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TRAVELER'S GUIDE.

NOTICE.
Having secured the Steamer
"MATTANO,"
I shall commence running her, on regular trips, to Cherrystone, Mathews and Yorktown, on the 27th instant, as follows:
Will leave Norfolk, from wharf foot of Roanoke Square, every MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY, for Mathews and Yorktown, and for Cherrystone every TUESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY, at 6:30 A. M., touching at Portsmouth and Old Point going and returning. For any information regarding freight or passage, apply to H. V. TOMPKINS, Agent New Line Steamers.
Fare to Old Point..... 50 cts.
Fare to Cherrystone, Mathews and Yorktown..... $1 50
Excursion Tickets for the Round Trip..... 2 00
JAMES HICKS, Captain.
ARTHUR LINN, Clerk. sep27—tf

THE NEW LINE STEAMERS
FROM
NORFOLK TO FORT MONROE, BALTIMORE, RICHMOND, MATTHEWS COUNTY AND CHERRYSTONE,
CARRYING THE GREAT
HARNDEN'S EXPRESS.
The following First Class, Side-Wheel Steamers, with unsurpassed accommodations, namely:
GEORGE LEARY, CAPT. BLAKEMAN,
JAS. T. BRADY, CAPT. LANDIS,
Leave for Baltimore, DAILY, at 3½ o'clock, P. M., arriving in time to connect with all the early trains.
CITY POINT, CAPT. TALBOT,
MAGENTA, CAPT. BAULSIR,
Leave for Richmond, DAILY, at 6 o'clock, A. M. State Room furnished FREE of CHARGE.
MATTANO, CAPT. HICKS,
Leaves for Cherrystone, every TUESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY, and for Mathews, Yorktown and Gloucester every MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY, at 6½ o'ck'k, A. M., touching at Portsmouth, going and returning, connecting at Old Point with the New Line Steamers to and from Baltimore.
These Steamers all leave from New Line Wharf, foot of Roanoke and Market Square.
Through tickets sold for Philadelphia, New York, and all the principal cities West. Passengers and baggage taken from boat to cars free of charge.
The Steamers all touch at FORT MONROE, and connect with each other, going and returning.
For any information regarding Freight or Passage, or securing State Rooms in advance, apply at the office on the wharf. H. V. TOMPKINS Agent.
sep9—tf

BALTIMORE STEAM PACKET COMPANY.
STEAMER "EOLUS,"
FROM
NORFOLK AND PORTSMOUTH TO FORT MONROE, EASTERN SHORE, MATHEWS COUNTY, GLOUCESTER AND YORKTOWN.
CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAIL.
The New and Fast Steamer "EOLUS," Captain P. McCARRICK, will commence her regular trips to the above-named places on the 9th SEPTEMBER.
This Steamer will leave the Government Wharf, Norfolk, DAILY, at 6½ and Portsmouth at 7 o'clock, A. M., every
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY,
for Cherrystone—every
TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY,
for Mathews and Gloucester counties and Yorktown, touching at Old Point, going and returning on each trip.
This Steamer connects with the Baltimore Steam Packet Company's Steamers "LOUISIANA" and "ADELAIDE," for Baltimore, and the Steamers "THOMAS COLLYER" and "CITY OF RICHMOND," for City Point and Richmond.
Through tickets sold on this Steamer to Baltimore, City Point, Richmond and her connections.
This Steamer is especially adapted to the service in which she has been engaged, being very Fast (having made the trip in 1¾ hours less than any steamer on the route), having Fine Accommodations, and is noted as an excellent Sea Boat, and will make her trips regardless of the weather.
For freight or passage, apply to the clerk of the Steamer, or at the Office of the Company.
FARE:
Fare to Old Point..... 50c.
Fare to Mathews, Gloucester, Yorktown and Cherrystone..... $1 50
Fare from Cherrystone, Mathews and Gloucester counties and Yorktown to Baltimore..... 6 00
" " " " " Richmond..... 4 00
THOS. H. WEBB, Agent.
sep16—tf

IMPORTANT TO TRAVELLERS
THE OLD AND ESTABLISHED
BALTIMORE STEAM PACKET CO.,
So well and so favorably known to the Public as the
M. N. FALLS' LINE,
Are now Running their Favorite Steamers
LOUISIANA,
CAPT. GEO. W. RUSSELL;
ADELAIDE,
CAPT. JAMES CANNON;
GEORGEANA,
CAPT. P. PIARSON.
They leave the Government Wharf, Norfolk, daily at 3½ o'clock, and High street Wharf, Portsmouth, at 4 o'clock, P. M., for Baltimore, touching at Old Point.
These Steamers carry the U. S. Mail and Adams' Express Freight, and for freight and passenger accommodations, are unsurpassed.
Passengers taking these Steamers arrive in Baltimore in time to connect with the early trains to Washington and all points North and West.
Through tickets can be procured on these Steamers for Washington, Philadelphia, New York, and all points North and West.
Baggage checked to all points free of charge, and special attention given to their delivery.
These Steamers run in connection with the celebrated Steamers THOMAS COLLYER and M. MARTIN, of the Norfolk and Richmond Line.
Any information desired will be cheerfully given by the Clerks of the Steamers or on application to the office of the Company in Norfolk.
☞ Be sure to inquire for the FALLS' LINE.
THOS. H. WEBB, Agent.
aug19—tf Norfolk, Va.

NOTICE TO TRAVELLERS.
THE NEW FAST AND MAGNIFICENT STEAMERS
M. MARTIN,
CAPT. GEORGE M. LIVINGSTON,
AND
THOMAS COLLYER,
CAPT. P. McCARRICK,
CARRYING THE U. S. MAIL AND ADAMS EXPRESS FREIGHT.
These Steamers will leave the Government Wharf, Norfolk, daily, on and after Monday, Sept 18th, at 6½ o'clock, A. M., for Richmond, touching at Portsmouth, Old Point, City Point, and the different landings on James River.
No expense has been spared in fitting out these steamers expressly for day travelers.
They have large, open, airy saloons, from which all objects of interest along the route may be seen.
Travellers taking these Steamers will arrive in Richmond at a much earlier hour than by any other line, as their speed is unsurpassed.
Through Tickets can be procured on these Steamers to Petersburg, Lynchburg and Danville, and connect with the trains running West and South.
These Steamers are under the Superintendence of Col. M. N. Falls, and run in connection with the Baltimore Steam Packet Company's Steamers.
Their Tables are supplied with all the Delicacies of the markets.
☞ Be sure to inquire for the FALLS LINE.
For freight or passage apply to the Clerk of the Steamers, or to THOS. H. WEBB, Agent, Norfolk, Va.
aug19-tf

FOR EDENTON, PLYMOUTH, WILLIAMSTON, AND ALL INTERMEDIATE LANDINGS.
The fast Str. "JENNY LIND" Capt. J. C. Snow, will run on the above line in place of the Str. "CLARION," from wharf foot of Commerce Street. Freight taken at low rates. For freight or passage apply to
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oct9—tf Norfolk, Va

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PORTSMOUTH,
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PETERSBURG
and RICHMOND
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HUBBEL'S GOLDEN BITTERS.
THE FINEST IN THE WORLD!
PURELY VEGETABLE.
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LOSS OF APPETITE.
For sale by the quantity at a slight advance on the manufacturer's rates.
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TRAVELERS' GUIDE.

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STEAMSHIP LINE
FOR NEW YORK!
THE NEW AND FIRST CLASS SIDE-WHEEL STEAMSHIPS
HATTERAS, CAPT'N LEWIS PARISH,
and the
ALBEMARLE, CAPT. BOARNE,
Will leave Dickson's Wharf for New York as follows:
HATTERAS—Every WEDNESDAY at 12 M.
ALBEMARLE—Every SUNDAY at 6 A. M.
Returning, leave Pier No. 36, North River, at 12 M. every WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY.
For Freight or Passage, having elegant accommodations, apply to S. C. ELLIOTT, at Dickson's Wharf, or to J. M. RENSHAW, Bell's Wharf.
Agents in New York, Messrs. LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., 141 Broadway. aug 1-tf

FOR NEWBERN.—Independent line of Steamers will run between Norfolk, Roanoke Island and Newbern, touching at all intermediate landings—connecting at Newbern with Railroad for all points in the interior of North Carolina. A Steamer will leave wharf foot of Commerce street every MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY, on arrival of the Baltimore boats, connecting with the line and fast Steamer "TAMINEND," Leonard Master. Returning, "TAMINEND" will leave Newbern every MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY, on arrival of Western trains. For further particulars apply to C. E. STAPLES,
sep30—tf No. 13 Wide-Water street, Norfolk, Va.
☞ Old Dominion copy.

NEW LINE STEAMERS,
FOR BALTIMORE, DAILY, AT 3½ P. M.
" RICHMOND, " " 6½ A. M.
From Wharf foot of Roanoke and Market Squares.
Carrying Harnden's and Reid's Express.
The Steamers of this Line are all new, and their remarkable speed is due to their construction, the most approved Modern Models of the fast Hudson river steamers having been adopted.
The superiority of these models gives them a great advantage over the boats of the old style of naval construction, and the newness of their Boilers and Machinery guarantees to the public their perfect safety.
It is hardly necessary to inform our patrons that, with their powerful Machinery and fine water lines, they do not require the slightest approach to "racing" to enable them to attain a much better rate of speed than any boats in these waters.
The NEW LINE is composed of the following elegant Side-Wheel Steamers, superbly fitted up with Saloons and single and family State Rooms:
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CITY POINT, CAPTAIN TALBOT,
DICTATOR, CAPTAIN DEERING.
MAGENTA, CAPTAIN BAULSER.
The TABLES are supplied with every luxury the markets afford, and equal to first-class hotel fare; and, notwithstanding the superior advantages offered to the public in point of elegance, comfort, safety and speed, the fares are as low as by any other line.
They connect with the elegant New Line of Steamers for Cherrystone, Mathews county, and all points on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, and also with the Steamers for Newbern, Edenton, Plymouth, and all other points in North Carolina.
Passengers transferred to and from all depots, and baggage handled free of charge.
They navigate the James river entirely in the day, thus affording passengers time for seeing the fortifications, Dutch Gap and other objects of interest.
The Proprietors of the Line are now negotiating for one of the most superb and fast Steamers of the Hudson river to run on the James river, and intend to make their Line the permanent institution of Norfolk; and, grateful for the very large share of patronage they have already received, request a continuance of the public favor. H. V. TOMPKINS, Agent.
A. W. SHAW, Sup't New Line Steamers. sep20-2w

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STEAMSHIP COMPANY, REGULAR LINE.
MOST PLEASANT, RELIABLE AND COMFORTABLE ROUTE.
The fine, commodious and powerful Steamships,
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1,800 TONS BURTHEN, CAPT. GEO. W. COUCH,
AND
CREOLE,
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Will leave Smith's Wharf, Town Point, for New York, every TUESDAY and SATURDAY evening, at 8 o'clock
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aug 4—tf

FOR PHILADELPHIA.
RICHMOND AND NORFOLK STEAM PACKET COMPANY—SEMI-WEEKLY.
THIS LINE IS COMPOSED OF THE SWIFT, FIRST-CLASS STEAMERS
VIRGINIA,
(CAPTAIN SNYDER;)
MAY FLOWER,
(CAPTAIN J. ROBINSON;)
CLAYMONT,
(CAPTAIN E. ROBINSON;)
And one of them will leave Higgins' Wharf, Norfolk, every TUESDAY and SATURDAY, forming a Semi-Weekly Line of fast and reliable Steamers, with good passenger accommodations and plenty of freight room.
For freight (which will be taken at low rates, or passage), apply to
THOS. P. CROWELL & CO., Agents, Higgins' Wharf, or No. 6 Campbell's Wharf, Norfolk, Va.
☞ One of these Steamers leaves Philadelphia every WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY for Norfolk.
aug26—tf

PEOPLE'S LINE FOR NEWBERN
AND THE
INTERIOR OF NORTH CAROLINA!
CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAIL.
THE ONLY AND ENTIRELY NEW ROUTE.
The Steamers of this line will leave mail wharf, Norfolk for Newbern, on the arrival of the boats from Baltimore on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
Returning, will leave Newbern Tuesdays, Thursday, and Saturdays, connecting with railways for Goldsborough, Raleigh, Weldon, Beaufort, Morehead City and Wilmington.
The various lines of Railways are nearly all completed in the State of North Carolina, and passengers will have little or no difficulty in reaching their destination on any of the lines of Railway.
The boats are of the first class, and commanded by men of experience, who will see no pains spared to make passengers comfortable.
Being entirely an Inland Route, it will be found far more pleasant than by a sea route.
☞ Freight taken at Low Rates.
For further information, apply to
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Roanoke Island, N. C.
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DRAWN FROM
MATTHEWS' SILVER FOUNTAINS
WITH ALL THE CHOICE FRUIT SYRUPS.
SPARKLING SWEET HOCK,
A VERY DELICIOUS BEVERAGE,
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BUSINESS NOTICES.

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MERCHANTS,
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—Sep. 12—5m*—
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WHOLESALE
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Consignments solicited. Select Family Groceries constantly on hand corner Wide-Water and Commerce Streets Norfolk. jy 12—1m

FOLGER, CARTWRIGHT & CO.,
GENERAL
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LIBERAL ADVANCES MADE ON CONSIGNMENTS AND QUICKS RETURNS GUARANTEED.
We have AGENTS in New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Baltimore, for the sale of
REAL ESTATE,
and are prepared to make LIBERAL arrangements with parties putting REAL ESTATE in our hands.
We are also prepared to have lands surveyed and plots made, Deeds drawn, Titles traced, &c.
Highest Market prices paid for PRODUCE, such as COTTON, CORN, FLAXSEED, TAR, RAGS, &c., &c.
Sales of MERCHANDISE, REAL ESTATE, FURNITURE, &c., &c., attended to promptly in City and Country.
Also Agents for the AMERICAN EMIGRANT CO.
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ROANOKE HOUSE,
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Opposite Office of the "Norfolk Post,"
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NORFOLK, VIRGINIA.
THE BEST
LIQUORS, WINES, ALE, &c.,
Always on hand, and served in the best style at the shortest notice.
AN ELEGANT SNACK
will be furnished from 11 to 1 o'clock daily, and
MEALS SERVED AT ALL HOURS.
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Carriages always in readiness to carry passengers to and from the boats.
The bar and table always supplied with the choicest WINES of every variety, malt and spirituous LIQUORS.
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Agent New York and Virginia Steamship Company.
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BALLARD HOUSE,
RICHMOND, VA.
M. D. MAINE & CO., PROPRIETORS.
This magnificent and popular Hotel, after undergoing thorough repairs and a complete renovation, will be opened this morning, Monday, 14th August, for the accommodation of boarders and the travelling public. The Ballard House is celebrated throughout the world as a first-class Hotel, and the principal one in Richmond, and the present proprietors flatter themselves that they shall be able to make it still more popular and desirable, as they have spared no pains in refitting and preparing it for the use of the public. [aug 14—tf

WILLIAM NICHOLS & CO.,
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Agents for the New York and Virginia Steamships
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Orders promptly filled and forwarded.
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WHOLESALE AND RETAIL Agents for PHALON & SON'S Celebrated Perfumery. je23

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BOURBON & OLD RYE WHISKEY,
Agents for the American Vintage Company's
PURE CALIFORNIA WINES AND BRANDIES.
WINE-BITTERS,
HOCK,
CLARET,
CHAMPAGNE,
Which are universally recommended by the most eminent physicians for MEDICINAL PURPOSES,
All of which are offered at the very lowest market rates by
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No. 6 Commercial Row, Norfolk, Va.
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A. GORDON MILHADO & CO.,
GROCERS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
IN REAR OF THE CUSTOM HOUSE,
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA.
Constantly on hand a select assortment of Family Groceries. je 29—tf

The Norfolk Post.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1865.

Great Earthquake in California.

VERY SEVERE SHOCK AT SAN FRANCISCO—BUILDINGS VIOLENTLY SHAKEN—FRIGHTFUL SCENES IN THE CHURCHES—SOME FIFTEEN DISTINCT SHOCKS—EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EDIFICES—SEVERITY OF THE SHOCK AT SANTA CRUZ.—A GENERAL TUMBLE DOWN OF CHIMNEYS, &c.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 8, 1865.

At a quarter before 1 o'clock to-day the severest earthquake ever felt here frightened almost the entire population of the city out of their houses into the streets. During half a minute there were two tremendous shocks, which caused buildings to rock to and fro in a manner altogether alarming.

Services were over in most of the churches. The large congregation of the Unitarian Church was being dismissed when the shock commenced. Ladies shrieked; all pushed for the doors faster than they could be accommodated with exit. Similar scences took place at St. Mary's Cathedral and at some other churches and Sunday schools. The rush was so great from the Catholic Church on Vallejo street that the large doors to the main entrance were carried away, and several persons were injured by being trampled upon.

The walls of many buildings were cracked in many places, and it surprises every one that large stately edifices like the Occidental and Cosmopolital hotels, and other buildings of that class were not generally more seriously injured. More or less plastering fell from perhaps half the ceilings of the city. The cornices and fore walls fell from many buildings.

The entire front of a four-story brick building just erected on Third street fell outward, covering about half of that wide street with fragments. One independently constructed chimney of the Lick house fell and crushed through the roof of the dining-room, coming down upon the tables and dishes, to the astonishment of the boarders, who were taking lunch. Three of the servants were injured.

Two Chinamen were badly injured by the falling of a fire wall on Jackson street. The City Hall bell commenced ringing on account of the vibration of the tower. The interior walls of the building were much broken up.

Fissures two or three inches wide were opened in the ground in the lower part of the city, where it is made land; and some of this ground was elevated many inches above its former level.

Brief accounts from Sacramento, Stockton and San Jose represent the shock as the severest ever felt in those cities. It was not felt at Marysville or Placerville, but the town of Santa Cruz was shocked with great severity, some back buildings suffering much damage, and two being destroyed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 9, 1865.

The damage by the earthquake yesterday will amount to a considerable sum in the aggregate, many houses needing new walls, new plastering, and repairing broken windows. The City Hall is damaged in the front wall to the extent that a portion must be rebuilt, at a cost of several thousand dollars.

The old Merchants' Exchange building, opposite the Custom House, will probably require rebuilding. No really substantial and well constructed building was seriously damaged. Santa Cruz felt the shock more severely than any other town in the State.

Several brick houses were so badly damaged that partial reconstruction will be necessary. A despatch from there says there was a general tumble down of chimneys, and those left standing are turned partially around. The motion was apparently from East to West.

The grounds along the river opened in fissures, and spouted water like geysers. The people are unable to use some of wells, which are either dry or filled with mud.

A chimney at the powder mills was thrown down, and other injury wss done to the works. A portion of the walls of the new hotel was thrown down, but the foundation is still firm. The smash in the drug and other stores was great.

Some very narrow escapes from falling chimneys are reported.

The tide rose very high at the time of the shock, and fell very low immediately afterward. Ten or eleven distinct shocks were felt since the first shock up to 5 o'clock this morning, as well as a number of slighter visitations.

It is estimated that the losses will amount to $10,000, and may exceed that sum.

Dates from Honolulu have been received up to the 16th of September. The war steamer Saranac arrived there on the 6th. Nothing had been heard of the Shenandoah.

At a table d'hote, at Cologne, a manufacturer of Sheffield, who spoke nothing but English, was seated next to a German lady who did not speak at all. Handing her a plate of peaches, he said:

"Have a peach, marm?"

"Nein," (no) replied the lady.

"Nine!" said he, staring with astonishment, first at her and then at the others at the table; "why, marm, there's only six on the dish; but they are for you," at the same time rolling them upon her plate.

A little girl, after returning from church, where she saw a collection taken up for the first time, related what took place, and among other things she said with all her childish innocence, "that a man passed around a plate that had some money on it, but I didn't take any."

At one time at Gibralta ther was a great scarcity of water. An Irish officer said "he was very easy about the matter, for he had nothing to do with water; if he only got his tea in the morning, and punch at night, it was all he wanted."

An enterprising man in Detroit is erecting a building, one room of which will form a large ice-house, surrounded by saw dust, for the reception of butter, eggs, &c. The water esaping enters a reservoir containing cans of milk.

Every man in the *Inquirer* office at Litchfield, Conn., editor and all, have been in the ranks of the Union army.

The Tunisian Embassy.

In view of the visit of a Tunisian embassy to the United States, a few facts in regard to their country will not be amiss. Tunis is one of the Barbary States, situated on the Mediterranean coast of Africa. It has an area of 72,000 square miles, with a population of two or two and a half millions, of whom about 150,000 reside in the city of Tunis. The Government is Mussulman, yet liberal. All sects enjoy a perfect toleration. The Bey and all his chief officers have but one wife each, and divorces are discouraged and discountenanced. The city is situated almost on the site of ancient Carthage, and scattered over the country are many iteresting relics and ruins of ancient cities, among which may be mentioned the city of Carthage; Utica, celebrated as the place where Scipio died; Hydrementum, where Cæsar landed and attacked the forces of Scipio. Jugurtha, it is said, resided in the immediate vicinity of Tunis.—Among other remains of ancient Carthage still to be seen are immense cisterns, which are at least two thousand three hundred years old, and are to this day in such a good state of preservation as to be used for their original purpose. Piracy was abolished in 1815, and slavery in 1845. The soil is very fertile. The principal vegetable products are wheat, maize, barley, millet, olives, dates, grapes, &c., all of which come to perfection with little care on the part of the cultivators. Cotton and indigo have recently been introduced, and opium and tobacco are grown in small quantities. Copper, lead, silver, and salt abound in great abundance, and recently a quicksilver mine has been found. The Government is nominally subservient to Turkey, but is in reality quite independent, with a standing army of twenty-five thousand men and a fleet of thirty gunboats.

MOHAMMEDANISM—ITS TENETS.

Mohammedanism, as the term indicates, was founded by a certain Mahomet. He was born at Mecca, in 570, and endured considerable privations in his early days, his family being poor. His parents died when he was yet a child, and he was taken charge of by an uncle. Having attained his twenty-fifth year he made the acquaintance of a young man who had a maiden aunt of probably forty summers, at least so she said herself. She had money, he had none; so they were married, and the newly-made husband retired from public life; he had been a shepherd, and prepared himself to live happily on his wife's income.—Not having anything else to do, he thought he might, after the manner of the modern spiritualists, receive communications from the spirit world, and it was so. He was taken with convulsions, in the course of which the Angel Gabriel appeared to him and recited the celebrated Koran. This book is to the Mehommedans what the Bible is to the Christian. At first he could only get his wife to believe him, but after some time several of his relatives became converts to him. While preaching his doctrines he met with considerable persecution. Several times he had to flee for his life; but the more the doctrines were opposed so much more were they believed in. In 622, a plot having been made to assassinate him, he fled, and from the commencement of his flight the hegira dates. During the first years of the hegira the number of converts that Mahomet received were large. He built several mosques, and finally had so many followers that he proclaimed war against his enemies. In almost all his battles he was successful, so that he began to be feared, and in the ninth year of the hegira he conquered Mecca. This established the new religion in Arabia, whence it spread far and wide. In the following year he died.

The followers of the Mohammedan creed do not call themselves by that title. They call their creed *Islam*, which means "full submission to God," and choose for themselves the name Moslem, or "the people of the Islam." This term has since been perverted into Mussulmans. The religion is a strange admixture of Christianity and heathanism. By heathanism it must not be inferred that we mean idolatry. God is worshipped by the Moslems, but in a different way from that in which we, as Christians, acknowledge Him. The Mohammedans do not lay claim to any regular confessions of faith, except the one: "There is no God but God, and Mohammed is His prophet." He is one spiritual eternal—the attributes of wisdom, omnipotence and mercy. The Koran is His word. The account in the Koran of the creation greatly resembles that in the Old Testament. Of the prophets, Adam, they say, was the first and Mohammed the last. The dead are subjected by the angels Munkie and Nakie to an examination, which is followed by an examination by God himself. They hold there is a heaven and a hell, and that a bridge as thin as a hair over the latter has to be crossed before entering the former. The devil they style Eblis. He, they say, was condemned to daath, but his sentence deferred for execution till the final resurrection.

MANNER OF WORSHIP.

Every Moslem is bound to offer up prayer or rather repeat passages from the Koran five times a day—at daybreak, at noon, in the afternoon, at sunset, and one and a quarter hour after it. In every town the faithful, as they are termed, are invited to prayers by the public cryer, or muezzin, whose calls contain short passages of the Koran, &c. In the morning he adds to his general cry the wholesome exhortation, "Prayer is better than sleep." Friday, as has been stated, is the Mohmamedan Sabbath. The eating of pork is forbidden, as with the Jews; the same is the case with the drinking of wine. The Mussulman may perform his prayers in a house every day but Friday, when he must go to the mosque.

These are a few of the principal laws relating to the religion of the Moslem. Each country, of course, has its peculiarities, and in Tunis the practice of the religion is not quite so strict as elsewhere.

Officers of the United States Government are now engaged at the New Haven light house getting in readiness several kinds of fog signals which they are going to experiment with in a few days. Daboll's signal horn is one, a steel bell owned by the govetnment is another, and a gong fog signal for a third.

General Sherman has had a delightful illustration of the hospitality of St. Louis,—having had three horses presented to him there in a single week.

George N. Sanders, it is reported, has received the appointment of Postmaster at Davenport, Canada West.

The Fenian Movement.

The latest news regarding the Irish rebellion is contained in the following dispatch, from Queenstown, of the first instant:

The Fenian prisoners were brought before the police magistrates at Dublin yesterday, incuding the editor and proprietor of the *Irish People's* newspaper.

Mr. Barry, Queen's counsel, appeared for the Crown and made a long speech. He said that within the last fortnight three thousand five hundred pounds had arrived from America to be expended in revolutionizing Ireland, and by that day's mail the government had intercepted a letter for one of the prisoners, named Lapper, containing a draft for four hundred and fifteen pounds on the house of Rothschilds, and several other letters containing bills of exchange. The making of pikes had also been extensively carried on. One of the prisoners had made two thousand of these murderous weapons. Numerous revolvers and breastplates had also been found in possession of the prisoners connected with the *Irish People's* newspaper. He quoted an incendiary paragraph, urging the employment of force, from a number of that paper, which was about to be issued when seized.

Mr. Barry concluded his speech by asserting that the Fenians were powerful both in Ireland and America. He trusted that this affair would end forever such hopeless conspiracies.

Evidence was then given against the prisoners, and some of them were identified as connected with the suppressed Fenian organ.

The investigation is still pending, and will probably last for several days.

At a private examination of six of the Fenians at Dublin Castle yesterday, evidence was given that the plot of the Fenians was of the most sanguinary character. It was to write down the nobility, the aristocracy and the land owners and assassinate them all on the breaking out of the rebellion. The Duke of Leinster and others were specially named for assassination. The linen manufactures and others were to be called on to give material support to the Fenian cause under threats of extermination and confiscation of their property if they refused to do so.

The evidence against the prisoners is said to be most conclusive.

The London *Times* of the 27th, in a leader, says: The more we hear of Fenianism, the more we are struck by the contrast between its essential weakness and the extent of its ramifications. On paper no doubt it must have looked formidable enough. What Fenianism proves, is that the influence of the emigration to America is beginning to react upon Ireland. No Irish mind is logical enough to understand how it can be right that a man who could make his fortune in America should live in a mud cabin in Ireland. The small farmers and peasants receive glowing accounts from their relations in America describing the prosperity which may be enjoyed under a Republic, and therefore draw the inference that a Republic in Ireland would at once increase the population, and bring plenty to their homes, give them tenant right, and abolish the potatoe disease. The truth is, that Fenianism, extravagant as it is, has in it more of the elements of a social revolution than any previous movement in Ireland. It strikes at all authority, and would level the Roman Catholic hierarchy quite as ruthlessly as the Protestant establishment. We have no fear of a Fenian armada, especially after the parent society in America learns the fate of their fillibustering delegates, M'Cafferty and O'Connell, but it may take some time to extirpate the leaven of American ideas, which is now mingling with the chronic discontent of Ireland."

A dispatch from Dublin says: Very considerable excitement was caused here on Saturday by the receipt of a telegram plausibly announcing that a Fenian cruiser or pirate had overhauled an American vessel. It was to this effect:

"LIVERPOOL, Saturday.

"The American ship Hannah, from Cardenas, has arrived here. On the 10th inst., in lat. 50 55, lon. 27 16, she was overhauled by a large screw steamer, heavily armed and full of men. The steamer showed the Fenian colors, and a green flag with a harp in the centre."

Later, however, the following telegram allayed all feeling on the subject, and will serve as a caution to parties against allowing themselves to be similarly hoaxed on another occasion:

"The story of the Hannah having been overhauled by a cruiser carrying the Fenian flag is a hoax."

A telagram from Dublin, of Monday, Sept. 26, says: Five alleged Fenians were arrested in Killarney to-day, including clerks in the Killarney Post-office, and in the Crown Prosecutor's office for the Countp of Kerry. Other arrests are expected, and a few additional prisoners in various places.

Bold Designs of Foreign Capital.

The designs of these British capitalists (Sir Morton Peto & Co.) are now disclosed, if there words are to be trusted. They propose nothing less than to enter into competition for the great carrying trade between the East and the West. There are now in successful operation four great lines of railway leading from New York to the Mississippi and the far West, which are, for the most part, interwoven with each other. These are the Pennsylvania Central, the Erie and Atlantic, the Lake Shore and the Great Western, of Canada. No one of these possesses great advantage over the other, and all are doing at this time as much traffic as they have equipment for. It is evident that with the remarkable increase of traffic and travel, which must be doubled or trebled in five years, the means to accommodate it must be started at once. The Broad Gauge route, which is now complete to St. Louis, is the first to bestir itself, and according to the statement of Mr. McHenry, he is ready to furnish a double track hence to Chicago, and to place thereon four daily trains, which shall do the work at less cost, with greater speed, comfort and safety. Nor is this all: The company he represents proposes to extend, through its allies at either end, a branch to Buffalo, reaching the Canada trade; a branch to Louisville, catching the central Southern, and a branch to Cairo to catch the Southern Valley traffic, not to mention the St. Louis terminus, which shall grasp the great Pacific extension.

Such a scheme, it will be seen, comprises a great central highway of commerce, whose arm, to the right and left, will monopolize, to the extent of its capacity, the great through traffic of the country. These men say they have the capital and are ready to invest it. Their capitalists can afford to place their means and wait ten or twenty years for a handsome return, while our own wish to turn a profit in half the time. Satisfied with the security of the investment, they will do it and eventually reap a rich return. It remains to be seen whether our own capitalists will allow this great prize to pass out of their hands without, at least, an effort to secure it to themselves.

Latest Foreign Items.

Fenian arrests continue of daily occurrence, particularly in the Irish provinces. A passenger by the City