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Secretary Seward on the Relations Between England and America.

The New York correspondent of the London Spectator gives the substance of some remarks recently made by Mr. Seward in the writer's hearing. As to the relations of the two Governments, he said that they were on a footing of formal amity, but nothing more. Sir Frederick Bruce has expressed the wish that a feeling of frank cordiality might be established between the two Governments and the two peoples. Mr. Seward wished that it might be so with all his heart, and he would do, as indeed he always had done, all that could be done to bring about so desirable an end. As to war, that was a horrible alternative, the responsibility for which he, as far as he was able, should take care did not rest with our Government. This he had said privately to Sir Frederick Bruce, with whom his relations were of the pleasantest kind, and of whom he spoke with respect and cordiality. But he had also told the British Minister that the way toward anything more than the present relations of mere formal amity between the two peoples and Governments must be led by the British people and the British Government.

If they were content with our present attitude toward each other, we were; but that if any change were made in it for the better, it must be of British making. We were the aggrieved party, who had suffered insult for many years, and grievous wrong added to graver insult for the last four years, and it was not for us to seek a reconciliation. While the British Government thought it proper to reply to our representations of the injury we had suffered through its neglect or its incapacity to restrain the unfriendly disposition of British subjects, by merely talking down to us about being the guardians of their own honor, nothing could be expected from us but to stand upon punctilio as well as upon our essential rights, and insist upon both in the minutest particular. If our elder brother wished us to trust him again, he must bring forth fruits meet for repentance. We should be pleased if he did; we should be content if he did not. However he (Mr. Seward) might personally be disposed to conciliate the British people, this was as far as the people of the country would allow any administration to go in that direction.

One of the strangest sights in the politics of the day, is to see Daniel S. Dickinson, of New York, the noisiest Northern friend the South ever had before the war, now acting and scheming with Northern extremists to keep the South out of the Union and hold the Southern States as conquered provinces.

The Treasury Report.

The report of the Secretary of the Treasury is a comprehensive review of the financial situation, in which he freely expresses his views, and makes such suggestions to Congress as he considers best calculated to gradually emancipate the country from the evils inseparable from an enormous national debt and an inflated and depreciated currency. He moralizes like one who, disliking his surroundings, sighs for some Utopia which he knows to be beyond his reach. He regrets the plethora of paper money, and sees that it is undermining the morals of the people by encouraging waste and extravagance, and the only remedy, in his opinion, is a reduction of the currency. But elsewhere he qualifies his opinion, by saying that a very rapid reduction of it would be disastrous, though there is no reason to apprehend that any policy which Congress may adopt will cause such a rapid reduction of prices as to produce very serious embarrassments to trade, and that the influences of funding upon the money market will sufficiently prevent the too rapid withdrawal of legal tenders.

He estimates that the public debt will amount on the 1st of July next to 3,000,000,000, but the unsettled and accruing claims against the Government cannot now be computed. Meanwhile he observes, that if the expenditures for the remaining three-quarters of the present fiscal year prove equal to the estimates, there will be a deficiency to be provided for by loans of \$112,194,947, exclusive of \$32,536,901 of five per cent. notes, a portion of which is now in process of redemption. Hence he asks for power to sell six per cent. bonds to provide the means of meeting this deficiency, as well as to retire compound interest notes, as they mature, and plain legal tenders. He cannot understand how the funding of currency can fail to reduce prices; but the example of it which he has already furnished has shown that at least it does not affect the price of gold, while, without lowering the price of the necessities of life, it exerts a depressing influence upon Government securities. This is because there is a public distrust of the worth of the remainder of the currency as compared with gold. He does not formally endorse the recommendation of the Comptroller of the Currency for a further issue of national bank currency; but he admits that the South is in great want of bank circulation, and regrets that the North received the whole of the authorized 300,000,000. He recognizes his own powerlessness, beyond a very narrow limit, when he remarks that there is more danger to be apprehended from the inability of the Government to reduce its circulation rapidly enough than from a too rapid reduction of it; and it is in part to prevent a financial crisis that is certain to come without it that the Secretary recommends contraction. He places great reliance upon the revenue, and suggests the propriety of funding the entire indebtedness of the nation into five per cent. perpetual annuities, the interest of which, supposing the debt to be 3,000,000,000, would be 150,000,000 per annum. By the application of 100,000,000 to the payment of the principal, he shows that the debt would be extinguished in a little over twenty-eight years.

Without entering into further details, however, we may say that the report is, on the whole, conservative, and calculated to soothe rather than excite apprehensions of the adoption of radical measures.

[New York Herald.]

Lieutenant Maffit, formerly an officer of the Alabama, and Jefferson Davis Howell, came passengers by the Hibernia, and were arrested in Portland, Me., December 6th, just as they were starting on the train for Canada.

Hon. Albert Elmore has been elected by the Legislature Secretary of State of Alabama.

Bishop Lynch, of Charleston, S. C.

His Lordship the Right Rev. Patrick N. Lynch, Bishop of Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, in the United States of America, left this city yesterday, with his Vicar-General, the Rev. Dr. T. Birmingham, for his diocese, the calamities of which have kept him absent from his country for the last year. The high respect in which Monsignor Lynch has always been held by both Catholics and Protestants of both of the sections with which the late unfortunate conflict divided his country, caused the President of the United States to permit his immediate return, as soon as the war was ended. Indeed, although belonging to the South, his charity towards Federal prisoners, black and white, for whom he exhausted his resources and exposed his health in the hospitals and prisons, to succor, have justly acquired for him the unbounded gratitude of the North. The departure of Bishop Lynch from Rome, where he has become so much venerated as a pious and learned prelate and devoted missionary, excites from the highest to the lowest universal regret, especially as he returns to his diocese to find his cathedral burnt, his episcopal residence destroyed, the greater part of the churches, convents and institutions of charity under his jurisdiction, either reduced to ashes or shattered to pieces, and with no future hope, excepting in the mercy of God and benevolence of the faithful elsewhere. We sincerely trust that, accompanied by the benedictions of Rome, this charity will be liberally and generously extended, and that Catholics in England, France and Germany, and the Northern as well as Southern States of America, will vie with each other in aiding this most benevolent and self-denying bishop to repair the ruined desolation which has taken place in his diocese. [Osservatore Romano, Oct. 11.]

Judge Caldwell, at a recent term of the District Court held at Huntsville, Texas, ruled that the several acts of the Legislature, passed since the ordinance of secession, suspending the statutes of limitation, are valid and in force.

The Federal shells struck 800 houses in Petersburg, as has been ascertained by actual count.

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Oils! Oils!

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TWO THOUSAND new CORN BAGS. Dec 9 3 W. & E. SHIVER.

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SALT! SALT!

ONE HUNDRED sacks large size Liverpool SALT, for sale low by Dec 9 3 KENNETH & GIBSON.

Flour! Flour!

50 BBLs. FINE FAMILY FLOUR, for sale low by Dec 9 3 KENNETH & GIBSON.

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MRS. T. LEARMONT begs to inform the citizens of Columbia and persons visiting the city, that the last of her fine stock of EVERGREENS and other PLANTS will be disposed of at prices suited to the circumstances of the times, either for cash or provisions. Apply corner of Lady and Pickens streets. Dec 5 6*

Notice.

BY order of Jacob Bell, Ordinary, will be sold, at public sale, on WEDNESDAY, 20th inst., at the residence of the late Mrs. Matthews, all the Household and Kitchen FURNITURE belonging to the estate of the late Jos. Matthews. J. U. MATTHEWS, Dec 6 Adm'r Est. of Jos. Matthews.

BOOTS, SHOES, &c.

THE subscribers have just received, by late arrivals from the most celebrated manufacturers in Philadelphia, a large and well selected stock of Ladies', Misses' and Childrens' BOOTS, SHOES and GAITERS. Of the latest and most fashionable styles. We are prepared, as usual, to manufacture Ladies' and Gentlemen's work in the most durable manner and at the shortest notice; and from our large experience in business in this city, we can warrant satisfaction. THOMAS FLANIGAN & CO. Dec 9

KEROSENE LAMPS, &c

OPENED THIS DAY, a new and beautiful assortment of KEROSENE LAMPS, for Stores, Parlors, Halls and Chambers. ALSO, KEROSENE OIL, WICKS, CHIMNIES, SHADES, &c. W. B. STANLEY, Dec 2 Corner Plain and Gates sta.

GUNSMITHING.

PETER W. KRAFT would respectfully inform his old friends and customers that he has resumed his old business of a GUNSMITH, and will promptly attend to all orders. Dec 7 12

Ha! Ha! Ha!

KRISS KRINGLE HAS COME TO TOWN!!

IN consequence of the war, an embargo had been laid on Children's Toys, as well as Old Folk's Notions. Now that peace and plenty are joining hands, old KRISS KRINGLE and McKENZIE have "reconstructed," and the old Agency has been renewed, the old fellow has turned over a large and varied assortment of all kinds of TOYS for the coming holidays. So come along to Kriss' Depot, and select Toys before they are all gone. McKENZIE'S Confectionary, Bakery and Fancy Toys, Plain street, below Gates, Columbia, S. C. Dec 9

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I OFFER for sale a small FARM, containing 100 acres of land, lying about 2 1/2 miles from Columbia. On the premises are a small but comfortable Dwelling and Kitchen, Servants' House, Stable and Shuck House, with sufficient wood land for family use. The land is nearly all bottom land, and is most admirably adapted for a Market Garden or Nursery. On it are about 500 TREES OF CHOICE FRUIT! Just commenced to bear. It has four never-failing springs of water, and can be made very valuable. Terms made easy to an approved purchaser. R. M. STOKES, Dec 9 3 At Sloane & Stokes' store.

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THE subscribers have just received a general assortment of BOOTS and SHOES, consisting of: Gent's Single and Double-soled BOOTS. (Philadelphia make.) Balmoral's, Gaiters, Booties, Brogans, &c. Also, a fine lot of the very best Baltimore Oak Sole LEATHER. We will, as usual, make to order all varieties of Boots and Shoes, of the best material and workmanship, for cash only—a rate from which there will be no exception. J. A. OLIVER, Sumter st., between Richland and Laurel Dec 7 1mo*

At Private Sale.

By A. R. Phillips. THAT DESIRABLE RESIDENCE, at present occupied by Hon. John Town send, situated one mile from the Charlotte Railroad Depot, and about 200 yards from Barhamville Institute. The house is well finished, ceiled, canvassed and handsomely papered, and has six fire-places. There are suitable out-buildings attached. The lot contains 1 1/2 acres, under perfect fencing, a portion of which is under thorough cultivation as a garden—the balance well wooded. Additional land adjoining can be had if desired. For price and terms, apply as above. Nov 28 tuff