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The English Money Market.

The *Times*, of the 4th, says:

The previous day, the Bank of England had advanced their rate of discount from six per cent., at which it was fixed on the last day of the year, to seven per cent., says: "This is higher than any point attained since the panic of 1857," and thus states the reason for the advance:

"The step came unexpectedly, and a few minutes previously to its notification, money was obtainable in the discount-market at a fraction below the Bank terms then current. The reasons assigned for it, however, are sufficiently important. Not only did the Asia take out a further sum of £300 000 for New York on Saturday, but the Teutonia, from Southampton, this morning, has carried £70,000, and it may therefore be inferred that the City of Washington, Argo, Vigo, North Britain, Marathon, and Niagara, to sail during the week, will all, or most of them, have additional totals, especially as the accounts to-day are likely to excite the confidence of remitters. At the same time, the advices from Paris are discouraging with regard to the position and prospects of the Bank of France, which, in its approaching monthly statement, is expected to show a further very considerable reduction of bullion, the effect of the American panic having relatively been quite as much felt in France as in England. In addition to these considerations, there is also the fact that the last weekly return of our bank showed a falling off of £1,024,260 in the reserve of notes, and that the accounts from India, although they confirm the statement that no native loan is contemplated, indicate that, if public improvements are to be continued in that country on any extensive scale, it must be by funds drawn exclusively from this side. These things seemed to warrant some additional action on the money market, and hence, although the public were unprepared for the movement, it has created no dissatisfaction, especially as there is not the slightest symptom of internal pressure or discredit, and all commercial men are disposed to believe that the progress of business later in the year will fully compensate for the abnormal circumstances now in operation."

A Man Killed by a Lion at Astley's Theatre.

Yesterday morning an alarming circumstance occurred at Astley's Royal Amphitheatre, owing to the escape of the whole of the lions, the property of Mr. Crockett, from their den, which occupied a place very near the stage. At about a quarter before eight the men who usually attend to cart away the manure were startled by the loud roaring of the lions; but as they had on former occasions heard numerous similar sounds, they proceeded with their work as usual. The noise, however, did not subside, but, on the contrary, increased, and in a few minutes the men were horror-struck at beholding one of the lions struggling with a man named Jarvey, a yard helper in the establishment. Mr. Crockett's animal keeper was immediately sent for, and arrived in a very few minutes, but he not having the power over the infuriated beast that Mr. Crockett had, immediately sent for that gentleman. On the arrival of Mr. Crockett he rushed on to the stage, where the lion was roaring about with the unfortunate man Jarvey in his mouth, to all appearance quite dead.

Mr. Crockett instantly seized a stable fork, and dealt the lion a heavy blow on the side of the head, which caused it to let the man go; but instead of running away, he turned round and seemed inclined to leaping upon his master. Another powerful blow, however, made the enraged animal turn and run away. Medical aid was immediately brought for poor Jarvey, but on the arrival of the surgeon life was found to be extinct. After the body of Jarvey had been removed Mr. Crockett went in search of the three lions who were now roaming about the theater. One was seen running about at a remote corner of the stage, another was in the scenes, and the other could not be seen. The lioness was the first that was attempted to be secured, but this was a work of extreme danger and difficulty, as the assistants were all afraid of even approaching the lion. On seeing Mr. Crockett the lioness made a dash through the pit saloon, whence she rushed up the box staircase and entered one of the private boxes, and took up a most threatening attitude. Nothing daunted Mr. Crockett entered the box, placed a leathern collar round her neck, and having secured her head, she was hauled out of the place by ropes and finally placed in security. From the private box Mr. Crockett saw another of the animals playing on the stage with a quantity of ribbons and stage properties, and with comparatively little difficulty it was placed safely in the cage, and after a few minutes search the third was recaptured. At half-past seven yesterday morning the watchman of the theatre, who is on duty all night, left, at which hour, he says, all was perfectly quiet and safe. In consequence of the large lion being awfully ill had been parted from its companions, and it is supposed that in endeavoring to join it one of the three lions in the other compartment of the stage must have broken down the partition and thus displaced the iron bars. The greatest excitement and consternation prevailed for some time in the theatre, and it required Mr. Crockett's utmost persuasion to convince the attendants that no further danger need be apprehended.—*London Times, Jan. 8*

COMMERCE OF NEW YORK.—The New York *Tribune* says:

The Northern Pro-Slavery journals, and especially those of this city, have teemed both before and since the election with predictions that the disturbances at the South, consequent on the election of Mr. Lincoln, would be fatal to New York, and that our commerce and prosperity would be prostrated, if not annihilated, by the secession of the Cotton States. It may be some relief to those who have been haunted by these dismal vaticinations to know what is now thought of the matter by that chief among the prophets, the New York *Herald*:

"Money is pouring into New York from abroad. Ten millions of dollars have arrived within a very short time, and capital is daily accumulating here in an unprecedented manner. It cannot long remain inactive when there are products in the interior for sale. Those who want to sell will find purchasers in New York, and trade will become unusually brisk. Thus, though there may be a temporary check to our commercial intercourse with the citizens of the Slaveholding States and the North, there will be a flourishing commercial intercourse, and its great center will be the City of New York. The revolutionary condition of the South is driving the trade to this market, while it is improvising for the Southern ports in the same proportion. From this cause, and from the extraordinary abundance of the crops in the West, and the extraordinary demand for them in England, a great commercial revival is taking place here, and an amount of business will soon be done which will astonish those who imagined that, by their insane proceedings, they were inflicting a deadly blow upon the commerce of New York, which will ever be the free city of America—free not merely in a political, but in commercial sense—the entrepôt of the trade of the Old World and the New."

A PARALLEL.—Antwerp had 200,000 inhabitants, and was the most commercial and prosperous city in the world—2,500 merchant vessels arriving there in a year, bringing merchandise to the value of 133 millions. When the Northern provinces revolted they took possession of the mouth of the Schaldt, built forts on the sides and sunk obstructions in the channel, to prevent free navigation, in consequence of which Antwerp was ruined, and grass grew before the warehouses of those who had been the greatest merchants in the world and her population was reduced to 60,000. The obstructions were removed, and, after centuries, her commerce began to revive. Napoleon spent fifty millions of francs in improving her harbor, and she has now, perhaps, 90,000 people.

Charleston has revolted, and with sunken vessels has obstructed her channel. When the shifting sands of her delta shall have covered those sunken vessels, and she shall have lost two-thirds of her population and all her commerce, who will provide the millions necessary to restore her trade? Will she be able to raise it by selling her stolen forts and arsenals to the Southern Confederacy, subject to her secessory right to steal them again?—*N. Y. Times.*

PALMETTO TAXATION.—A friend of ours, whose statements are worthy of implicit confidence, informed us on Monday, that one of the most respectable importers in this city called at his office, in Wall street, last week, and showed him a letter which he had received from one of the soundest and largest merchants in Charleston. The merchant wrote the importer that he had offered a note for $250 to be returned under protest, for the reason that he could not pay it, and the reason why he could not pay it was, that a man with epaulettes on his shoulders, attended by a posse of retainers, had just been to his store, and after examining his stock, demanded a check for $2,500 for the Palmetto government—and the merchant, though earnestly demurring, was compelled to give it, to save his goods from confiscation! The same epauletted marauder immediately went to a neighboring merchant and obtained a check for $3,000, by the force of the same threat. Similar illustrations of a reign of terror in South Carolina have been reported, but the two instances here given may be received as facts, which actually occurred within a few days in Charleston.—*N. Y. Examiner* (Baptist paper.)

A LIKELY REFORM IN THE LAW.—Among the contemplated law reforms of 1861, is an Act enabling persons to establish their own sanity during their lifetime, in order that, after death, they may not have their wills disputed on the grounds that when they made them they were out of their minds.

Talking and Writing.

A man never knows what he has read until he has either talked about it or written about it. Talking and writing are digestive processes which are absolutely essential to the mental constitution of the man who devours many books. But it is not every man that can talk. Talking implies, first of all, a readiness on the part of the speaker, and next, a sympathetic listener. It is, therefore, as a digestive process, the most difficult, if it is the most rapid, in its operation. Writing is a different affair; a man may take his time to it, and not require a reader; he can be his own reader. It is an easier, although more formal, process of digestion than talking. It is in everybody's power, and everybody who reads much, makes more or less use of it, because, as Bacon says, if he does not write, then he ought to have extraordinary faculties to compensate for such neglect. It is in this view that we are to understand the complaint of a well known author, that he was ignorant on a certain subject, and the means by which he was to dispel his ignorance—namely, by writing on it. It is in this view that the monitorial system of instruction has its great value—to that end it is the best sort of teaching. It is from the same point of view that Sir William Hamilton used to lament the decay of teaching as a part of the education of students at the universities. In the olden time it was necessary to the obtaining of a degree that the graduate should give evidence of his capacity as a teacher; and in the very titles of his degree as master and doctor he was a teacher. A man never knows anything, Sir William used to say, until he has taught in some way or other—it may be orally, it may be by writing a book. It is a grand truth, and points a fine moral. Knowledge is knowledge, say the philosophers; it is precious for its own sake; it is an end in itself. But nature says the opposite. Knowledge is not knowledge until we use it; it is not ours until we have brought it under the command of the great social faculty, speech; we exist for society, and knowledge is null until we give it expression, and in so doing make it over to the social instinct.—*Blackwood*

CULTIVATION OF COTTON BY FREE LABOR.—A meeting of capitalists has been called, in New York, at the Cooper Institute, to organize an association for the cultivation of cotton by free labor:

Mr. H. S. Sanford, of Connecticut, who has traveled extensively in Central and South America for four or five years, with a view to this subject, has lately given the result of his observations to the public through the Albany *Evening Journal*. He states that there is a larger cotton territory of the best quality southward, than the whole area of the cotton States of our Union. The plant grows spontaneously and the wild cotton is in free use among the native Indians. From Peru, Mr. Sanford saw a single lot of 15,00 bales coming over the Isthmus by railroad destined for England; and though badly ginned, so fine was the staple, it brought in Liverpool 18 cents per lb. From Venezuela, he was informed that 50 to 75 million pounds are exported annually, mostly to Germany, at 13 to 15 cents per pound. Thirty years since, the export from Granada was reported at 100,000 bales annually. It still grows luxuriantly, but is no longer cultivated to any considerable extent. Mexico abounds in rich cotton lands, on both the Atlantic and western coasts. A considerable amount of machinery is being shipped now from New York for Acapulco, destined for cotton cleaning in that neighborhood.

WHAT IS SAID OF NANA SAHIB.—The Calcutta correspondent of the Times, writing on the 23d of November, says:

The most important announcement that I can make, in this letter is this, that Nana is still living. He is encamped with three or four thousand followers in Thibet, just beyond the Nepaul frontier, in a country where Jung Bahadoor can claim no supremacy. He has plenty of money and is able to embrace his followers without committing depredations on the villagers. He is thus not only tolerated but cherished, and the inhabitants have alled him in his retreat, whence she rushed up the box staircase and entered one of the private boxes, and took up a most threatening attitude. Nothing daunted