

COLUMBIA.

Sunday Morning, October 22, 1866.

The Alps Tunnel.

Some of the French and Italian journals and the New York World are just now regaling their readers with a very long account of the discovery of incalculable mineral and metallic wealth in the bowels of the Alps. It smacks, however, suspiciously of the flavor of John Adams Locke's immortal "Moon Hoax," and Edgar Allan Poe's tale of the "Gold Bug." For the last seven years, a company of capitalists have been engaged in the gigantic enterprise of cutting a railroad tunnel, seven miles and a half long, through the Alps. It is to effect a junction between certain French and Piedmont lines of railroad, and runs between the opposite valleys of the Ave and Rochemolles. Three miles and a half of the tunnel have already been completed, and the work is to be finished by 1873.

The Edinburgh Review, for May last, devotes many pages to a scientific account of the *modus operandi* of cutting this huge tunnel. The driving power employed is air compressed by water, which forces from separate pistons as many as nine perforators, adze sharpened, and these drill the blasting holes, which are afterwards blown out with powder, and then the large fissure is again mined and exploded. The water and air are supplied by long pipes, and the whole line of work was lit up by thousands of jets of gas, like the streets of a great city. This work has for years excited the most lively interest among the sovereigns of the Italian States and the Emperor of France. No great national work of modern times was ever, until very recently, pushed forward with greater energy. Suddenly, however, and without the slightest notice or explanation, this great work has been suspended, and a mystery as profound as the secrets of the spirit world broods over the abandoned work. This mystery a Mr. Entiwisle, an American, who holds some official position in Europe, undertakes to explain, and fortifies his marvelous statement with a number of affidavits. He states that the work has been stopped in consequence of the sudden discovery by the workmen of gold and precious stones in such quantities as to make the discoveries of Sinbad the Sailor, and the wealth revealed by the wonderful lamp of Aladdin, very tame affairs.

One of the workmen swears that on the 16th of August last, about seven o'clock in the evening, the workmen encountered a strata of rock so hard that it crushed all their drills in a moment. They then resorted to the blast, and a terrible explosion followed, which shattered the otherwise impenetrable curtain of rock, and revealed to the astonished miners an affluence of mineral wealth which no human eye ever before beheld. There were heaps of topaz as large as hen's eggs, gold in vast quantities, bushels of diamonds, sapphires, beryl, and we know, not what other precious stones. As soon as this discovery was made the authorities caused all the workmen to be removed, and the work suspended, and the affidavits relied upon by Mr. Entiwisle are those of the workmen, who are still in prison. Mr. Entiwisle is perhaps an "American Cousin" of the famous Mr. Arrowsmith, a former correspondent of the London Times; but as this is the age of startling discoveries of gold and mineral wealth in every portion of the habitable globe, there may be some truth in the wonderful tale which now fills the pages of some of our contemporaries.

It really seems that whoever now digs or tunnels for the precious metals finds enough to reward munificently his industry. In Virginia we find the negroes of Buckingham and Louisa Counties, squatting over the rejected

ores of abandoned gold mines, and in some instances making fifteen dollars a day. If this state of things continue for a century we shall use gold, silver, and precious stones as extravagantly as Solomon did for architectural purposes.

THE NATIONAL EXPRESS COMPANY.

This company, first started in Richmond mainly for the purpose of giving employment to the officers and men who served in the late armies, both North and South, is meeting with a decided success. Messrs. Johns Hopkins, J. Hanson Thomas and S. W. Smith, the commissioners for Maryland, opened books of subscription in Baltimore on Friday last—the amount of capital stock allotted to Maryland being \$250,000—and on that and the succeeding day the sum of \$214,000 was voluntarily subscribed, leaving but \$36,000 to be taken. The general meeting of the stockholders is to be held in the city of Richmond, on the 30th inst., when the company will be organized and put in operation. In the Northern States, the officers and men lately in the United States Army are to be selected to fill all the positions, and in the South those who served in the Confederate armies are to be selected, fitness in all cases to be the recommendation for place. The whole capital of the company is to be \$5,000,000, distributed among the several States of the Union according to representation in Congress.

The two most prominent generals at present are General Amnesty and General Apathy. General Amnesty would carry the vote of the Southern States overwhelmingly. General Apathy prevails and presides over the political field North and South, and he cannot be routed. The people will not be aroused. They don't seem to care much. They don't know what exactly to care about, or where to begin caring.

THE REVENUE OF WALL STREET.

The Herald publishes a lengthy statement of the amount of business done by the brokers of the thirty-second district of New York city, including the stock and gold dealers of Wall street, for the fiscal year ending June 30th last. The total operations for this period amount to over six millions of dollars. By the amended internal revenue law, brokers are taxed at the rate of a tenth of one per cent. on all sales of gold, and a twentieth of one per cent. on all sales of stocks, bonds, &c., whether made for themselves or others. On this small percentage the Government derives an annual revenue of three and a half millions of dollars—and the brokers, what must be their per centage?

NEW MEXICO.

The population of New Mexico has increased little, if any, in the past year by immigration, on account of Indian raids on the plains, along the Santa Fe route; but several hundred families from Missouri who designed taking up lands, were met on the route by our informant. The rich prairie lands are admirably adapted for raising sheep. A difficulty heretofore experienced in exchanging the raw wools for manufactured cloth, is about to be obviated by the erection of factories, as several capitalists from the East are now in the territory, who propose to improve the water privileges of the Pecos or Canadian rivers, and perhaps the Rio Grande. These men are confident of realizing large profits. A single wool grower is mentioned, who owns by a Spanish grant thirty miles of land on the Cimmaron River, and has at least 100,000 sheep. Last year, he sold 20,000 for the supply of the Indian reservation at Fort Sumner. As regards mining prospects, a rapid development is expected as soon as the Indians are subdued. Indications of gold are numerous and promising. Copper is also abundant.

Charleston Election.

The Charleston News, of Friday, speaking of the result of the election in that city, says:

A mis-impression seems to have prevailed that General Hampton was a candidate. This, for some days before, had been general; and though, on the morning of the election, the fact transpired that he was not, it failed to reach the ears or the credence of a large number of voters; and as that gentleman has a large number of personal and political friends in the city—more, perhaps, than any man in the State—he obtained a large number of votes, and very closely contested the poll with Colonel Orr. There is no room to question, however, that Colonel Orr is elected. To Mr. Porter, for Lieutenant-Governor, there was no form or show of opposition; and we are to assume, therefore, that those gentlemen will be our Governor and Lieutenant-Governor for the next four years.

The entire Working Men's ticket, as it was called, were elected, but, as it embraces ten lawyers, and a representation from almost every other branch of business, it is fair to infer that our entire community are working men. This is unquestionably true. There are few men, or women either, who must not make their own bread with their own hands; and if it had been the purpose of that movement to antagonize any other class of the community, they would have found no other class to antagonize.

Elections.

YORK DISTRICT.

The following is the result in this District:

Senator—G. W. Williams.
Representatives—W. C. Black, A. S. Wallace, Joel Rollison, and A. B. Springs.

CHESTER DISTRICT.

Senator—Jas. Hemphill.

Representatives—House and Walker.

The Albany Journal says the rumor that Secretary Seward informed the English Government of the proceedings of the Fenians, is false in its length and breadth; that Mr. Seward has not furnished the English Government such information as represented; that no correspondence has passed in which a claim has been made for such intelligence, and that the whole story is false as it is foolish.

RAILROADS AND THE MAILS.

We are gratified to learn from Mr. John B. Erwin, the President of the King's Mountain Railroad Company, that on and after Monday next, there will be a daily train run over his road from and to Guthrieville, seven miles below Yorkville. He informs us that through the indefatigable energy of Mr. Edward Thomas, the Superintendent, the rolling stock, which has so long blocked up the lower end of the road has been removed, so that trains can now be run though to the Chester depot. Arrangements have also been perfected for furnishing our citizens with a daily mail.

[Yorkville Enquirer.]

The bill before the Legislature of Tennessee to enable the negro to give evidence in Court, has been discussed in the Senate, but no vote has yet been taken.

Four thousand pardons were issued by the President October 14, to persons residing in Louisiana, North and South Carolina.

In the Pennsylvania Legislature, the Union men will have thirty-nine majority on joint ballot.

The Internal Revenue receipts, October 13, were over \$800,000.

For State Treasurer.

The friends of Dr. R. W. GIBBES respectfully nominate him to the Legislature for this office. His well known business character, energy and ability eminently recommend him. He has for many years served the State efficiently in various capacities, and now he needs her support. Oct 22

For Congress.

We are authorized to announce JAMES FARROW, Esq., of Spartanburg, as a candidate to represent, in the Congress of the United States, the Fourth Congressional District, comprising the Districts of Anderson, Pickens, Greenville, Laurens, Spartanburg, Union, York and Chester. Sept 30

FOR CONGRESS.

The friends of GEO. D. TILLMAN, Esq., respectfully announce him a candidate for CONGRESS, at the ensuing election, in the Third District, embracing Orangeburg, Edgefield, Lexington, Abbeville, Newberry, Richland and Fairfield. Sept 28

Local Items.

EMPLOYMENT.

Eight or ten good printers can obtain employment in this office, during the approaching session of the Legislature.

CASH.

We wish it distinctly understood that our terms for subscription, advertising and job work are cash. The money must in every case accompany orders, or they will not be attended to. This rule applies to all.

BOOKSTORE.

We are indebted to Mr. North for a copy of Harper's Weekly and the New York Albion, of the latest dates; also, for some samples of very fine note-letter and foolscap paper. Mr. North's stock of school books and of general stationery is quite complete, and is amply sufficient to supply all demands.

GEN. HOWARD'S VISIT.

Major-General Howard, the Chief Commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau, reached here yesterday, and we regret that Governor Perry was unable to meet him. He had, however, an interview with Mr. Treccett, the Executive Agent of the State, and several of the planters, who own what are called "the abandoned lands" on the sea coast. General Howard explained that the object of his mission was to restore the lands upon the coast included under Circular No. 15, and Order No. 45—that is, all the lands to the owners of which pardon has been granted, either under the general amnesty or specially, and all lands appropriated to the use of the freedmen under General Sherman's order. Lands which have been sold, under the operation of the Tax Acts, are not subject to his action or authority for restoration. Gen. Howard said, that, in restoring these lands to the original owners, he was anxious to re-organize as far as possible, and to the mutual advantage of both parties, the relations of labor in this section of the State, and that he would expect the proprietors thus restored to absorb as much of the labor as could be profitably employed on the plantations, and that the contracts for this purpose would be firmly enforced on both sides; that he proposed the establishment of Boards in each District, which should be so composed as to represent the interests of both capital and labor, and which should decide all such questions as must naturally arise until the organization of civil courts in the State for the protection of the person and property of the freedmen supplied the means necessary for the administration of justice. The freedmen would be allowed the ensuing two months to make the requisite contracts, or to remove, so far as the islands are concerned. This system will be extended throughout the State, and we understand the necessary orders will soon be extended, furnishing in detail the information which those immediately interested desire.

Gen. Howard having made an engagement to be in Beaufort by Monday, was obliged to make his visit a brief one.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Attention is called to the following advertisements, which are published for the first time this morning:

Wm. Roach—Liverpool Agency.
Clacius & Witte—Coffee, &c.
—Champagne.
Ralph Ely—Estrayed.
Jas. Brown—Oils and Axle Grease.
A. Sachtleben—Boarding School.
Gen. A. Ames—General Orders No. 19.
—General Orders No. 20.
Reuben Tomlinson—School Circular No. 1.
John Meighan—Gaiters.
T. W. Berry—Sale of Mule, Horse, &c.
Mrs. M. E. Brady—Hats, Feathers, &c.
A. B. Phillips—Team at Auction.
Nomination of Dr. Gibbs for Treasurer.
Mrs. Dr. Sill—Private Boarding.
Durbec & Walter—Variety Sale.
Medium and Main Streets—Estray Mule.

OBITUARY.

Departed this life, after a long and painful illness, which was borne with manly fortitude, GREEN GUIGNARD, (carpenter,) aged eighty-two years. The most of his long and useful life was spent in Columbia, where he was well known as a sober, respectful and honest citizen. His remains were followed to the grave by a large concourse of friends, and among them was many a one who gave a tear to the memory of the master who had taught him the trade which made him independent of the world. It is a consolation to his family to know that he died at peace with God and man.

Funeral Invitation.

The friends and acquaintances of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McLrone are respectfully invited to attend the funeral of MRS. MARY DOYLE, from the residence of the former to the Catholic Church, THIS AFTERNOON, at 4 o'clock.

Oils and Axle Grease.

TANNER'S OIL.
KEROSENE OIL.
LINSEED OIL.
And a fine article of AXLE GREASE, suitable for any kind of vehicle.
At the Paint and Oil Store of
Oct 22 9^o JAS. BROWN.

TOBACCO.

200 BOXES MEDIUM GRADES.
Just received, and for sale cheap, at
A. L. SOLOMON'S,
Plain street, 2d door from Shiver House.

Private Boarding.

MRS. DR. EDWARD SILL, having taken part of the large and well known residence of Rev. Dr. Leland, will accommodate FOUR Members of the Legislature with BOARD during the session, and the same number of day boarders from the city. Apply as above.
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LOST MULE.

STRAYED from the corner of Medium and Main streets, yesterday afternoon, a small light-colored HORSE MULE, with black stripes around his feet and had on a rope halter. He was last seen at the corner of Upper and Assembly streets. A suitable reward will be paid for his return to the corner of Medium and Main streets.
Oct 22 1^o

COFFEE, GUNNY CLOTH, ETC.

500 BAGS RIO COFFEE.
114 bales GUNNY CLOTH.
200 coils ROPE.
200 bbls. FLOUR. For sale by
CLACIUS & WITTE,
70 East Bay, cor. North Atlantic Wharf,
Oct 22 6 Charleston, S. C.

CHAMPAGNE, CLARET, ETC.

25 CASES CHAMPAGNE.
50 cases RHINE WINE.
100 cases CLARET.
100 bbls. WHISKEY.
BRANDIES, WINES, &c., in casks. For sale by
CLACIUS & WITTE,
70 East Bay, cor. North Atlantic Wharf,
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THE SUBSCRIBER

HAS just received an invoice of Ladies' Gentlemen's and Misses' BALMORAL, POLISH, CONGRESS AND BUCKLED GAITERS.
J. MEIGHAN.
Oct 22 One door above Court House.

Estrayed,

FROM the subscriber, a dark bay HORSE, seven years old, in fair condition, near fifteen hands high, bare-footed, back has been very sore, but is nearly well. Any one returning said horse or giving information where he may be found, will be liberally rewarded.
RALPH ELY,
Brevet Brig-General U. S. A.,
Oct 22 1^o Cen. Freedmen's Bureau.

LATEST!

MRS. M. E. BRADY

HAS just opened an assortment of HATS, White, Black and Colored. FEATHERS, FLOWERS, BUGLES AND RIBBONS, of all colors. Ladies will do well to call early.
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MR. A. SACHTLEBEN

WILL, on the 1st of February, 1866, open a Boarding SCHOOL for American boys in Brunswick, Germany. The course of instruction will embrace the Classics, Mathematics, the usual English branches, together with the elements of Natural Science, Writing and the French and German languages. For circulars, containing full particulars in regard to terms, &c., apply to G. W. DINGLE, Esq., No. 61 Broad street, Charleston, S. C. Oct 22 13^o

For Liverpool, via New York.

FOR FREIGHT.

THE MERCHANTS' LINE of First Class sailing packets take Freight to Liverpool via New York. Shippers of cotton and other produce from the interior of South Carolina and Georgia can have their consignments to me forwarded, free of commission, by the above Line, only actual charges made. All Railroad Freight and other charges advanced shippers.

Freights to New York and engagements to Liverpool made at lowest rates by sailing Ships or Steamers. Present rates by Ship, 4 to 5-32 penny; Steamer, 7-16 to 1 penny, compressed.

The B. N. HAWKINS, of this Line, is now loading; capacity, 1,000 bales cotton or 4,600 barrels flour.
For Freight engagements, apply to the Agent at Charleston, S. C.

WILLIAM ROACH,

North Corner East Bay and

Boyce & Co.'s South Wharves.

Agents at New York:
N. L. MCCREARY & Co., 36 South street.
Advices made on consignments cotton to SPOFFORD, TILESTON & CO., New York, or through them to their friends in Liverpool.
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BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

P. B. GLASS

RESPECTFULLY advises the public that he is receiving new supplies of SCHOOL BOOKS AND STATIONERY, in all its branches. Also, SHEET MUSIC, STRINGS for Guitar and Violin, PHOTOGRAPH ALBUMS, &c.
Sales-room, at present, on Plain street, near Nickerson's Hotel, where he will be pleased to see his old friends and the public generally.
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DESIRABLE RESIDENCE,

Within 2 1/2 Miles of Columbia, FOR sale, a pleasant RESIDENCE, in the Sand-hills—cottage—containing six rooms; Kitchen, with six rooms; Stable, Store-rooms and Negro Quarters, on a tract of 50 acres of LAND—about 20 cleared and part under fence and cultivation. There is a kitchen, garden and well of excellent water on the premises. With the house would be sold part of the FURNITURE. Apply to
THOS. R. WARING,
At Dr. John Fisher's.
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Dentistry.

DR. D. P. GREGG will be in Columbia in a few days, ready to receive professional calls from his old patrons or new ones. He may be found at Mr. Nickerson's Hotel.
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