

George D. Prentice recently invested \$5000 in a purchase of Southern cotton. The bales were seized at Nashville and used for fortifications, Government receipts being given for them. Prentice, in a letter to Major General Rosecrans, respecting the matter, says: "It seems to me that when cotton is so very valuable—a bale being worth, say, one hundred and forty dollars—that cheaper material ought long since to have been substituted in the fortifications. The cotton I am told, is scandalously wasted by the soldiers."

It is the intention of the Union citizens of Nashville to erect a monument to Sergeant Silas Herring, of the Anderson Troop, who was killed at the battle of Murfreesboro'. It will be remembered that, when the Anderson Troop (cavalry) refused to fight on account of private grievances, he announced his intention of going alone to represent the regiment, which so roused his company that they all resolved to accompany him.

Gen. Doubleday recommends that the most available of the numerous peninsulas along the Potomac and Chesapeake Bay be fortified across their narrow necks, and used as places of refuge for the negroes. They would thus be able to defend themselves, and the fish and oysters in the bay would give them employment and sustenance. As an example of a suitable locality, he indicates Mathias' Point.—A line of fortifications across the neck would afford protection to thousands!

Gen. Martindale, Military Governor of the District of Columbia, has issued an order creating a military commission, which will hold its sessions at the Old Capitol prison, and will be charged with the duty of trying persons.

The London papers mention the fact that the poet laureate (Tennyson) has completed two new poems, "Boadicia" and "Enoch the Fisherman," and that the latter is a dramatic poem, worked out in powerful and even harrowing detail.

Kingsley, the author of "Alton Locke," &c., is lecturing in England, on "The American Revolution," which, say the London journals, are exciting much interest by the novelty and vigor of their tone.

The exportation of fresh meats from the Western States to Europe, by the way of Portland, N. H., says the Portland Press, has grown to be an extensive business. The meats are cut up, partially dried and packed in boxes from three to four feet square; dry salted sufficiently to preserve them on their passage.—They are brought by railroad from Ohio, Illinois, &c., and shipped principally by the Canadian line of steamers from Portland.

The cargo of the prize steamer Princess Royal, now at Philadelphia, has been all taken out except some machinery. As the cases have not yet been opened, it is not known what number of small arms she had on board. But two heavy pieces of ordnance were found, said to be seventy-pounders.

It is now stated among well-informed republicans that a "more conservative policy has been agreed upon" by the radicals!

The New York Tribune says:—"We hear that certain Union volunteers at or near Norfolk have been guilty of the base crime of kidnapping blacks there, running them across the lines and selling them as slaves."

Gold, in New York, yesterday, 163½.

The iron work on the new dome of the Capitol will be finished by the first of December next, the contractors having given a guarantee to that effect. The monolithic columns are in course of delivery, as fast as required, and upwards of a dozen of them will be delivered within the next two months. Arrangements have been made for the elevation of Crawford's Statue of Liberty on the new dome, on the 4th of July next.

Mr. Haswell, of the commission for the outfit of the Banks' expedition, has made a statement to Congress, in which he declares the imputation of unfaithfulness on his part is unjust.

In the House of Representatives, yesterday, in the midst of Mr. Wickliffe's speech on a bill, Mr. May asked permission to make a personal explanation, in answer to the statements of his colleague (Mr. Leary,) and the floor was promptly yielded by Mr. Wickliffe for that purpose; but objection was made, and the Speaker decided that Mr. May could only be heard by unanimous consent, which was refused.

The N. Y. Times says:—"The House Judiciary Committee has not yet authorized a bill for the punishment of Northern "traitors" or Copperheads to be reported. Such a bill has, however, been drawn up by Mr. Bingham, who will ask leave to print and refer it."

We have reports again from the interior of Kentucky that Morgan, at the head of a large force, is returning, with a determination of reaching the Ohio river. According to a special to the Chicago Times, a large proportion of the citizens of Frankfort honestly believe that he will be successful, as there are but few troops in the State. Gen. Granger, who arrived at Cincinnati on Monday from Louisville, credits the report that he is coming, but expresses confidence in the ability of the Federal troops to drive him back.

A pet extravagance of the moment in Paris is the beauty of the drawing-room lamps. The present "rage" is porcelain, either ancient or modern; Oriental porcelain, and the beautiful new Sevres production, called "Celadon ware," in which the pattern is a filmy white relief, upon a faint greenish gray ground—are those most in vogue, though neither Saxony, Dresden, Old English, Italian or French China are by any means disdained.

The masculine half of Parisian humanity is rejoicing in cravat pins surmounted by the exact image of a postage stamp—English, French, Dutch, and enameled on gold, and of exactly the size, color and shape of the original; the imitations of the English stamps having the little scalloped edge, resulting from the punching to which they are subjected.

A Democratic meeting was to have been held in Leavenworth, Kansas, but the plan was deranged by Cols. Jennison and Anthon, who made speeches declaring they were present "to shoot down the first traitor who dared give utterance to his cowardly thoughts."

Mr. Seward's rejection of the French mediation scheme was forwarded by the steamer Australasian, for Liverpool, last Wednesday week. The A. will probably arrive out on the 22d,—and the response, by the return steamer of the 25th, may be looked for by the 7th or 8th of March.

James Harlan, U. S. District Attorney for Kentucky, died of pneumonia, at Frankfort, yesterday.

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