of Alabama Relieved

STATE COMMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR ELECT

**Death of Hon. Thomas Corwin.**

THE NEW FEDERAL COINAGE

BOUNTY LAND WARRANT FRAUDS.

Terrible Explosion at the Arsenal.

**Nine Men Instantly Killed**

THREE MORTALLY WOUNDED.

Important Order from the Postmaster General.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18, 1865.

THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNOR OF ALABAMA RELIEVED—THE STATE COMMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR ELECT.

The following has been addressed by Mr. Seward to Mr. Parsons:—

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, December 18, 1865.

*To His Excellency Lewis E. Parsons, Provisional Governor of the State of Alabama.*

MONTGOMERY, ALA.

SIR:—The time has arrived when, in the judgment of the President of the United States, the care and conduct of the proper affairs of the State of Alabama may be committed to the Constitutional authorities chosen by the people thereof, without danger to the peace and safety of the United States.

By direction of the President, therefore, you are relieved from the duties of Provisional Governor of Alabama, and the Secretary of the State of Alabama. Whenever the Governor elect shall have accepted and becomes qualified to the discharge of the duties of the executive office, you will transfer the papers and property of the State now in your custody to his Excellency the Governor elect. It gives me especial pleasure to convey to you the President's acknowledgment of the fidelity, the ability and the discretion which have marked your administration.

You will please give me a reply, specifying the day on which this communication is received.

I have the honor to be your Excellency's most obedient servant, W. H. SEWARD.

MR. SEWARD TO THE GOVERNOR OF ALABAMA.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18, 1865.

SIR—By direction of the President of the United States I have the honor herewith to transmit to you a copy of a communication which has been addressed to his Excellency Lewis E. Parsons, late Provisional Governor of Alabama, whereby he has been relieved of the trust heretofore reposed in him, and directed to deliver into your Excellency's possession the papers and property relating to these trusts.

I have the honor to commend to you the co-operation of the Government of the United States whensoever it may be found necessary in effecting the early restoration and the permanent prosperity and welfare of the State over which you have been called to preside.

I have the honor to be, with great respect, your most obedient servant,

W. H. SEWARD, Secretary of State.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT—THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT DULY RATIFIED.

The following official announcement has been promulgated from the State Department:

*To all to whom these presents may come:*

Greeting: Know ye that whereas the Congress of the United States, on the first of February last, passed a resolution which is, in the words following, namely: "A resolution submitting to the Legislatures of several States a proposition to amend the Constitution of the United States.

*Resolved*, By the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, two-thirds of both Houses concurring, that the following article be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which, when ratified by three-fourths of said Legislatures, shall be valid to all intents and purposes as a part of the said Constitution, namely:

ART. 13, Sec. 1. Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude except as punishment for crime, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

Sec. 2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

*And whereas*, it appears from official documents on file in this Department, that the amendment to the Constitution of the United States, proposed as aforesaid, has been ratified by the Legislatures of the States of Illinois, Rhode Island, Michigan, Maryland, New York, West Virginia, Maine, Kansas, Massachussetts, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Ohio, Missouri, Nevada, Indiana, Louisiana, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Vermont, Tennessee, Arkansas, Connecticut, New Hampshire, South Carolina, Alabama, North Carolina and Georgia, in all *twenty-seven States*.

*And, whereas*, the whole number of States in the United States is thirty-six.

*And, whereas*, the before specially named States, whose Legislatures have ratified the said proposed amendment, constitute three-fourths of the whole number of States in the United States.

Now, therefore, I, William H. Seward, Secretary of State of the United States, by virtue and in pursuance of the 2d section of the Act of Congress, approved the 20th of April, 1818, entitled "An Act to provide for the publication of the laws of the United States, and for other purposes," do hereby certify that the Amendment aforesaid has become valid, to all intents and purposes, as a part of the Constitution of the United States.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Department of State to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this eighteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, and of the independence of the United States of America the ninetieth.

L. S.

WM. H. SEWARD, Secretary of State.

TERRIBLE EXPLOSION.

This afternoon, at fifteen minutes before two o'clock, a terrible explosion occurred at the Arsenal, which resulted in the death of nine men, and three were fatally wounded. The explosion took place in a small one-story frame building a short distance from the first gate leading to the Arsenal, and about one hundred yards to the left of the main avenue leading to the penitentiary gate.

The building was used for emptying the ammunition as it was taken from the boxes turned in from the fortifications around the city. But a few boxes at one time were allowed in the building, and as the powder was taken from them it was placed in kegs and taken from the building.

At the time of the explosion two boxes, each containing eight rounds, in all about forty pounds of powder, and twenty-four cartridges scattered on the floor, was all in the building. While the workmen were engaged in emptying the two boxes the explosion took place, and the building was blown in a thousand pieces.

Ten men were employed in the building, under Sergeant Flint, whose names are as follows: James A. Mahoney, Patrick Reardon, Marsland Whiteley, John Crane, James Moran, Michael McDermott, John Meehan, Martin Kyle, John Fealey, and Peter McGiarerey.

Every one in the building was killed except Martin Kyle, who is horribly burned, and the physicians say cannot live.

Parts of nine bodies have been recovered from the ruins, blown and mangled in the most terrible manner.

Sergeant Flinn, who was in charge of the magazine, was in the building, and left about two minutes before the explosion.

Mr. James Lawler, the driver of the powder wagon, was sitting on his wagon a few feet from the building. He was horribly burnt, and no hopes are entertained of his recovery. The mule attached to the wagon was blown to pieces. Most of the workmen in the building were men who have been in the service, and their terms having expired they obtained work in the Arsenal. The greater portion of them have families residing in the Seventh ward, in the vicinity of the Arsenal.

The scence after the explosion cannot be described—legs, arms and portions of the bodies were scattered over the ground. Pieces of timber from the building were scattered over the ground for five hundred yards around. Of the ten men employed in the building not one escaped.

Chas. Lynn, a laborer, employed about the building, was near by, and was terribly wounded. Dr. Eldridge, of the 24th Pennsylvania, attended him and says he cannot live.

The alarm of fire was sounded by officer Wheeden, of Tenth precinct, from box No. 17, and the engines were soon at the place. Sergeant Gessford, with the officers of the Tenth precinct, were also there and rendered all the assistance in their power.

Col. Benton, the commandant at the arsenal, was at the place a very short time after the explosion, and remained until all things were cleared away.

Mayor Wallich was also present.

The scene at the Arsenal gate was truly heart-rending. Fathers, mothers, wives, sisters, sons, and daughters, were at the gate inquiring of every one who came out the names of those killed and wounded. Their cries and shrieks could be heard for squares.

The explosion was heard all over the city. Houses shook, windows rattled, and the very ground seemed to shake as if from an earthquake.

DEATH OF MR. CORWIN.

At 2-35 P. M. Mr. Corwin expired. For hours previous it was expected that he would cease breathing at every moment, but vitality was apparent up to the minute mentioned above. His friends were untiring in their attention to him from the first; and at the time of his death, Mrs. Smith, a cousin of Mrs. Corwin; Senators Guthrie and Davis, of Ky., Lane, of Ind.; Rev. B. F. Morris, and J. C. Wetmore, Esq., the agent of the State of Ohio, were present in the chamber.

NATIONAL BANKS.

The following National Banks were established last week:

The Osage, Iowa, capital $50,000; the Valley of Staunton, Va., capital $100,000; the People's, of Charleston, S. C., capital $200,000; the State National Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota, capital $100,000; first National Bank, Charleston, capital $200,000. The number of National Banks now in operation is 1,623. The total amount of National Bank currency issued up to date is $229,746,085.

CERTIFICATES REDEEMED.

The Treasury Department last week redeemed Certificates of Indebtedness amounting to $533,000, and currency and gold certificates to the amount of $5,391,430.

NEW FEDERAL COINAGE.

The Director of the mint has forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, for his approval, specimens of the double eagle, eagle and half eagle (gold coins), and the dollars, half dollars and quarter dollars (silver coins), with the motto, "In God we trust," on the reverse of each coin, as provided by the fifth section of the act of Congress of March 3, 1865. The addition of these words on the specimens we saw add much to the beauty of our coinage. It is not designed to issue them for "general circulation," however, at present.

THE BOUNTY LAND WARRANT FRAUDS.

Further disclosures show that the frauds upon discharged soldiers by certain unprincipled claim agents, in the matter of procuring bounty land warrants along the Pacific railroad, will reach fifty thousand dollars, instead of twenty thousand, as at first believed. Agents were sent to nearly every draft rendezvous in the West where mustering out was done. The complaints of discharged soldiers who have been swindled out of the advance fee, twenty-five dollars, are coming in to the authorities at a painful rate.

SALES OF PUBLIC LANDS.

The patents for 19,000 acres of land claimed under ancient donative settlements in Oregon, have just been dispatched to the public land office in Roseburg, in that State. Nearly 11,500 acres of public land are reported taken up at Eau Claire, Wisconsin, during November last, accompanied with cash sales to the amount of $1,000.

MAILS ON RAILROADS.

The Postmaster General has issued the following circular to railroad managers:

It is known to you that the mail service on the railroads generally, during last winter, was so irregularly performed as to seriously delay the transmission of the mails. Various causes were assigned for the failures, but the principal one was the great length of trains, that made it impossible for them to make their schedule time. No satisfactory reason for this was given to this department or the public. The compensation for carrying the mails is remunerative for the railroad companies, and their obligation is clearly to convey them according to their most expeditious schedules, whatever may be the delay to their passenger or freight traffic. The interest of the public in the regular and speedy transmission of the mails is superior to the private interests of railroad companies, and the delaying of the mails by overburdened trains is virtually a violation of the implied contracts of the companies with this department.

The remedy is with the companies. Lessen the number of cars on the mail trains, especially on those carrying the through mails to the maximum that will not necessarily prevent the schedule times being regularly made, and the difficulty will be removed. The request now made for you to do so is in no sense unreasonable, but demanded alike for the interest of the Government and the public, while your faithful compliance will only be the proper observance of your contract with the department. I trust your company will heartily co-operate with the department in its earnest desire to furnish the mails regularly and expeditiously to the public.

Respectfully,

H. DENNISON, Postmaster General.

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS IN THE SOUTH.

A. B. Mullett, Esq., assistant architect of the Treasury Department, has just returned from the South, where he has been inspecting the Government buildings, under an order directed to him some weeks ago by the Secretary of the Treasury. The old custom house and Marine Hospital at Charleston were found to be so badly wrecked that they will be useless. Mr. Mullett reports that the Government buildings in the other Southern cities are generally in fair condition, and will require but little repairing.

[COMMUNICATED.]

### Not One Dollar for the Bishop.

Our city is honored with the presence of the Right Rev. the Bishop of Honolulu, who preached last Sunday in our Churches in aid of an English Mission at the Hawaiian Islands.

There is something so peculiar about this Mission that we deem it worthy of a few words of passing notice. It is well known that for more than forty years the Sandwich or Hawaiian Islands, have been under the christianizing influences of American Missionaries. For nearly half a century our self-sacrificing, pious men have devoted themselves to the task of redeeming this people from barbarism. They labored zealously, established schools, taught the people to read and to write, reduced the Hawaiian to written language, translated the Bible into Hawaiian, established laws and a government, and carried on their work with such success that the Hawaiian ranks among the civilized nations of the world, with more than forty churches, and a larger number of Church attendants in proportion to its population than we can claim even in our own country.

More than this, they are a Christian nation, educating their clergy and sending forth native missionaries to the less enlightened Pacific Islands.

So the work progressed, the Islands meanwhile growing in commercial importance. At first they were the great depot of winter supplies for American whalers, and more recently American energy and skill have developed their inexhaustible agricultural resources. Sugar, coffee, rice and arrow root are raised largely. The exports of sugar alone for the last year was over 10,000,000 of pounds.

Within the past few years, this prosperity has attracted the cupidious eye of John Bull. A self sustaining colony in the Pacific, midway between the United States and China, was a tempting prize. England longs for a naval depot in this favored spot. The United States,—the rightful mother of Islands,—was distracted with a civil war; Napoleon taking advantage of this, was carrying out his Maximilian scheme in Mexico unresisted. "Why," says John Bull, "shall I not put my thumb on these coveted Islands?" Then commenced the work of intrigue. Able English diplomatists were sent to the Hawaiian Court, and in 1862 an auxiliary was added by license from Queen Victoria, authorizing Bishop Staley to establish an English Hawaiian Church. The Bishop went to the Islands to carry out this object. He established what he denominates the "Reformed Catholic Church," a sort of religious nondescript, made up of the English Church service, which is added a font of holy water, candles, an altar, pictures and outward allurements fascinating to the simple minded natives. Soon the Bishop becomes the King's cabinet minister and privy counsellor. He provides that English influence with the government increased, while American influence waned. Americans were turned out of political office, and removed from the schools, so that to-day there is not a single influential American with a voice in the government affairs.

This is the political aspect of this Mission.

Now what has this Mission accomplished in the line of its legitimate Missionary work—almost nothing. Few natives have been converted by its influence. Few natives attend its meetings, except official-seeking government patronage. The members and officers are almost exclusively Englishmen. The natives do not want what they call a "Deformed Catholic Church." If they did, the same spirit and liberality that built their forty churches and sent out missionaries to other Polynesian islands, would supply that want. A nation that can do such deeds; a nation that contributed more than $15,000 to the Sanitary fund, is not so poor as to need our aid in this matter. But if an Episcopal church is needed, and we should assist the work, let it be done through Americans, and not through Englishmen savoring so strongly of political intrigue. Let American and English clergymen whom the Bishop says is working in the Island under his direction, has returned to the United States, and says that "though High Church he is not Low Catholic," and announces his conviction that this Mission is no place for Americans. We believe this English Mission to be a purely political one; the representations of every American resident on the islands confirms this belief, and with that conviction on our minds we accept the Bishop's words that he is "most obtuse in his diplomacy and impudent in his assurance," in begging for this object at American doors. Let him go home without a penny of our money in aid of this English scheme.

A CHURCHMAN.

### FROM NASHVILLE.

**Horrible Murder—Man Killed and Robbed by Highwaymen.**

A despatch from Nashville to the Louisville *Courier* says:

A horrible murder was committed early last night, one mile this side of the Hermitage, on the pike.—The toll-gate keeper, named Myron, was killed and robbed by four men, supposed to belong to the Government service from this place. Four bullet holes were shot in his body. The party of bandits stationed themselves on the pike and robbed a number of persons who were passing by. During the evening they attempted to rob a Mr. Bradshaw, who, upon their appearance, threw $140 dollars on the road.—He was taken prisoner but was soon released. He gathered a party of citizens, returned to the spot and recovered his money, but the robbers had disappeared.

### AMUSEMENTS.

THE OPERA.—Under the directorship of Leonard Grover, the Max Maretzek grand Italian opera troupe opened last evening at the Concordia Opera House with Flotow's charming and popular opera of "Martha," which was admirably produced.

The house was comfortably filled by the *elite* of our city gracing the occasion by their presence, and by applause, thus proving their high appreciation of the performance.

Miss Kellogg as Martha, Sig. Irfre as Lionel, Miss Phillips as Nancy and Sig. Antonnucci distinguished themselves. The Orchestra was full, and the chorusses all that could be desired. To-night Il Trovatore with Mazzolini, the new tenor Signora Gacchi and Sig. Bellini will be produced.

HOLIDAY STREET THEATRE.—"The Outcast," with Miss Maggie Mitchell, will be repeated at the Holliday Street to-night.

MARYLAND INSTITUTE.—Allyne, the autocrat conjuror, will commence a series of entertainments at the Institute to-morrow evening.

—A Paris newspaper announces, an an inducement to subscribe, that none of its patrons have yet died of the cholera.