

THE SUMATRA TOBACCO.

LEGISLATION RESTRAINING THE IMPORTATION NOT CONSIDERED.

Why the Hancock Amendment was defeated. Correspondence From Assistant Secretary Fairchild, Appraiser Stages and Mr. W. U. Hessel—The Local Market.

The House on Monday, by a vote of 56 to 39, passed the Hancock amendment to suspend the rates and pass the Sumatra tobacco bill. The measure provides for a duty on leaf tobacco in any bale, box, package or bulk, any part of which is suitable for wrappers, if not stemmed, of seventy-five cents per pound...

MR. HESSEL'S LETTER.

The Reasons Why the Proposed Remedial Legislation Had No Chance.

I herewith send you the complete letter of Assistant Secretary Fairchild, in relation to the importation of Sumatra tobacco. A message abstract of the correspondence has been given in the Associated Press reports. It will be seen the treasury department holds that the importers are now shipping their goods in such form as to bring the duty on the tobacco to a minimum...

THE LOCAL TOBACCO MARKET.

Growers and Packers Take a Rest Until the Holiday Festivities are Over—Pennsylvania Sales in New York Market 1,150 Cases.

The Lancaster tobacco market is dull and will remain so until the holidays. Kris Klingler reports that now and the only country people are those who are buying and selling holiday goods. Even our country cousins, the tobacco growers, have not done much during the week, partly because the weather has not been very favorable for stripping and packing...

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FOR THE STAR-GAZERS.

THE WORLD'S GREATEST TELESCOPE IN CALIFORNIA.

What the Eye Lick Glass May Be Expected to Reveal in the Heavens—Facts That Will Be of Interest in Connection With the Telescope.

From the New York Sun. The approaching completion of the colossal telescope of the Lick observatory in California lends interest to the question: How powerful will this telescope be? The Lick telescope is to be by far the largest refractor in the world. Those who have seen the huge telescope of the naval observatory in Washington will be interested to know that the California glass will survey the sky with an eye ten inches broader than that of the great star-gazer at the capital...

So much for the power of the Lick wonder to gather starlight. The magnifying power is another thing, though it depends directly upon the amount of light that the telescope can grasp. A telescope with a lens two feet two and a half or, at the most, three diameters, let any one recall how effective it was so long ago, when it stood in the sky when applied to persons and objects upon a distant shore, and then he will at once perceive the significance of the statement that the Lick telescope will stand magnifying a magnifying power of two or three hundred diameters...

GOOD CHRISTIAN MEN.

The Pennsylvania Company Will Pay Their Freight Crews for Over Time.

The Harrisburg " Patriot " says that on Saturday, when the freight crews on the Pennsylvania railroad, that city, reported for duty, they saw the following notice posted in the train dispatcher's office: Conductors will note carefully on card and time report form (Form 10) the time they pass through the yard, and the time they pass Steelton and Harrisburg shops, and for all time spent in making up the train, and for all time spent in making up the train, and for all time spent in making up the train...

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IN DANGER OF LYNCHING.

FARMER CHRISTIAN'S MURDERER CAPTURED AND PLACED IN JAIL.

He was Arrested in Indiana and Brought to Eaton, Ohio, Where Half a Thousand People Make an Attempt to Lynch Him and They Fail.

RICHMOND, Ind., Dec. 21.—Officers passed through this city this morning with William Mussel, the murderer of David Christian, at Eaton, Ohio. He was captured on a farm near Ironsboro, Ind., yesterday afternoon, where he had been working since his capture. The farmer saw a picture of the murderer, recognized it as his hired man, gave the fellow away to the authorities and he was arrested. He denied the murder and was willing to go back with a reputation, Eaton, Ohio, was the scene of the trial.

A MURDERER'S REPROACH.

He Keeps From Strangling by Hiding His Loveliness, Tex., Dec. 21.—Andy Fields, a negro, who has been arrested for setting fire to the cotton gin of W. T. Killingsworth last Tuesday, was taken from jail last night by a number of prominent citizens and taken to a number of prominent citizens and taken to a number of prominent citizens...

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