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Subscribers of the Bee are authorized to receive subscriptions at the rate of 25 cents per month.

Northern Mail failed yesterday from Washington.

KANSAS A SLAVE STATE.

The last number of Harper's Weekly Journal of Civilization is very emphatically put that Kansas will claim admission into the Union at the next session of Congress as a slave state, notwithstanding slavery. This conclusion is based upon facts which seem to have escaped the attention of a large portion of the press. The Legislature of Kansas has a very large majority of pro-slavery men, who a few weeks ago it passed a law for the assembling of a convention, a state constitution, and requiring the return of delegates to be held at an early day. We forget the exact period fixed, but believe it was some time in June. Governor Geary, who is a Northern man, and is presumably tinctured with anti-slavery proclivities, has still sufficiently a Northern feeling to prefer that Kansas should enter the Union as a free state, and left the bill on the ground that the people of the state, and did not allow the people sufficient time for the organization. This was the opportunity for opposition; the real one was not found in the existing state of things in the Territory, with the overwhelming declaration of pro-slavery over the Territory, but was sent to certain anti-slavery convention would consist of the farmers, whereas, if the election appointed for six or eight months in the future, the importance of the settlement of the North thereby would be realized. The importance of the Free States has been to send their free immigrants in sufficient numbers to [illegible]. Be this as it may, the Governor has vetoed the bill, and passed the Legislature over the Governor's negative. Harper's Weekly alludes to these circumstances, but not with the apparent [illegible] to become into the Union [illegible] impression, we are bound to say, is also generally received in the North, that neither defends the conduct of the Legislature, nor the facts of the case with which it has to deal. These are the two points, for the avowed [illegible] the North. Harper's [illegible] asserts that section of the country unprepared for such an [illegible] and aspires to [illegible] excitement, [illegible] to be forewarned in [illegible] fears upon this [illegible] party stand pledged [illegible] of the Nebraska bill to [illegible] whether their constituents [illegible] slavery, and [illegible] with the Southern [illegible] of their part [illegible] accordingly in both [illegible] Kansas apply [illegible] at the ensuing [illegible] by admitting whatever [illegible] element which it [illegible] with the blatant [illegible] have never ceased [illegible] abrogation of the [illegible] which event [illegible] wave [illegible] of the Supreme [illegible] statute in the Dred Scott [illegible] to dismiss their shrieks [illegible] ignorance and [illegible] and liberal pay-[illegible], feel quite so certain [illegible] institution of Kansas as [illegible] referred appears to be, [illegible] that the number of [illegible] handsome volume [illegible] the ability and experience [illegible] of the inhabitants [illegible] many of the inhabitants [illegible] seeking Kansas a slave [illegible] slaveholders, there [illegible] strictly opposed to these [illegible] violent measures recently [illegible] Legislature, the pro-[illegible] number their opponents [illegible] nature was chosen some [illegible] the tide of immigration [illegible] the Free States has been run[illegible] steadily. Altogether, we [illegible] whether the constitution for the [illegible] discovery or otherwise, [illegible] of Slavery in [illegible] of British law with [illegible] population rather than [illegible] existence of that institution [illegible] adapted to the [illegible] labor. We should [illegible] Kansas would remain [illegible] tolerated by the [illegible] sympathy, rather than [illegible] profit and wealth.

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EARTHQUAKE IN ARKANSAS.—The earthquake at Paris, C. W., seems to have extended over a large area. The Arkansas papers say that on the same evening (Friday of last week) many persons in that county observed a decided trembling of the ground, which shook houses, window glass, furniture and crockery. The Cleveland *Plaindealer* has seen a private letter from James Jenkins, of Lenox, to his son in that city, stating the same facts. The appearance of the snow in the fields the next morning gave striking evidence of the commotion. The snow had been tossed about in divers directions, and by a motion which gave it the form of large snowballs. Persons in other localities on the lake shore remarked a similar shock, but it was not sufficiently severe to attract much attention.

The London *Lancet* says there are a quarter of a million persons living in Great Britain constantly under ground in the darkness of the mines. The average age of Sheffield workmen is thirty five years; the average of the dry grinders of needles very much under this figure. The chief disease among tailors is fistula; among bakers, scrofula and skin diseases; the latter may prevent the flour insects and weevils from irritating the skin of their hands by rubbing them with oil. The most dangerous part of the painter's trade is "fatting;" white lead, turpentine and closely heated rooms, generate colic; the remedy is sulphuric acid, cleanliness, tube of fresh water and fresh air, and as an antidote, the more frequent use of white zinc or zinc lead.

FATAL AFFRAY.—Two *Men Killed*.—We learn from the New Madrid *Times* that a difficulty occurred between two men, one by the name of Mangrum and the other Jordon, above James's bayou, in Mississippi county, Ark., on Friday night week, in which both parties fell. It seems that Mangrum shot Jordon, who fell, but sufficiently recovered to rise to his knees, and shoot his antagonist. One was shot through the chest, and the other through the head—both died very soon.

The fine passenger packet *Natchez* arrived from Vicksburg last night with 1243 bales of cotton and a large number of passengers. Her polite officers have our thanks for late papers. She leaves for Vicksburg to-morrow evening, at 5 o'clock.

The annual letting of the great mail routes of the United States will take place on the first day of April next. The service in the New England States and the State of New York, for which contracts will be given, embraces about one thousand routes. In addition to the above contracts will be entered into for carrying the mail upon six hundred miscellaneous routes in the different States and Territories.

NEWS FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC.

By way of St. Louis we have later news from the North than that received direct by mail. We subjoin everything of interest:

Further by the Arabian.

The *America* reached Halifax on the 12th, with Liverpool dates to the 28th ult.

The arrangement of the Persian difficulty is proceeding, but the treaty is not yet signed. It is supposed that the Convention specifies that England shall enjoy equal commercial privileges with the most favored nations, but Persia forbids the English Consuls on the Caspian sea, inasmuch as treaties with Russia forbid Great Britain from trading there.

Navigation returns of January show a progressive increase.

Mr. Dallas attended the Queen's levee on the 26th February.

An interesting debate in the House of Lords on Lord Derby's motion to censure the Chinese war resulted in a division for the motion by a vote of 110 against 146.

Mr. Cobden brought forward a similar motion in the House of Commons.

Lord Derby in his speech on the Chinese war, said that this House has heard with concern the conflicts which have occurred between the British and Chinese at Canton, and without expressing any opinion as to the extent to which the Chinese may have offered England a cause of complaint, he must considers that the papers laid upon the table fail to establish satisfactory grounds for the violent measures recently resorted to at Canton," and moved that a select committee be appointed to inquire into our commercial relations with China.

This was debated the last two nights.

Lord Palmerston, in reply to Mr. Layard, said he was authorized by the Russian Minister for Foreign Affairs to say that there was no treaty in existence between Persia and Russia like that referred to by Mr. Layard, and that the negotiations at Paris, on the Persian difficulty, were not ended.

Additional Foreign News.

Paris letters state that the Council of State has rejected the credit of five millions demanded by the War Department.

SPAIN.—It is stated in the Ministerial organ that the number of vessels to be sent against Mexico, including transports for 10,000 men, is said will be 30.

Vienna letters say the Ministerial Council are deliberating upon the expediency of withdrawing the Austrian troops from the Papal dominions.

Telegraphic dates from Hong Kong are to January 25th. Affairs in China are unchanged.

Private letters state that a large fleet had attacked the English squadron, subsequently retiring in good order under the forts of Canton.

Admiral Seymour had burnt the greater part of the suburbs of Canton.

The Chinese rebel fleet had formed a junction with the Imperialists at Whampoa.

A Paris dispatch says letters from Mexico say the Senate had granted to the Congress five European ports, where all the Europeans on board the steamer *Thistle* had been horribly murdered by the native passengers.—(*Constitutionnel.*)

THE TORONTO RAILROAD CALAMITY.—Toronto, March 13.—A dreadful accident occurred to the Great Western railroad train which left Toronto yesterday Friday afternoon, for Hamilton. It ran off the bridge above Hamilton, precipitating the engine, baggage car and two passenger cars into the Desjardin canal. The locomotive and baggage car passed over the bridge in safety, but the two rear cars, containing one hundred and twenty passengers, fell through.

Many of the bodies have not yet been taken from the water, and the names of but few have been ascertained. The passengers who escaped death are all more or less mangled, and most of them injured beyond recovery. Doctors are leaving Toronto for the scene of the disaster.

The bridge was partially broken down, and the cars fell one on top of the other a distance of fifty feet.

The excitement caused by this terrible catastrophe is intense. Parliament adjourned the moment they heard of the accident. Nothing has heretofore occurred in this vicinity which has caused such profound grief.

The disaster yesterday occurred to the local accommodation train from this city, bound to Hamilton. Out of from 70 to 100 passengers only 15 were taken alive from the wreck, and five of them have since died. The engineer and fireman were pitched headlong into the canal. The baggage cars and two passenger cars that went through the bridge are complete wrecks.

A large number of men are to-day engaged in extricating the dead from the wreck. Fifty dead bodies, including men, women and children, are laid out on the floor of an outhouse in the vicinity, many of whom have been identified. Nineteen other bodies lie in one of the company's buildings, only three of whom have been identified. The passengers nearly all belonged to this city, Hamilton and other towns along the route. Many prominent and influential citizens are included among the killed.

NEW YORK, March 13.—Jno. S. Buckley, President of the Corn Exchange, died suddenly this morning.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Among the confirmations by the Senate were those of five senior commanders of the Navy to be captains, seven senior lieutenants to be commanders, and all the masters, with four midshipmen, to be lieutenants.

Medary and Anderson were confirmed as Governors of Minnesota and Washington Territories respectively.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—*Senate.*—The Senate adopted a resolution of the Committee on Judiciary, discharging it from any further consideration of the papers and papers referred to them, relating to Cameron's seat.

Mr. Benjamin, from the Judiciary Committee, reported a resolution authorizing testimony to be taken by Messrs. Pitch and Bright, and those contesting the right to their seats from Indiana.

Mr. Trumbull stated the case disposed of during the present session, and offered a resolution to that end.

We have reached the conclusion of the Dallas treaty against the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations, to which the amendment and resolution were referred yesterday. They were discussed several hours, and finally the Senate, after accepting modifications to exclude the land grant by the Nicaragua Kong, to affirm the sovereignty of the bay islands to Honduras, the treaty with England and Honduras not being submitted to, by a large majority. The importance of the subject, however, to render the path to [illegible] as smooth and agreeable as the nature will admit. His definitions, [illegible] and demonstrations are particularly [illegible] and perspicuous.

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ANOTHER HORRID MURDER IN NEW YORK.—The New York *Times*, of the 13th inst., has the following:

A young woman of the town named Ann McGorr, alias Annie Hopkins, was brutally murdered about one o'clock yesterday morning in alley-way bounded by her residence in the tenement house No. 3 Worth street. Her throat was cut in several places with a razor, the broken handle of which was found lying by her side. The murderous weapon was found upon the roof of the building No. 5, and the case in the pocket of a negro named John Dorsey, who has been arrested charged with the crime. This Dorsey lives, also, in the tenement house aforementioned, on the fourth floor. Immediately after the murder he was arrested by the Fifth Ward policemen, who tracked blood from the alley-way to his room. His shirt and his outer-garments were also found besmeared with blood. He was heard to pass through the alley-way and up to his room, immediately after a cry of help was heard proceeding from the alley, and a few minutes after the corpse was discovered by a black woman's stumbling over it. The deceased girl was 23 years of age, and a native of Ireland. Dorsey is an able-bodied negro of the blackest kind; was born in St. Domingo, is 26 years of age, and about six feet high. He is known as a dissipated and quarrelsome fellow. He had no acquaintance with the deceased, and it is supposed that coming home half-drunk, and meeting with her in the alley he made advances, which being resisted, so aroused his brutal nature that he perpetrated the horrible deed. He stated in the examination that he was not guilty, and that he went to bed at 10 o'clock, but "his woman" and others swear that he did not come home till nearly 1 o'clock in the morning. The verdict rendered by the jury was "Death by the throat being cut by John Dorsey, by means of a razor." The accused has been committed to the Tombs by Coroner Perry.

APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED.—The following appointments by the President have been confirmed by the United States Senate:

J. C. Ramsey, U. S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Tennessee; Wm. M. Lowry, U. S. Marshal for the Eastern District of Tenn.; Jesse B. Clement, U. S. Marshal for the Middle District of the same State; Joseph S. Smith, U. S. Attorney for Washington Territory; A. H. Harralson, Surveyor of the port of Selma, Ala.; Orin L. Cochran, Postmaster, Houston, Texas; John L. Buck, Postmaster, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; A. H. McKissick, of Arkansas, Indian Agent for the Wychetas and the neighboring tribes, West of the Choctaws and Chickasaws; F. S. Lovejoy, of Miss., Attorney for the Northern District of that State, in place of Mr. Orr, resigned; J. W. Nesmith, Superintendent of Indian Affairs for Washington and Oregon Territories; H. C. Lowell, Register of the Land Office of Minnesota; Dahlgren, now of Kentucky, Indian Agent for the Potawatomie Indians; F. Livingston, Florida, for the District of Fernandina, Florida; Jos. Genois, Naval Officer at New Orleans; Wm. P. Rayburn, Additional Appraiser-General; J. J. McCormick, Appraiser of Merchandize at New Orleans; F. H. Hatch, Collector for the District of New Orleans; James L. Collins, Indian Superintendent in New Mexico; Elias S. Dennis, Marshal for Kansas Territory; Hamsden McMahon, Marshal of the Western District of Tenn.; John Walker, Indian Agent for New Mexico.

Where Dr. Burdell Spent That Friday Evening.

The Pittsburg *Union* publishes the following important statement from a highly respectable citizen of New York, visiting in that city, which points in still another direction for the murderer of Doctor Burdell:

"While crossing the river on a ferryboat but a few days after the murder of Dr. Burdell, I was accosted by a man who claimed to be familiar with the sporting characters of New York, and the conversation naturally turned upon the all-absorbing topic of the murder. What is intended to be the fact that public opinion had pointed out Mr. Eckel and Mrs. Cunningham as the murderers, the gentleman said: 'When the Coroner shall have ascertained the exact hour of Dr. Burdell from the time he is reported to have been last seen up till he returned to his own house in Bond street, he will have a clue to the murder. I am not at liberty to use names, but, from reliable information which I have received, there can be no doubt but that Dr. Burdell spent the early part of that fatal night in a well-known gambling house down town—that he left for home with about three thousand dollars in his pocket, which he had won—and that he was followed closely by the loser.'"

Important to California and Oregon Emigrants.

Troops are to cross the Plains this spring for the protection of the overland emigrants bound for California and Oregon. Orders have been issued for the 4th infantry, now stationed in Oregon, to move across the country, constructing the road, for which appropriations have been made. The companies of the 10th infantry, now at Forts Kearney and Leavenworth, are to follow up the Platte Valley. In the old Oregon trail, and go through the mountains at South Pass. The companies stationed in Kansas are to embark at Fort Leavenworth, and ascend the Missouri in boats to Fort Benton—there to remain until relieved by the 4th infantry, some time in the summer, when they, too, will move across over the route passed over by them on their march from Oregon.

These movements of troops on our Western Plains will keep the way open this spring and summer for emigrating parties destined for the shores of the Pacific, and afford an excellent opportunity for persons designing to settle either in California or Oregon to go out with their families safely, and in every inconsiderable cost compared with the expense of a passage by sea.—*St. Louis Democrat.*

DIPLOMATIC VISIT.—The whole diplomatic corps reaching near the government of the United States, headed by their dean, the Comte de Sartiges, Minister of France, made an official visit to the President yesterday, by appointment. They were individually introduced to the Chief Magistrate by the Secretary of State, and M. de Sartiges made to the President, on behalf of himself and his colleagues, a very felicitous address of congratulation and respect, which was responded to by the President in terms of fitting and appropriate terms. He then shook hands with each of the diplomatic gentlemen and presented them to the members of the Cabinet, who were present.—*Nat. Intelligencer, March 13.*

INCUBATOR.—The Lake Providence (La.) *Herald* has the following:

On Monday and Saturday last, between one and two o'clock, a portion of the outer or old levee, immediately above the wharf boat, opposite our town, gave way to the force of the current, leaving a chasm of forty yards for the basin formed by the new and old levees with water to the depth of some five or six feet—submerging the plantations of the following named persons: Judge Selby; M. Debose, Esq.; house belonging to G. G. Shipwith, of Baton Rouge, occupied by Mr. Thompson; house belonging to Mr. G. Hood, occupied by Mr. Garvin, and a small tenement occupied by Mr. R. Emrich. We are glad to see that there is great vigilance and attention being paid to the levee by the inspectors and our citizens generally.

The river at this point, after having risen to within four inches of the rise in May last, is now slowly receding.

Female Sharp Practice.

Some years ago, a young gentleman living in Crawford county, Ohio, "went West," settled in a Western city, and became rich. He married a lady residing in the city where he located. After he had been married about six months, he prepared to visit Crawford county in company with his bride. But a few days before he was to start, he was accidentally killed by a crate of crockery falling on him from the second story of his warehouse. The event was duly communicated to his family in Ohio. That was about eighteen months ago. The Tiffin (Ohio) *Advertiser* relates the sequel as follows:

About three weeks since the father of the deceased was startled to see a carriage driving up to his door. A very interesting lady, dressed in mourning, stepped out, and introduced herself as the widow of the dear son. Great was the joy of the household at the visit of their beloved son and brother's relict. She said many very pretty things to Rhode Island, and could not resist the opportunity of seeing the parents and relatives of her "beloved Harry." This was accompanied by a flood of tears and "furnace" sighs. Three weeks passed by, and she had worked her way deep into the affections of the family. She was regarded as a daughter, as a sister. The hour came for her departure—they had exchanged miniatures—the farewells were said—the kiss and the squeeze all in very high, when she called the old gentleman to one side, with great embarrassment told him that she had lost her pocket-book on the cars, containing all but a trifle of her funds. She felt a diffidence in making the request, but if she could not apply to her "beloved Harry's" father, to whom could she go?

The old man's heart melted, and in a moment his wallet was produced, and ten \$'s of the Rhode Island Bank were tendered and accepted. She departed—promising that friends must part! Time flew, and a month passed, but nothing was heard from "beloved Harry's" relict. The gentleman became alarmed, and addressed a letter to the father of his son's wife, detailing the circumstances of her visit and departure. It appeared that the widow of his late son was at home—had not been away—and that, from the description given, the woman who personated her was a servant girl who had lived with them and had gleaned enough of the history of Harry's family in Ohio to enable her to play his wife.

DEATH OF THE OLDEST HUMAN BEING.—The Indianapolis *Journal* says that Dr. Hall died that city, on Sunday last, of "Old Age," at an advanced age. Dr. Hall was a negro, aged about 110 years. He is supposed to have been the oldest person in America. He was born in Virginia, and was supposed to be the same who is mentioned in the life of Washington, as a servant of the latter. He was a man of remarkable character, and was well known to many citizens of Indianapolis. He was the original of the character in Mrs. Stowe's novel, "Uncle Tom's Cabin." This supposition is based on the coincidence of names and circumstances, and the fact, says the *Journal*, "that Henry Ward Beecher, during his residence here, was a constant visitor of Uncle Tom's cabin, and conversed with him by the hour." Dr. Hall was a member of his church, and was highly esteemed by his pastor, and by all who knew him for his many virtues. We have been told that Mrs. Stowe herself sometimes talked to the old man. "Uncle Tom's Cabin," it seems, was the name of his house among all his colored friends. Mrs. Stowe, however, called it "Uncle Tom's Cabin," and it is by that name that it is known to the world. The funeral of Dr. Hall will take place this afternoon, from the house in which he died, on Alabama street, between Ohio and Market streets, at the hour of two o'clock.

Additional Items Received by Express.

Mr. Buchanan has appointed Mr. Bigler, late Governor of Pennsylvania, Minister to Mexico.

Mr. Dallas has been appointed Minister to Russia.

Mr. Mason, late Minister to China, has been appointed Minister to France.

Mr. Soulé has been appointed Minister to Spain.

Mr. Ingersoll has been appointed Minister to England.

Mr. Cushing has been appointed Attorney General.

Mr. Appleton has been appointed Secretary of State.

Mr. Toucey has been appointed Secretary of the Navy.

Mr. Thompson has been appointed Secretary of the Interior.

Mr. Holt has been appointed Postmaster General.

Mr. Black has been appointed Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Floyd has been appointed Secretary of War.

Mr. Buchanan has appointed Mr. Forney Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Buchanan has appointed Mr. Wendell Printer to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Buchanan has appointed Mr. Ford Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Buchanan has appointed Mr. Glossbrenner Door Keeper of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Buchanan has appointed Mr. Bowie Postmaster of Washington