

PROSPECTS AHEAD.

Some time ago we referred to a movement then said to be on foot in England, looking to an association of capitalists for the promotion of direct trade with the Southern and Western states, and more particularly the introduction of capital, at low rates of interest, for the development of the vast agricultural and mineral resources of our own and other states in the South and the great Mississippi Valley.

Several causes are said to have stimulated to this movement in the three leading governments named. Every year demonstrates more conclusively the fact of their growing dependence on this country for breadstuffs, and ultimately no doubt for much of its mineral wealth.

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He is further reported as saying: "The drain now made upon England would be released, and fleets from three quarters of the globe would come and go out thence, carrying the best qualities of coal to the different naval stations. Cheapness, quality and proximity would all combine to make trade in coal follow this, its legitimate and natural channel.

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A MOVEMENT is said to be on foot in Philadelphia to elect Colonel John W. Forney next mayor of that city. The election will not take place until next year, and the term for which the mayor will be chosen extends to 1877. The name of Colonel Forney is mentioned in this connection from the fact that he has been so prominently identified with the arrangements for the Centennial celebration, and is urged as a tribute to the man rather than to the politician. We hope to see him elected to a position he is so eminently fitted to fill.

THE sum estimated as necessary to carry on the city government of New York for 1874, is \$38,510,290, an increase over the present year of \$9,331,532. This enormous amount is but a poor complement to the financial skill of the "Reformers" who are now managing the government of that city. The city debt is put down at \$130,000,000. It was thought at one time that nothing could be worse for that city than Democratic government; but it seems that "Reform" is more expensive than Democracy.

"The Dispatch now agrees with us," quoth THE STATE JOURNAL. We must again remind THE STATE JOURNAL that the Dispatch has never changed ground either as to the necessity of a meeting of the Legislature in December, or as to what Legislature ought to meet—Dispatch.

WE won't contradict The Dispatch, but only express our admiration of its consistency in holding us up to the execration of Virginians for entertaining the same views only a month or two ago. That journal is right now, whether or no; and we only hope it will remain so long enough for us to stick a pin in its true position.

PROFESSOR AGASSIZ will soon furnish, it is said, a series of articles of a scientific character for The Atlantic Monthly, principally on the Evolution of Life. As everybody knows, he is strenuously opposed to Darwinism, and not having due fear of Mr. John Fiske, who recently demolished him in The Popular Science Monthly, he proposes to give his views on this vexed question, which just now rules the scientific and—in no small degree—the theological world.

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