

FROM BOSTON.

Correspondence of The N. Y. Tribune.

Boston, March 30, 1861. The gusty month of March holds on its way with us, as doubtless with you, astonishing everybody with its vagaries, and making welcome the thought that we have but little more to suffer at its hands.

It is true that it has yet to pass the "Hus, and me," and that body understands what is meant by liberal and enlightened legislation, as well as another. And Newport, our dear Newport, shall not sit pining there alone in her beauty wondering what to do with her natural advantages; flouting in Summer, but with the solid results of growth and improvement, and looked safely out of men's reach all the dreary Winter.

She shall develop with the quickening current of new interests, and new facilities. And trade shall no longer wabble about, flapping its one wing, how ill-grown and led-eyed we all know. Trade shall have two wings, as it always ought to have, and shall carry our convenience through its reasonable profits.

No. 248. View in North Chelsea. F. Rondel. The purity of color in this little picture calls to mind another just passed in the next room by the same artist. Two of his charcoal sketches, remarkable for delicacy and carefulness of touch, attracted us in the first gallery, and as we follow him through the exhibition, we find in the dozen pictures he contributes the same conscientiousness of treatment and the same truthful feeling.

No. 254. Aunt Maria. Elms M. Gove. Miss Gove is a young artist, whose crayon drawings for two or three years past have gained her some reputation. More recently, she has tried her hand at oils, with a good deal of promise.

No. 255. Mount Everest. J. B. Bristol. A most luminous little picture, with transparent electric atmosphere belonging to such a scene. The ray light upon the rest of the landscape is equally well painted. Of the several pictures which Bristol has in the exhibition, this seems to us to have the most merit.

No. 263. "The Summer tresses of the trees are gone." A. D. Shattuck. And very remarkable trees they must have been, indeed, full heads of hair, if they had any more tresses in Summer than they have in Winter, for these which the artist calls branches are of that kind which the artist in hair puts in his show-cases at the shop-door; or they are like the fine snow-mosses whose delicate filaments one may spread upon a bit of paper by immersing it gently beneath the floating vegetable; but certainly they are not the twigs and branches of trees for they possess nothing of the rigidity, whether upright or pendulous, or of the distinct individuality which mark the spray as perfectly as the branch.

has enjoined him to stand out of the way, and not put under those whom right and necessity have alike joined together. "So hush! for the Senate! the wedding shall be, As they'll find invitations to you, Hus, and me." It is true that it has yet to pass the "Hus, and me," and that body understands what is meant by liberal and enlightened legislation, as well as another.

No. 380. Going to Pasture. Edwin Forbes. It would be a pleasant picture if he had never seen a Troyon. No. 385. Winter Morning; No. 389. Autumn. J. B. Brevoort. Companion pictures, both by subject and contrast—the brilliancy of the one setting off the somber hue of the other, while the sober and cold garb of Winter in this acts as a foil to the bright tints of the Autumn foliage in its companion.

No. 411. A Southern Cornfield. Thomas W. Wood. An original work so far as purpose is concerned, opening a mine of wealth—into which Eastman Johnson has explored a little way—the slave-life of the South. The coloring and handling here are not without merit, but for the figures, no better criticism can be made than that of a plain-spoken visitor whom we overheard remark of it—"They don't look so nice as that—I guess they don't!"

No. 416. Madame Lafayette, and her Daughters, joining her husband in the prison at Olmutz, 1795. E. Leusse. Lafayette was not a man of great intellect, but it is hard to represent him and his wife and daughters, to be, as one might judge from these faces, far removed from idleness.

No. 349. Grimalkin's Dream. W. H. Beard. Mr. Beard delights in character in animals, and perhaps finds pleasure in a subtle satire upon the weaknesses of his fellow-men. He finds great pleasure, doubtless, in *Æsop* or La Fontaine, and might illustrate either. The Dream is natural, and the cat excellently painted. We see the same humor in 297. The Astronomer, an owl as stupidly solemn as philosophers, with and without telescope, sometimes are. The bird, notwithstanding his perfect rest, is very full of life, and has the peculiarly alert look which belongs to the owl, notwithstanding the proverb.

No. 366. Sunrise, near the Island of Capri. T. C. Welsh. A companion to this may be found by the diligent seeker in the fifth gallery, in a place where the chance is, as it is with this one also, that it will not be seen at all. But Mr. Welsh, we learn from the catalogue, is from Cincinnati, and it was not likely that he would ever know whether his works were hung well or ill. They are, however, well worthy of a better place, even if some little courtesy were not due the stranger. The misty light of the morning is exceedingly well given in No. 366, the artist not being afraid to use the sober grays that his purpose required in both pictures.

No. 367. Platte River Indians Encamped—A Previous Bierstead; and 218. Emigrants Camping, in a previous room, will recall to the spectator a large picture of the Rocky Mountains by this artist in the exhibition of last year. The whole treatment of the subject shows how earnestly the painter enters into the spirit of this frontier life, and how careful a student he has been of its picturesque phases.

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wide range than was intended in the original resolution, which intended that the Chamber should only express its opinion in relation to the opening of the carrying trade between the Atlantic and Pacific for foreign ships. He said that at the Conference which the Executive Committee had with Mr. Lindsey, he became convinced that it would be impossible to get the carrying trade opened between here and the South, but that it might be opened between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. He (Mr. Phelps) did not think that New-York would refuse this little boon, and particularly after Great Britain had thrown open her coasting trade and colonial trade, which was of great advantage to our ports. England in this had been extremely generous, and all that we had to do was to give her the advantage of competing in the California trade. He believed that should we comply with this request, we should not see one British ship fitted out in a year for that trade. He proposed, as a proper time, to offer a resolution embodying these views, at least so far as to allow competition. He then, in respect to the registration of ships, he would not admit foreign-built ships made of wood under any circumstances for registration, but he would advocate that iron ships be permitted to be registered. He did so notwithstanding the able remarks of the Chairman of the Committee (Capt. Nye). He desired to know if this great maritime nation could still for an indefinite number of years, until our labor could be brought to be as cheap as British labor. The question was whether we should wait and allow Great Britain to get control of our trade, or if we should open our ports to the inter-colonial carrying trade, and unless a law were passed permitting their registry, they would be commanded by British crews, and manned by British crews, instead of Americans. He would like also to have the sense of the Chamber upon this subject, when he should offer a resolution which he had prepared embodying these views. The report of the majority did not do justice to Mr. Lindsey's proposition, nor treat it in its breadth and fairness. His proposition was to abolish certain local taxes upon our commerce, and to open the inter-colonial carrying trade with Great Britain upon the subject, especially in view of the concessions granted by her in the colonial trade, and the still more important advantages to be derived from the opening of the inter-colonial trade. On the other hand, he believed that we were so far from opening our ports to the inter-colonial carrying trade as to give five per cent of it. As far as the California trade was concerned, he would not restrict them to Cape Horn, but would permit them to participate in the trade via the Isthmus. He hoped both reports would be voted down.

CITY ITEMS.

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LATE DR. FRANCIS.—The establishment of the late Dr. Francis is to be delivered, by appointment of the New York City Medical Society, by Prof. Gunning B. Bedford, on Friday (this evening), at 8 o'clock, in the lecture-room, University Hall.

THE UNITED STATES MARSHAL.—Capt. Rynders is still attending to the duties of the Marshal's office. He states that he is under bonds, and must continue in office until his successor is appointed; but that he will be much obliged to Mr. Lincoln if he will send on a new Marshal.

CHARITIES AND CORRECTIONS.—No business of public importance was transacted at the meeting of this Board yesterday.

AFFAIRS AT THE CUSTOM-HOUSE.—Nothing worthy of special notice occurred at the Custom-House yesterday. In fact, little can be said with regard to the workings of the new tariff, as yet, for the reason that it has gone into only limited operation. It is believed that when importers shall have become a little accustomed to the new rates, so as to adapt their invoices to them, but little difficulty will be found in transacting the business of the department. Of course, minor questions will for the present arise every little while. Thus, on a cargo which had been damaged 25 per cent, a claim was yesterday put in for a corresponding reduction of duty. It was decided, however, that it could not be done, the specific duty of three-fourths of a cent per pound having no reference to the value of the goods.

MEMORIAL CHURCH.—The new Episcopal Church in Forty-eighth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, was dedicated yesterday morning, with the usual ceremonies, and a sermon by the Rev. Dr. Easton, Bishop of Massachusetts. Bishop Potter of New-York performed the dedicatory ceremonies, and the following gentlemen, beside those already mentioned, appeared in the chancel: The Rev. Dr. Canfield of Brooklyn, the Rev. Mr. Morse of Hempstead, the Rev. Mr. Channing of St. James Church, New-York; the Rev. Mr. Houghton of the Church of the Transfiguration, the Rev. Mr. Wiley of Christ Church, and the Rev. Edward Anthon, the rector. The Memorial Church is a Gothic structure, having a front of red and white brick, ornamented with brownstone, and heavy buttresses of ordinary stone. Exterially, there are several oval and oblong windows, not differing from those in churches generally; interiorly, the building is plain and spacious, the ceiling is arched and painted blue, and there are oaken pews capable of seating twelve hundred persons. To the left of the altar is a neat marble tablet, with an inscription to the memory of the late rector, the Rev. Dr. Henry Anthon. The total cost, including an excellent organ, was \$13,000.

RACING CALENDAR, 1861.

FIRST DAY OF THE METAIRIE MEETING.

A few days since we noticed a few of the prominent stables of racers which had reached New-Orleans in advance of the Metairie Spring meeting. We have since received papers which enable us to present a complete list of the stock. It will be seen that the array of first-raters is superior to that which has been collected at any previous meeting since racing commenced in the Pelican State.

There are twelve stables in attendance, comprising upward of fifty horses, among which we have the renowned Planet, Fanny Washington, Exchequer and Nineteen, from Virginia; John Campbell's Joe Stoner, Foley's Lightning and Belle Ward, Bingham's Remittance, Kenner's Panis, Sid. Story and Treblans, General Wells's gray Wellwood (a stayer), William's Nell Robertson, Sanders's Magenta and Twilight, Poudeux's bay filly by Albion, Moore's Laura Farris, Molly Jackson and Edwin Booth, and the famous Lady Cuffy; and last, though not least, Capt. Wm. J. Minor's oh. colt Equinox, by Mohammed, out of Nelly Harding by Boston, ch. colt Ben West of Vandyke, dam But-Cut by Envoy, ch. f. Regret by Brown Dick, dam Temptation by the renowned Trustee. The above are the Captain's two year olds. Then follows the b. f. Casta Diva by Voucher, dam Norma, and the g. f. Fairy by Vandyke, dam Lady Jane by Leviathan.

Of these, Ben West was engaged in the stake on Saturday. Regent was engaged in the great Doewell stake on Monday, and no doubt had to contend for the honors of the day with the renowned Nineteen, own sister to Planet, Bingham's Tom Ruddy, Gen. Wells's Uncle Tom, and Mr. Poudeux's bay filly by Albion. The betting up to Friday night was heavy on the second sweepstakes that was to be run on Saturday, Lightning (by Lexington) being the favorite against the field at long odds. The morning broke clear and fine, and a great crowd of vehicles of all kinds and descriptions, saddle-horses, and pedestrians, moved along the half shell road that leads from the city to the course. Showers which fell in the night, had, however, made the track too heavy for first-rate sport, and at the back side of the course the ground was quite boggy. The attendance, particularly of ladies, was large, but not so great as may be counted on when the best horses will run.

There were two sweepstakes, four horses only came to the start—the others which had been entered having apparently been frightened away by the odds offered on Lightning. The four entries were Wellwood, Lightning, a bay colt by Brown Dick out of Judah, and Sherrod. The favor with which the Lexington colt was viewed prior to his appearance was rather heightened than diminished when, at the tap of the drum, he went bounding past the Grand Stand, as lithe and agile as a gullie, the bloom of his coat showing the splendid condition to which he had been brought by his trainer, Dr. Weldon. It had been hard to place money on him before the start, but it now became a matter of almost perfect impossibility.

The favorite of Sunday thus describes the race: "The favorite of the day, the four got well together, and possibly having some advantage, but whether that be so or not, he soon secured it, and did not seem disposed to relinquish it, until the race was over. He was followed by Wellwood very closely, Sherrod being third and the Brown Dick colt last. This position was preserved throughout the race, without the slightest change in the order of the contest. Lightning, for three-quarters of a mile, increased his advantage at every stride, the patient effort of his competitor on the last quarter of a mile, being made by Lightning in 2:04, and the heat was won by him, handsomely, in 2:04. The contest between the two good ones was very interesting, and the acknowledged odds, and all agreed that it was very pretty race.

The Lexington and Yorkshire came to the string, looking in good order for the second heat. The start was at 2:35. Lightning shot ahead from the word "go" and though gallantly pursued by Wellwood half way round the first mile, so that when at the post he had nearly two lengths on the leader, though it seemed a very close and doubtful thing that until the end of the mile, Lightning came in about half a length ahead, making the mile in 2:04. And there virtually ended the contest. Lightning, for three-quarters of a mile, increased his advantage at every stride, the patient effort of his competitor on the last quarter of a mile, being made by Lightning in 2:04, and the heat was won by him, handsomely, in 2:04. The contest between the two good ones was very interesting, and the acknowledged odds, and all agreed that it was very pretty race.

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