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**OFFICIAL DISPATCH.**

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
 WASHINGTON, D. C., March 17.  
 Gen. Sheridan reports on the 15th instant, from the bridge of the Richmond and Fredericksburg railroad across the South Anna river, that having destroyed the James river canal as far as Goochland, he marched up to the Virginia Central railroad at Tolesville, and destroyed it down to Beaver Dam Station, totally destroying fifteen miles of the road.— Gen. Custer was then sent to Ashland and General Devin to the South Anna bridges, all of which have been destroyed. General Sheridan says that the amount of public property destroyed in his march is enormous. The enemy attempted to prevent his burning the Central railroad bridge over the South Anna, but the 5th United States cavalry charged up to the bridge, and about thirty men dashed across on foot and captured three pieces of artillery—20 pounder Parrotts.  
**C. A. DANA,**  
 Assistant Secretary of War.

**Further Decline.**

NEW YORK, March 17.—The fall in gold affected prices generally to-day. Cotton declined from three to five cts; flour from twenty five to thirty; wheat, five and one-eighth; corn and oats from one to two; pork, two dollars; petroleum from two to three cts. Petroleum stocks declined largely. To day was one of great excitement in trade. Dry goods likewise participated in the fall. Stewart was retailing cotton at eighteen cts. a yard. Gold, after falling to 159½, rose to 169, and subsequently declined to about 163½ at the close. Stocks were very dull in the latter part of the day. Even Government securities fell considerably, though a sharp rally followed, old five twenties closing at 108½ to 108½, after having touched 107½.

**"A National Religion."**

We will now ask our friends who are organizing to agitate for the interpolation of a religious declaration into the fundamental law of this country to consider once more, and thoughtfully, the late decree of Maximilian establishing and defining the relations between religion and his Mexican empire. We thought all this ground had been fought over, and the contest fought out, by our grandfathers, so that no controversy regarding it would thereafter arise. Twenty-five years ago we had as little apprehension of ever being called to oppose the establishment of a national religion as of an imperial monarchy. But ours is a restless age, and seems ready to take long strides backward, rather than to let well alone.—*New York Tribune.*

The mania for collecting relics at Charleston and sending them North seems to be on the increase. Wendell Phillips has the bell once attached to the slave market; and Gen. Butler the door plate of Mr. Richard Yeadon, who, it is said, once offered \$10,000 for his head.— The N. Y. Tribune has received an invoice of secession transparencies and banners from the office of the Mercury, and one gentleman boasts the trophy of a bunch of about fifty unpaid tradesmen's bills found in the desk of Mr. Barnwell Rhett.

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