

authority in a sister State, to re-open the African slave trade, will not be deemed improper. That such a trade, declared to be piracy, and executed by the civilized world—so crowded with horrors in every stage of its pursuit—so revolting to every sentiment of humanity—every impulse of pure and noble feeling, should be advanced or approved, in this nineteenth century with apparent sincerity, and urged as a measure of political economy and justice and equality to the southern States of the Union, are facts that find their only explanation and apology in a wild enthusiasm, or a will without fanaticism that overcomes the wisdom and humanity of a proposition so startling and monstrous, must seek their parallel and illustration in the dungeons of the Inquisition, or in the hold of the slave ship, amid the horrors of the "middle passage." Equally repulsive to the intelligent and virtuous sentiment of the south as well as the north, it should receive the indignant rebuke of every lover of his country—of every friend of justice and humanity. The history of the world and of crime does not reveal a trade more inhuman—an atrocity more horrible—against a stipulation so abhorrent, and against the principles of a free people, and their name you should enter their unambiguous and emphatic protest.

RIVER MEN, NOTICE!—ROCK-HAVE'S HOLLAND BITTERS, has proved the most valuable medicine travelers use; it will prevent the many unpleasant effects attending a change of water—it relieves, slowly but surely, the most distressing form of diarrhoea, and by gradually regulating the bowels, will restore the system to perfect order. It is Fever and Ague, Chronic or Nervous Headache, Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Heart-ache, yield speedily to this delightful preparation.

For the Argus.
Is the Cause of Temperance Dead.
An Address to the Citizens of Beaver County.

Friends and fellow citizens; we feel constrained to ask your serious attention for a few moments to a subject which seems to us to have been lost sight of. We are honestly impressed with the conviction that our apathy as to this reformation has been criminal, for while we have slept the enemy has sown tares, and hence we trust you will heed our appeal and come to our help.

WASHINGTON, D. C.,—A DARK REGION.
Shortly before the last Congress adjourned, a bill was passed providing for the establishment of a Free School for the white children of the District of Columbia. The law, however, had not been put into effect, and it was only by the efforts of those who were interested in the cause, that the school was opened on the 1st of September. The school is now in session, and the children are attending with interest and pleasure.

INFORMATION WANTED.
From the Petersburg (Va.) Intelligencer, we observe that on the assembling of the North Carolina Legislature the Democratic members held a caucus to nominate officers, and in their conclusion, they adopted among others, the following resolutions:

SLAVERY IN OREGON.
The Portland Oregonian says it is alleged that a majority of the people of Oregon are from Pike county, Missouri, and are in favor of establishing Slavery in that Territory. It adds: "Let us have a State government and make the issue at once. If we are to have slavery forced upon us, let it be by the people here and not by the slavery propagandists of Washington City. If the majority of the people in Oregon, fairly expressed, desire slavery, we are too much of a Democracy to further oppose its introduction, resorting to ourselves the right to go hence or remain, as we may deem best. If they do not want it, and so express themselves fairly, then we take it the majority should and must rule, and the question is once settled. But in the decision of this question, let us look to the future, let us consider well what is to follow."

PATENT OFFICE REPORT.
As the United States Patent Office, at the present time, is receiving much of the attention of the Mechanical and Agricultural portion of the community, we shall lay as much of the Report of the Commissioner of Patents before you as our space will permit—enough to give a general idea of the business of the Department for the year ending December 31, 1855, and also a table showing the number of applications for Patents filed, Cautions filed, Patents issued, cash received and cash expended in the Patent Office for the fifteen years, ending December 31, 1855.

What Makes a Bushel?
The following table of the number of pounds of various articles to a bushel may be of interest to our readers:

Wheat, sixty pounds.
Corn, shelled, fifty-six pounds.
Corn, on the cob, seventy pounds.
Oats, fifty-six pounds.
Rye, thirty-six pounds.
Barley, forty-six pounds.
Buckwheat, fifty-two pounds.
Irish potatoes, sixty pounds.
Sweet potatoes, fifty pounds.
Onions, fifty-seven pounds.
Beans, sixty pounds.
Brans, twenty pounds.
Clover seed, sixty pounds.
Timothy seed, forty-five pounds.
Flex seed, forty-five pounds.
Hemp seed, forty-five pounds.
Blue grass seed, forty-five pounds.
Dried peaches, thirty-three pounds.