

Freedom's Affairs in Florida. Major Gen. Howard is in receipt of a report on the condition of the freedmen and the operations of the Freedmen's Bureau in the State of Florida, for the quarter ending September 30th, 1866, submitted to Brig. Major General J. G. Foster, assistant commissioner.

From Our Third Edition of Yesterday. THE REPORTED RESIGNATION OF SECRETARY STANTON.

Statements of Washington Papers.

General Sherman Probably to be Secretary of War.

The Reported Retirement of Secretary Stanton.

WASHINGTON, October 18th.—The National Republican of this morning says that it has the highest authority for denying the report that Mr. Stanton has tendered his resignation as Secretary of War, while the National Intelligencer remarks that the statement that he had written a letter to the President, requesting to be relieved of his position was at least premature.

Without controverting the authority on which the above publication is made by the Intelligencer and without attempting to state particulars, the substance of the general newspaper despatch of yesterday may be repeated, namely—there seems to be no doubt that Mr. Stanton will soon retire from his present position, and in that event there is a strong probability that Lieutenant-General Sherman may be invited to take charge, temporarily at least, of the War Department.

Commercial Intercourse with Japan.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—The President has proclaimed the convention between the United States and the Empire of Japan, for the purpose of encouraging and facilitating the commerce of the citizens of this country in Japan. Sheet lead, matting, ratan, oil for printing, indigo, gypsum, firing pans and baskets, all of these articles being used in the preparation and packing of teas, shall be free of duty, and the following articles are to be admitted at the reduced rates of five per cent, viz: machines and machinery, drugs and medicines.

THE FRENCH PRISONERS. BUFFALO, Oct. 18th.—Special despatches from Toronto says that the French prisoners will probably be brought up for trial next Monday. Most of the prisoners are apparently without friends, money or counsel.

USE STARIN'S CONDITION POWDERS FOR HORSES AND CATTLE. It cures Worms, Colds and Colic. It is the best alternative for horses and cattle in use, being more effective than any other powder. It is a sure preventive for the most dreaded kind of colic.

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MARKETS. NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—Cotton dull at 46 1/2. Flour advanced 1/2. Sugar dull. Coffee dull. Rice dull. Oil dull. Lead dull. Tin dull. Copper dull. Iron dull. Steel dull. Wool dull. Hides dull. Tallow dull. Butter dull. Eggs dull. Chickens dull. Poultry dull. Fish dull. Vegetables dull. Fruits dull. Miscellaneous dull.

SALES AT PHILADELPHIA STOCK BOARD. 1000 City of New York 115 1/2. 1000 U. S. 6's 110 1/2. 1000 U. S. 7's 115 1/2. 1000 U. S. 8's 110 1/2. 1000 U. S. 9's 110 1/2. 1000 U. S. 10's 110 1/2. 1000 U. S. 11's 110 1/2. 1000 U. S. 12's 110 1/2. 1000 U. S. 13's 110 1/2. 1000 U. S. 14's 110 1/2. 1000 U. S. 15's 110 1/2.

REMEMBRANCES AND IMPORTATIONS. BOSTON.—Sugars and molasses, 1500 lbs. 1500 lbs. Coffee, 1000 lbs. Tea, 1000 lbs. Spices, 1000 lbs. Dried fruits, 1000 lbs. Pickled goods, 1000 lbs. Fancy goods, 1000 lbs. Miscellaneous, 1000 lbs. Total, 15000 lbs.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF OCEAN STEAMERS. Steamer "Albatross" from London, Oct. 15. Steamer "Polaris" from New York, Oct. 16. Steamer "Arctica" from London, Oct. 17. Steamer "Boreas" from New York, Oct. 18.

THE PICTURE OF ST. JOHN. BY Bayard Taylor. TAKEN UPON TRUST, A Novel. THE GOLDEN RULE. A Comedy in Three Acts. THE GARDEN OF EDEN. A Comedy in Three Acts.

NEW PUBLICATIONS. NEW BOOKS AND NEW EDITIONS. MATTHEW'S RULES OF ORDER OF LEGISLATIVE MANUAL. GOVERNMENT'S PRACTICAL MINERALOGY. ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO. EARTH AND ROCKS. A MANUAL OF ANALYTICAL AND PRACTICAL GEOLOGY.

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From Cuba. HAVANA, Oct. 15.—On Wednesday last, the Queen's birthday, the Spanish Government held a court, and the next day a grand review of 10,000 men took place.

From Havana. A terrible hurricane commenced in the Bahama on the 13th inst., and lasted for six days. Almost half the town of Nassau was destroyed by the storm. Houses were blown down, roofs carried away and trees uprooted.

From St. Nazaire. General Casleiman has arrived from St. Nazaire, on the way to Vera Cruz. He has been appointed to the place of Marshal Bazaine.

From Philadelphia. The Estafete reports the capture of Apan by 1500 Liberals.

Maryland Politics. BALTIMORE, Oct. 15.—The Legislative District Conventions of the Unconditional Union party were held to-night. Eighteen Representatives to the House of Delegates and three Senators were chosen.

The Billiard Championship of Massachusetts. BOSTON, Oct. 18.—A game of billiards for 1500 points up was played last night between E. Daniels and William A. Robin. The latter won—taking the purse, gold cue, and winning the championship of Massachusetts.

The Canadian Federation. TORONTO, Oct. 18.—It is not decided yet whether the Governor General will accompany the Confederation delegates on their mission to England.

Marine Disasters. NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—The steamer James S. Greene, from Georgetown, D. C., arrived this morning. She reports having seen a large brig ashore twelve miles south of Fernick's Island. The sea was breaking over her.

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