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The Condition of the South.

General Toehman, of North Carolina, a native of Portland, but long a resident of the South, delivered an interesting address before the New York Fruit-growers Club some days since.

After the war, in the year 1866, the population of the South had decreased to 9,560,709; and yet, while one half of their newly-made "fellow-citizens of African descent," refused to work, expecting each the gift of land and mules from the Federal Government,

On the 13th inst., in the United States Court at Richmond, Virginia, in the proceedings against the former United States Marshal of that district who, in 1861, transferred an amount of government funds to the Confederate authorities, the defendant plead the United States Statute of Limitation, the plea was admitted by Chief Justice Chase, and the United States non-suited.

A THOUGHTFUL WIFE.—Eric occasionally does things brown, but from the following we should judge she does them blue in other colors: A plump, red faced loud-talking woman, evidently from the rural districts, stepped into a dry goods store not long ago and asked to see some mousseline stuff.

Now that the Sprague Party have been so badly beaten in the Providence election, there is to be an attempt to induce the Legislature to pass a resolution inviting him to resign his seat in the Senate.

A Professorship of American History is to be established at the University of Heidelberg, Germany, and a distinguished American scholar offered the chair. It would be well if England and France would immediately found similar professorships.

SINCE the tax on whisky was reduced to fifty cents per gallon the average receipts from that source have averaged fully one hundred per cent. more than they were under the two dollar tax.

THE VIRGINIA ELECTION.—The Virginia election has at last been fixed for the 6th of July. The day has been put off so late that the harvest may be gathered before political excitement becomes too high to interfere with the necessary work.

REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION.—The decrease of the National Debt during the first month of Grant's Administration was \$2,915,320. During the second month it was \$6,399,070.

Our new Minister in Paris, Mr. Washburn, presented his credentials to the Emperor on Saturday. Both Minister and Emperor dwelt as usual on the traditional friendship of the two countries, which, according to the Emperor, has now uninterruptedly existed for a hundred years.

A Charleston paper states that a citizen of New York has bought the Snow's Island plantation, on Great Pedee, for \$12,000 cash. This is a historic spot, and famous as the almost inaccessible camping place of Marion during the war of the Revolution.

Gov. Curtin is the fifth Minister to Russia from Pennsylvania. His predecessors were William Wilkins, James Buchanan, George M. Dallas and Simon Cameron.

The Revolution in Cuba.

Havana, May 12, via Key West, May 13.—Private letters have been received from rebel sources, giving accounts of another battle between the Spanish troops and insurgents. It took place on May 3, at Las Miras. The Spaniards numbered 1,200, and were under command of Lesca.

The two first assaults were repulsed by the Cubans. The third was very determined, and the Cubans began to retreat, when Quesada ordered his rear guard to the front. They advanced, driving the Cubans into the front ranks of the enemy. A hand to hand combat ensued, in which the butchery was horrible.

It is generally believed the revolutionary leaders have changed their policy in the field, and in the future will fight, instead of retreating, to the mountains on the appearance of government troops.

THE FRUIT CROP.—The official annual estimate of the freight agents along the line of the Delaware Railroad, of the probable demand on the company for facilities for the transportation of fruit during the coming season, has just been published.

THE FIRST RECORDED BURIAL.—The first mention, in the Hebrew Scriptures of a burial, is that of Sarah, the wife of Abraham. Of each of the patriarchs, with one exception, whose names are recorded in the 5th of Genesis, it is briefly said, "and he died."

Garibaldi is very sick.

SHAKING HANDS.—Reader, do you understand the philosophy of shaking hands? Probably not. Few do. You may discover the difference between the good, cordial, heart-warm greeting of a friend you can trust, and the grasping of a hand which feels like a dead fish.

GRANT AND HIS RELATIVES.—Mr. Jesse R. Grant has been for some time Postmaster at Covington, Ky., and it seems that President Grant has not seen fit to remove him, although he is his own father.

BELLS IN CHINA.—According to Chinese writers, the great bell of Canton was cast five centuries ago. At first no person was bold enough to strike it. Afterward, however, one of the officials ordered it to be struck, whereupon upward of one thousand infants, male and female, died throughout the city.

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What was the "order for the burial of the dead" at the funeral of the first man? and where did they lay his body? The first burial place described in the sacred records is the cave which was selected as the burial place of Sarah. Of this sepulchre we have, in the book of Genesis, a history of affecting simplicity and beauty.

This is the first recorded instance of a legal conveyance of real estate, and it is remarkable that it is the conveyance of a burial place. All men cannot be landholders, but every man may reasonably expect to have, some day, as much land as may serve for a grave.

AN ANNIVERSARY PROPOSED.—On the morning of Monday, the 7th of June 1789 a little before 11 o'clock, Daniel Boone, attended by a party of friends in hunting shirts, came suddenly out of a cane brake upon one of the cliffs overlooking the Kentucky river, and saw, for the first time the beautiful Kentucky valley, sweeping out like a promised land before him.

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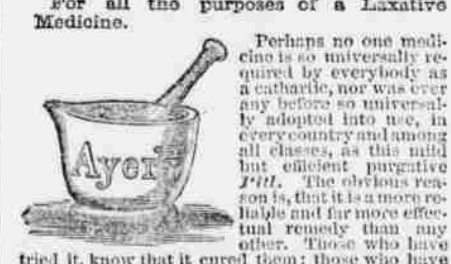
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