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Lime as a Fertilizer.
F. H.," of Lancaster county, argues strongly in favor of lime as a permanent
fertilizer. His experience was also from fertilizer. His experience was also from
mixing the lime with mud from ditches in mixing the lime with mud from ditches in
the fall, and applying it in the spring, when the mass was as mellow as an ash heap.-
The whole of the heap was then drawn upon an acre and a half of timothy sod which had been previously plowed to a
depth of eight inches, and carefully spread and harrowed in. It was then put in cor "and although we did not measure
crop, I am satisfied that the yield of
acre and a half composted,
the rate of a hundred bushels to
The next year it was put in corn, and th yield was equal to that of the preceeding We then put in wheat. The average of of the whole field, of which the acre and a half was a part, was forty bushels, and
from the decided superiority of the part composted, I cannot but think the yield from it amounted to six or eight bushels more. We put it in wheat again the following year, the crop being fully equal
to the last. We then sowed it in grass, (clover and Timothy mixed,) and finer grass
I never saw. The difference between the composted and non-composted part Death of a British Nobleman. The Coroner of New Orleans last week held an inquest over the body of Lord J.
Loughborough, found dead on board the schooner Mary Elizabeth, lying at the First Municipality wharves. The deceas-
ed was a British Nobleman, and was only ed was a British Nobleman, and was only
twenty-three years of age. He had taken passage at Havana for New Orleans, in the Mary Elizabeth, and died while t the Mary Elizabeth, and an wised whing up the river.

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## Dr. Kane's Third Lecture

arctio explorations.
and many wery packed at an early hour Wo think that the sanguine views of the speaker were fully borne out by his facts, and
were loudly responded to by the audience. It was iupossible not to feel the sincerity of his own convictions and the
grounds upon which he based them After repeating, by request, his forme arguments in favor of the esistence of Sir John Franklin and his party, Dr. Kane went on to describe the perils to which the American expedition was exposed during One of these struck us as cspecially fear
ful. Bafin's Bay fast in a great field of solid ice, when suddenly this was rent into
chasms, which rapidly were charnoteried by Dr. Kane as "dar rivers" nearly half as wide as the Potomac
On the 13th of January, of last year, these began to close with frightful clamor and disruption. The brig was bodily lifted up seven feet, and an advancing mound of io
threatened to overwhelm her, when, b some mira
arrested.
The subsequent portions of the Lectur were full of novelty; they related to som derful region. The first of these wa
the polar circle.
the polar circle.
This, with its gradual and insidious ap proach, was graphically depicted. At the
appalling temperatures-40 and--90, 70 to 80 below the freezing point, cold became as sensible in its effects as heat very high and the negative of the very by sensation. Upon going out into th
open air the face became encrusted witt an icy rind, and the lips were glued to gether by the cementing aid of the bear blistered the finger, and a jack-knife in the pantaloons pocket caused you to jump a darkness, when they attempted to beguile tunate Thespian dropped the pantomimi flat-iron Thespian dropped the pantomimi Indeed, next day a row of blisters had given evidence of the truth that, in tempera
the polas night.
With the cold came darkness. The ong night stole gradually upon our voya gers, and at last the clear heavens shone
out perpetually with unchanging stars. out perpetually with unchanging stars.-
The pole star was so nearly overhead as appear in the absolute zenith, an around it the "great vault of heaven re ortion of the Lecture was listened to with reathless attention. At last, however, the night passed away, and, almost by an imDr. Kane said this short perion of alt Dr. Kane said this short period of alter
nation, giving them as it did the familia day and nizht of home, was full of painfu associations.
At this tin

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The moon was obd
ro concentrate circles, each intersected
by luminous bands passing through he disc. Dr. Kane has scen at one time six
imitative moons, aping, through feebly he great satellite.
This was not the Aurors.
or illumination, or movement, which is
sen in more southern latitudes. Dr. Kane mentioned that he had observed the arora ares direotly overhead, nearly ooin-
ident with the magnetio meridian. Thes re then north of the magnetic pole of ead by the compass as north. In other
vords, their magnetio variation was 180 . parhelia.
mock suns, These, like the paraseline, or mook moons, were full of variety.it was a sort of profanation to attempt describe a sky traversed with rainbow and glittering with imitative suns. refractio
Last of these most interesting display ell known to us under the name of "mirage." The marvels of this wonderful il exeripence of all artic voyagers, surpass the nception of the reality. Saracenic ies glittered in the "purples of low sun light;"ocean steamers fumed in the vibra ting distance. All these were describe ith poetic yet truthful foree of detail. But, leaving all this, Dr. Kane at last bay. Once more the vesesl dashed the free water from her bow. Here a sincer but expressive eulogium of his commander
and messmates came naturally from Dr. Kane. Lieut. De Haven had determine to renew the search to the northward,
his offices, to a man, sustained him.
the becond season.
Once more, then, the battered littl vessels turned their bows to the north,
but their path was not a free one. Iceergs hemmed them in, and soon they wer for the exercise of unceasing watehfulness, they were upon the very verge of being made prisoners for a second winter. Bu Providence had otherwise willed it, an
incalculable exertions they escaped. In the exacluding sentences of his ture, Dr. Kane reviewed their operations,
stating that they had fallen upon the trac of Franklin, and had been imprisoned winter at the north almost directly upon
his track; but circumstances beyond their ontrol ealled them from the seat search. He alluded modestly, but i terms of unrestricted commendation to the
course of Henry Grennell, in connexion with the expedition which bears his name It is not enough, said Dr. Kane, to have
impressed that name upon the furthest land range that any polar navigators have yet returned to verify its more substantial record is that universal recognition of pu-
rity of intention and honesty of purpos hich is impressed upon the of purpose our entire community
Dr. Kane then made an eloquent appeal in favor of a renewal of the search for appreciated should have been listened to and thus closed one of the most interes ing courses
Institution.

## AINGLE SENTENCE.

Rer. James A. Haldane, a venerable
Baptist Pastor, recently died in Edinburgh In his early life he commanded the man-o war "Melville Castle." When engaged i an action, he ordered up a fresh set of hands to take the place of those who ha
been killed by the broadside of the enemy The men seeing the mangled bodies of their comrades, instinctively drew back, at whic he poured forth a volley of oaths, and man shortly after said to A religious sea man shortly after said to him, respectfully
and seriously, "If God had heurd you prayer just now, where should we have been ?" His words were winged by Him the eaptain became a changed man. He the captain became a changed man. He
lived to preach the gospel fifty-four years. His brother Robert, now known as an able, learned, and pious commentator, was early went to Geneva, and while there a number of young men were converted under his la bors, among whom were Frederick Monod now one of the pillars of the Evangelical
Church in France; Felix Neff, the deented Church in France; Felix Neff, the devoted
young Pastor of the high Alps, and Merle young Pastor of the high Alps, and Merle tion. Who ean gather up the results of that single conversion on board the Melville
Castle, brought about through a single sentence addressed by a sailor to his pron fane commander?

## $\pi \sim$ Egggs sold in Philadelphia market on Saturday morning last, at fifty onte

The Coursc of Foreigm Trade. Imports and Specie.-The importis of the 17th amounted in value to $\$ 6,908$, 877 -hearly seven millions of doltars: Of this -hearly seven millions of dohars: Of this
aggregato the inportations of dry goods dise, to $\$ 2,559,878$. The exports of spe8,730
The coarse of trade indicated by these items, remarka the Baltimore American,
has been for some time past steady and undeviating. It is likely to continue until he limits of credit on this side of the waar are pretty well stretched, when a ro. nd disaster to the accumulation of our no on ilitien the capabilits of ptost resources to make good.

## Every generation, it would seem, must

 learn wisdom for iteelf. A full Treasury, accruing from the large mass of importations, renders the Government, so far as the Legislative part of it is concerned, quite ensy on the score of national finances -although the President, in his Annual Message, and the Secretary of the Treasuy, in his report, took occasion to warn thowo Houses of the palpable tendencies of the present importation-wania, and called heir attention to the necessity of such modifications of our Tariff system as night he dangerous effects of the reantion from lements of which are apparently coming

## a head.

But the Treasury is trell supplied; and hose who hold the doetrine that the Tare iff system should have no other end or purcose but to supply revenue to the Treasua persuade themselves that as the exisng system does that accomplishes all or which it was designed and needs no
modification. These gentloman seem to nodification. These gentloman seem to
forget that the national Treasury was nerorget that the national Treasury was neror so redundant as at the period just pro-
ceding the terrible revulsion of 1837 , hich caused the suspension of every Bank in the Union and overvhelmed thousands of individuals and families in ruin. -
So large were the accumulation of treasure in the national coffers that after meeting ill the requisitions of the Government and paying off the last instalments of the publio ebt, a great surplus remained which was
 Tha of superfluity in the wrong place, the he collapse whofuse importation, caused distressing, it was like a forced eleration in a ballon which in proportion as it bow came higher gave to the downward fall a heavier shock.
The substitution of specific duties whers they can be applied in the place of the adalorem principle, is one of the recommen-
dations of the President, which, if carried out by Cungress must have a very happy ffect in transfusing a more wholesome spirIf Congress is unwilling to increase the average rate of duties thero is no goed reason that we can see why it should not make those duties definite and certainwhich cannot be the case so long as they made up in foreign countries under and wade up in foreign countries under cirble to evasion and fraud. There is, on tho ther hand every reason why the legislaion of Congress on this subject should be efivite and certain, so that the law in its Sorcement may be what it purports to be. eratum and we know nothing else that will.
Lavahable Mistake.- Some of the English newspapers having heard of but one distinguished "Douglass" in the Uni-
tad States, have confounded him with the tad States, have confounded him with the
littie Senator from Illinoss, and have lately gravely announced that the Hon. Frederv ick Douglass, a colored gentleman, is A man named Forence, in Westmoreland county, was killed on New Year's
day, while standing in his own door, by a day, while standing in his own door, by a
riffe ball which had been shot at a squirrel, some four hundred yards distant from the house.

