

THE TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

The Christian Advocate.

GALVESTON, TEXAS. THURSDAY, MAY 3, 1860.

NOTICE TO BIBLE AUXILIARIES.—The Bibles recently ordered from New York have not yet come to hand, but are daily expected, having been shipped some time since from N. Y. Orders on it will be filled as soon as they arrive.

I. G. JOHN, J. W. SHIPMAN.

PERSONAL.

Rev. Wm. H. Sear and Dr. Carter, President elect of Soule University, were with us on last Sunday. Mr. Sear occupied the pulpit of Byland Chapel in the forenoon, and Dr. Carter, at night. Seldom in life has it been our lot to listen to two more instructive and profitable sermons—plain, earnest, gospel sermons. Mr. Sear was warmly and heartily greeted by his old friends and brethren.

Dr. Carter comes to take charge of Soule University, as President, at the opening of the next session. We most heartily welcome him to the "Lone Star State."

Surely the Methodists of Texas need no longer look abroad for the education of their sons and daughters. With Cross, at San Antonio; Carter and Halsey, at Chappell Hill; Allen, at Bastrop; Maddin, at Waco; Franklin, at Houston; Carmer, at Port Sullivan; McKenize, at Clarksville; Burks, at Henderson; and many others of whom we might make honorable mention—there can be no necessity for sending our children out of Texas for education. These of these men were distinguished educators in "the States," and have come to aid in the development of the resources of our growing empire, and in the education of our youth, and the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

Rev. T. B. Buckingham, pastor of the church at Brazoria, was also with us a few days on business. He speaks hopefully of the work at Brazoria.

LOTTERIES.

A few days since we were astounded by the receipt of a letter from "Emory & Co., General Agents for the Delaware State Lotteries, Box 513, Baltimore, Md.," addressed to us personally and by name. The letter is of a very confidential cast, speaks largely of the capital of the establishment, and labors hard to satisfy us that they are honest and sincere, and that this is a great chance for us to get rich for nothing but now, for they say they:

"Now, we frankly say to you, that our sole object is to increase our business in your neighborhood, by having you or some one else draw a large prize at our office; and to accomplish this we offer you the above described package, with the understanding that after we send you the money it draws you are to make it public, and to inform your friends that Emory & Co. send you the prize. If you will agree to do that, we will truly bind ourselves that if the package we send you does not draw you at least \$1,000 we will send you nothing. Please keep this letter strictly private and confidential until you receive your prize money. Send us \$10 to pay for your package. Send your order in return, daily on the receipt of this letter; and if from religious scruples you decline this offer, please hand it to some friend, and tell him to send \$10 for the package very truly,

EMORY & CO., Box 513."

Now, reader, is not that cool? If we have "religious scruples" about gambling, all they ask is, that we send \$10 to some friend, and tell him to send \$10 for the package without delay.

We would just as soon gamble, as to tell a friend to do so; and would just as soon stake our money on a horse race, or a game of poker, or any other game, as to send "Emory & Co." \$10 for their lottery.

But the cool, unblinking, swindling character of the aforesaid "Emory & Co." is still further developed by their requesting us to keep this a great secret—"strictly private and confidential"—when almost every other man you meet in the streets has received the same communication from them. If all such men as "Emory & Co." had their just dues, they would be hard at work; and that, too, in a place where they would not have the privilege of insulting every man, whose name and address they might chance to obtain, with their villainous and swindling propositions.

BIBLE WORK IN MEXICO.

A recent letter from Rev. R. P. Thompson, who is engaged in the work of Bible distribution on the Rio Grande and Mexico, informs us that the prospects for the entrance of the Gospel are brightening in his field of labor.

He preached in Camargo the 17th of March, and distributed, by sale and donation, 40 copies of the word of God; and could have disposed of more, if he had had them with him. He has also visited Matamoros, and received—as he did at Camargo—permission, not only to sell Bibles, but also to preach. These indications are truly favorable. No nation has ever needed the Gospel more than Mexico, and we trust the way will be cleared for its spread through its borders.

REV. FERNANDO L. TAYLOR.—This gentleman, an advertisement of whom was published in the Advocate in February last, by Rev. Oscar M. Addison, has recently turned up in Western New York, under the alias of "Col. W. M. King," claiming to be a local preacher in the M. E. Church South, from Texas. The Rev. A. J. Merriam, in requesting the insertion of Bro. Addison's notice in the Pittsburgh Advocate, says King (or Taylor) is provided with "huge trunks, containing a great variety of clothing, and the means of disguising himself, such as goggles, wigs, masks, &c., &c." He does not seem, however, to have been pleased well enough with the country and the people to settle, and when last recognized was in Warren, Ohio.

CHINA.—A Missionary of the M. E. Church North was recently mobbed in Nuh Chan, China, on the Sabbath, after preaching, by some Chinese workmen, for the purpose of extorting money from him for work done on one of the mission buildings. On the demand of the British and American consuls that the guilty parties should be arrested and punished, they were assailed that it should be attended to without delay. No objection is made to the mission work, and the missionaries are reporting an increasing spirit of devotion among their brethren, two more of whom have just determined to give their whole time to the preaching of the gospel.

Lieut. Ed. Burleson has made report to the Governor of the doings of himself and company from the 14th of March to the 10th of April. He says he "found no Indians and saw but little sign," and is "convinced that others than Indians are concerned." He only succeeded in capturing five horses and one runaway negro,

NASHVILLE CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Editor: The past week was one of interest to the frontier, stating that the Bibles were here at their annual meeting. All were present except Bishops Pierce and Kavanaugh; they were both absent on account of personal affliction. The Bishops have fixed their plan for another year; I have sent you a copy. You will see that in case Bishops P. and K. do not recover, many of the Conferences will be without a Bishop, as those who may be able to work will have full employment to meet the demands upon them. Bishops Andrew, Paine and Early are in pretty good health. The business of the Missionary Board and Sunday School Society was done up in fine order. The deliberations were calm, and the discussions thorough and satisfactory. Large measures were devised for the missionary work. I refer you to the report of the Corresponding Secretary, published in the Nashville Advocate of this week. But where are the funds? Cannot the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, raise three hundred thousand dollars per annum for the conversion of the world? We are rich and increasing in goods: but is our liberality large? The sparse settlements among the whites, the poor and neglected about our large cities, the foreign population in our midst, the negroes on the rice, sugar and cotton plantations, the Indians on our western border, and many foreign fields are all to be cultivated. O, what an opportunity for Christian zeal and gospel charity! The Methodists are a wealthy people, and the demands of Heaven upon our church are large, and pressing, and we to be us if we regard not the voice of the Saviour, who says, "Occupy till I come!"

It will be gratifying to your friends in Texas to know that arrangements have been made to have the Discipline translated into German.—Those interested should make no delay in this important enterprise. A number of visiting brethren have been here. Bro. Watson, of the Memphis Advocate, was in attendance as a member of the Book Committee. He reports favorably as to the prospects of his paper and the Memphis Depository. Bro. Pritchett, of Kansas, Bro. Proctor, of Washington City, and several Tennessee preachers looked in upon us, and contributed to the interest of the occasion. Dr. Keener, Assistant Treasurer, from New Orleans, was at his post in due time, and gave the Board most valuable aid by his wise counsel.

The public meetings, Missionary and Sunday School, were very pleasant, and a new impetus, we trust, was given to the good work of evangelizing the world, and of instructing the children. In the Sunday School department Dr. Taylor was efficient, and I hope will, in the future, as in the past, accomplish much good in this important department of our work. The Sunday School convention of the Tennessee Conference, and the gathering of the children at a large celebration were items of much interest.

This week the Corresponding Secretary and the Book Agent go to Macon, Georgia, to attend the anniversary of the Missionary Society.—Bishop Andrew is to preside. Large expectations are made as to the success of this meeting in the "Empire State."

The weather here has been very warm, with fine showers of rain; here vegetation is putting forth beautifully. Yesterday, however, a cold north wind checked up matters, and this morning we had a slight frost; a serious injury to the crops. We need a full crop in Tennessee. For two years past the products of the soil have been meagreowing to extreme dry weather and blight. Signs now are promising, but we cannot tell what a day, much less a season, shall bring forth.

A new book will issue from the press this week; "The Pulpit and Stage," by Rev. C. B. Parsons, D. D. It will be read by thousands. Who better qualified to write such a work than Dr. P.?

NASHVILLE, April 25, 1860.

THE CORPUS CHRISTI BIBLE SOCIETY.

MR. CAHNS.—The first Anniversary of the Corpus Christi Bible Society, auxiliary to the American Bible Society, was held in the Methodist Church, Sunday evening, April 8. Though the weather was unfavorable, many of the friends of the Bible were present, evincing great interest by their attention and confirming it by their contributions. Nearly one hundred dollars were raised by the collection and by responses to several propositions. The Secretary read an interesting report of the operations of our Society since its organization in March, '59, the more interesting features of which was,—"That they had no difficulty in disseminating the Bible among the Mexicans; they received it gladly, and often bore testimony to its inestimable value; they took it to their homes, presented it to their families and at times might be seen in a group beneath the dingy roofs of their miserable huts (the while the younger members of the household read to them the discourses of the sacred volume." Is not this truly encouraging? During the past year I have sold the Bible to some of them, and given it to others. None ever refused to receive it, and but one made an objection, and that because it did not contain the Apocrypha. A Missionary from a village on the Colorado River in Mexico, came to request a Bible from Bro. Adams (our preacher). He stated that there was but one copy of the Bible in the place from whence he came. It had been purchased year ago from an American for (I think) four dollars. This had been privately circulated among the owner's friends, and read, and well worn, yet still pretty good, though nearly escaping several times from the flames. I inquired of him if the people would be willing to purchase Bibles, or receive them gratuitously. He replied by telling me how eager they were to receive them, and what a handsome profit I would realize by engaging in that business.—This is but one instance of many that clearly prove that the Mexicans (if spared) are on the frontier of each side of the Rio Grande) have no scruples about accepting the Bible.—Cannot more be done for them, than is now being attempted? But I am digressing. I intended to write solely about the anniversary, and particularly about the highly entertaining and eloquent address of Mr. H. Taylor, Chairman of our branch Society at Nueces, and about how appropriate were the remarks of Rev. Dr. Frost, who succeeded him; by the way, the Doctor is an excellent man, he is the pastor of the Presbyterian Church in this place, and President of our Society; as he does not hold the Advocate, I will not be required to hold myself accountable to him for what I have said. But again I digress; next came Bro. Orchard, a whole souled Christian who belongs to the sect denominated Hard-shells. His sympathy can be readily enlisted in a good cause. He was followed by Bro. O. B. Adams, which I speak of him? No; the temptation to expatiate would be too great, and might exclude Rev. Wm. Mitchell, who concluded the list of speakers, and gave such beautiful illustrations of the divine light of inspiration, by seemingly analogous comparisons with that of nature, and wound up with the partial relation of an interesting anecdote, which was finished by Mr. Taylor as we proceeded to take up the collection, of which you have already reported result.

The object of our Society is to establish Branches all over this section of country for the dissemination of the Bible, but more especially to put it into the hands of every Mexican on this side of the Rio Grande, and as far beyond us as we can. We want men all over the country, say ladies too (for we yet remember the benevolent proposition of sister Martha, which appeared in your paper last fall) to assist us in carrying out these designs, we would like to hear from them. Mr. Ed. Hill our Secretary will respond to all who desire to co-operate with us. But I must close this hurried letter. Yet ere I do so, I would be glad if you would tell the Bible Agent next time you see him that we would be pleased to have him communicate with us. Yours ever, S. HENCO, Corpus Christi, April 13, 1860.

MR. EDITOR:—Class-meetings are much neglected, and consequently neglected, both here and elsewhere; hence, too much in private cannot be followed either in public or in private, orally, or by means of the press. It occurs to me that more ought to be said on this subject, considering its importance, the vital relation it sustains to the Church, and even to individuals, than it has been our good fortune to meet with in the Church organs of the day, or to hear from the sacred desk. The fact is, both preachers and people have grown fearfully remiss—routinely unmindful of this means of grace. There has been a fearful falling off, a sliding backwards, which has told its own story of desolation and misery, in too many places to need to be enumerated. We have permitted ourselves thus to retrograde! Certainly not from any evil growing out of the meetings under consideration, for there is none. Their various enemies cannot point out the evil; it doth not yet appear. On the other hand, let us contemplate the good done by these meetings, when strictly attended to: Christians have more of the life and power of religion; preachers preach better, pray better, sing better, and are better; revival influence is felt throughout the entire community, and sinners are warned by that revival flame, turn to God, and obtain pardon.

Objectors are always those who have no religion, or, at any rate, but little. Men of this lowly class, let us consider these things, and see if we must write "Discontinued," on this means of grace. Let us come out from the world, and the promise is ours. Let us rally around the cross. J. S. GILLET.

EN. ADVOCATE.—Thinking that perhaps a short letter from this place would not be uninteresting to your numerous readers, I shall attempt to give a description and tell something about the Springs that will, perhaps, be a benefit to some afflicted one, and cause him to thank the great Giver of all good that He has instituted a bath in nature for their bodily ailments, and also as spiritual.

The Hot Springs are in the county of the same name, and within five miles of Little Rock. There are about seventy-five or eighty in number, bursting out of the side of a mountain, and running down into the valley below, forming a considerable creek. There is enough water coming out of these springs, if caught in a reservoir, and arranged right, to bathe 1,000 persons daily. The water has been analyzed, and found to contain a variety of minerals which the human family are subject to such as rheumatism, paralysis, mercurial diseases. These springs are visited by a great many people, and they all bear testimony to their great curative qualities; and while there are more cases of the above diseases cured at these springs than of any other disease, yet they are found to be of great benefit to the debility of the human race, and restore them to the health and vigor of youth. It would seem almost miraculous to tell of the wondrous cures that have been performed by this water; and one would hardly believe, were we to tell only half of the wonderful cures that they have been known to perform. I will, however, give one or two instances: One man that came here last November with paralysis, that could not talk, and could scarcely walk—now an entire side of him being perfectly paralyzed—now has the perfect use of his limbs, and can talk as so well understood, and is able to attend to the duties of a clerk in one of the hotels; and he told me that he was improving as fast as possible. Another case: A man from Mississippi, a surgeon, and a very scientific man, came here on the 12th or 13th of this month, afflicted severely with the rheumatism, so as to be in constant pain and misery, being unable to attend to any business, told me this morning that he was perfectly clear of pain, except in one shoulder, and that was leaving him fast, and he has only been here some seven or eight days; and several others that I could mention, that came here on crutches, and have been known to lay them aside entirely, and go on their way rejoicing; but suffice it to say that there never has been a case of rheumatism come here and stay any length of time, but what away either cured or greatly benefited; yet it does not restore all cases of rheumatism of many years standing so that the limbs will become straight as ever, but they can have the pain relieved. But while it is good for a great many chronic diseases, I would advise those who come here who are consumptive, as this water is almost certain death to consumptives.

Let no one conclude that he can come here and wash a few times and go home cured; but let him come determined to give the water a fair trial, and I am fully persuaded that he will not regret his time and money spent coming. There are two baths however used, which are termed vapor and hot baths. The former being a place next to the rock, tightly enclosed, so as to prevent any cold from coming in; and the warm water passes under this, and the steam arising from it causes a person to sweat profusely. They stay in this about five minutes, and then go into the hot bath, and stay in that about ten to fifteen minutes, drinking the warm water all the time. This is repeated twice a day.

There is something singular about this water; although it is hot enough to scald a hog or a chicken, yet it has no bad taste, and does not produce that nauseating feeling that common warm water does generally when you drink it. There are a great many conjectures extant in regard to the cause of this water being so warm; but these are only conjectures of the mind, as they are as different as possible. This I regard as one of Nature's mysteries, that will remain so long as time lasts.

Board can be had here at two of as good class hotels as there are in the South-west, for \$10 per week, or \$40 per month; Plenty of houses to rent for the accommodation of those that want to come here and take care of themselves, as a great many are doing. A great deal has been said about the profanity and wickedness of this place; but I can say that I have been here some ten days, and have not seen a more orderly set of men and people congregate at any place; and have seen but one man that was in

the least intoxicated. It is true that there are a great many people of every class and grade, and it is true that a great many men come here to gamble; yet they carry it on in the night, and are more shy than generally the case at such places, where they are only transitory people. There is a new, large, and commodious Methodist church building just erected, and the people seem to respect religion very much.

A. B. JOHNSON, Hot Springs, Ark., April 20, 1860.

HOME WORK.

MR. ADVOCATE.—Having spent about two months on my work, I will write again from this distant frontier. My work is small, and would be as alone; but they keep passing about "rather close for comfort," though they have only stolen four head of horses in the county since my arrival here. They occasionally shoot a cow or a dog, and that is all.

This is the finest country for stock I have seen in Texas. The best range, and the most healthy for people, or stock of any kind.

The citizens are generally of a good class. Three stores in Belknap—no grocery—not a drop of liquor sold anywhere in the county. We have three societies organized and in prosperous condition. Two local preachers—not a preacher of any other denomination within forty or fifty miles of the place. I find a goodly number of strays left by the Baptist fold, and no watchman, but the Good Shepherd, so Methodism goes ahead; and the best of all is, God is with us.

Brother Carnes, I have some happy times up here. I often feel like shouting; and sometimes I shout aloud, when traveling alone among the mountains, and over the prairies. Dear brother, sometimes I am afraid you are not happy down there in the beautiful city of Galveston as I am up here among these wild hills, rugged mountains, smooth and smiling prairies, and laughing streams. I don't mind privations, nor hardship, or danger. So glad, so boundless in goodness has the Lord been to me, and worthy me, that I feel as if I could have lived my life a thousand times, I could never do enough. For, what is it to work or to die, if God be with us!

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But I must close. God bless you and all my brethren in the ministry. I have some good prospects here, and will write you on my next Sunday; two by letter, and three on paper. Pray for us. Yours, W. S. SMITH, Belknap, Texas, April 17, 1860.

DEAR MR. CAHNS.—We have just closed our 23 Quarterly Meeting for Centreville Circuit, and Bro. Addison is now with us, in his usual good humor and health. We had no revival at our meeting, but a harmonious, and I trust, profitable season.

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AMERICAN BOARD.—The receipts of the American Board for the first seven months of the current financial year, to February 29th, have been only \$158,652. This is \$10,000 less than was received during the same portion of the last year, and leaves of the whole sum needed for the year—\$438,000—\$289,348 less than was received during the five remaining months.

INDIAN INVASION.

Gov. Houston publishes an address to the Texas citizenry on the frontier, stating that information of the most undoubted character has reached him, that the wild Indians are concentrating for a foray upon our northern settlements. The following is a letter written by Sam A. Blain, of the Wichita Agency, April 10th, which says:

This evening Jesse Chisholm arrived here from the Canadian, and informs me that he crossed two times over the country, and I do not doubt that in a few days you will have a visit from them, probably in Cooke, Jack, or Montague counties. This report was brought by some young Wichita warriors, who were out in that direction, hunting buffalo, but I did not feel safe in reiterating their statements; but Chisholm is to be relied on, and from his statement, and that of the young warriors, above named, taken together, I do not think there is a heavy force coming down your frontier; in fact, Chisholm informs you that the Kiowa and Cheyenne are very hostile, and are determined to bring all their forces to bear upon Texas this season."

The Governor says, "A Texian, a man of unenviable veracity, and always ready to send Texas Orders has been issued for the concentration of a force on the frontier to meet the emergency. The Executive directs every Ranger in the service of the State to do his duty. Scouts will be continually kept out, and every effort be made to discover the first approach of the enemy. All military expeditions will use every endeavor to guard their respective counties, and the whole Rangers force will be ready at any time for action."

The Executive warns the people of the frontier of the danger; but cautions them against needless alarm. Let every citizen see to the defence of his household, have his arms in order, and his stock gathered together in a secure place. Brother Carnes, I have some happy times up here. I often feel like shouting; and sometimes I shout aloud, when traveling alone among the mountains, and over the prairies. Dear brother, sometimes I am afraid you are not happy down there in the beautiful city of Galveston as I am up here among these wild hills, rugged mountains, smooth and smiling prairies, and laughing streams. I don't mind privations, nor hardship, or danger. So glad, so boundless in goodness has the Lord been to me, and worthy me, that I feel as if I could have lived my life a thousand times, I could never do enough. For, what is it to work or to die, if God be with us!

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AMERICAN BOARD.—The receipts of the American Board for the first seven months of the current financial year, to February 29th, have been only \$158,652. This is \$10,000 less than was received during the same portion of the last year, and leaves of the whole sum needed for the year—\$438,000—\$289,348 less than was received during the five remaining months.

CHINA.

The following letter awakens both pleasure and apprehension. It is a matter of great pleasure that all Protestant missions and missionaries in heathen lands are brethren in the common field of labor, and in hope of establishing the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ; and particularly do we rejoice that the two Methodist missions in China have closer sympathy with each other. But we feel some regret at the current of feeling that has taken possession of the missions at Shanghai, and some little apprehension lest some disaster may occur to produce further curtailment, which, as Brother Cunningham suggests, may extend to other cities where there are missions. But we will trust in God, and have hope that the Kingdom of his Son will spread more and more in China until all the people shall come to the knowledge of the truth.

The letter is from Rev. W. G. Cunningham, of the mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in reply to one addressed to their mission, asking them to send the Rev. Bro. Martin and Cleve, who would land at Shanghai on their way to our mission in Fuh Chau.—Cor. Sec. M. E. Ch. North.

SHANGHAI, China, Jan. 28, 1860.

To the Corresponding Secretary: Dear Brother: Yours of October 24th came by the last mail. We shall look for you in the "Eureka," and make Mr. and Mrs. Martin as comfortable as we can during their stay at Shanghai. We shall long remember with pleasure the short stay of Bro. Martin and company last year. We are glad your missionaries have come to Shanghai on their way to Fuh Chau. It affords us an opportunity of becoming acquainted with them, and also makes them acquainted with the numerous missionaries at this part. Ecclesiastically, we need never know North from South in China. We are one. Geographically, our Fuh Chau brethren are the Southern Methodists here, and we are the Northern.

We are now passing through the Chinese new year holidays. We have over 2000 Chinese usually quiet. The people show no ill-feeling toward us, but seem disposed to be friendly. This state of feeling will be strengthened if the Tien Ning mission should be fully adjusted; but should the English suffer another defeat, we may look out for trouble at all the ports. Missionaries are now itinerating to some extent through the country, not to do violence, but to do good at the North, and our local troubles of last year. We have much less liberty than we had twelve months ago.

The mission families are in good health. Brothers Jenkins and Lambeth join me in sentiments of high regard for you personally, and of love to our brethren of the Northern Church and Board. Yours truly, W. G. E. CUNNINGHAM, Sup. China Mission M. E. Ch. South.

COAL OIL: OIL WELLS.

It is exceedingly interesting to observe the developments of Providence in supplying the wants of men in all the varied departments of life, and just at the proper time. A few years since much apprehension was felt in regard to the source of artificial light, owing to the increasing scarcity of whales, and consequently of whale oil. The want of this oil was felt in the oil of superior to any ever before discovered, obtained from bituminous coal, the light from which is a rival of daylight. Now it appears that the coal regions of the West are ready to supply the world with oil. The following paragraphs relate to these discoveries of oil in the bituminous coal region of Western Pennsylvania: "The oil is being taken out by the oil wells, and has commenced a number of wells. The company of Howard, Rice & Co. have succeeded in striking oil in the Allegheny River, seven miles above Pittsburg, and near the mouth of the Oil Creek. The principal vein was struck at a depth of 199 feet, and at last accounts the vein was forty-two barrels of pure oil, of a superior quality, every day. The oil is being pumped out of the finest wells yet opened. The firm is Phillips, Frew & Co., and their location is on the Allegheny River, seven miles above Pittsburg, and near the mouth of the Oil Creek. The principal vein was struck at a depth of 199 feet, and at last accounts the vein was forty-two barrels of pure oil, of a superior quality, every day. The oil is being pumped out of the finest wells yet opened. The firm is Phillips, Frew & Co., and their location is on the Allegheny River, seven miles above Pittsburg, and near the mouth of the Oil Creek. The principal vein was struck at a depth of 199 feet, and at last accounts the vein was forty-two barrels of pure oil, of a superior quality, every day. The oil is being pumped out of the finest wells yet opened. The firm is Phillips, Frew & Co., and their location is on the Allegheny River, seven

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

FOREIGN.

Arrival of the Steamship Australasian.

JAS. HEWITT ON THE COTTON MARKET. New York, April 25.—The market for cotton...

FRANCE AND THE PACIFIC. The following are the decisive terms in which the...

ANGLO-FRENCH EXPEDITION TO CHINA. The South African and Cape Mail says that...

Review of the Cotton Market. We have to notice continued depression, although...

It is in the interest of Europe that the road of the...

Arrival of the Steamship Vanderbilt. New York, April 25.—The U. S. mail steamer...

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET. Liverpool, April 18.—The sale of cotton during...

THE GREAT FIGHT. The great prize fight between Heenan and Sayers...

CROSSING THE ATLANTIC IN A SINGLE WEEK. By the last steamer of the Atlantic...

DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE. SEIZURE OF A SLAVER IN CHARLOTTE. New York, April 25.—The bark Charlotte A. Way...

THE FOREIGN TRADE OF GALVESTON. The foreign trade of Galveston continues to increase...

Value of foreign goods imported. This does not include foreign goods brought through other ports.

Value of exports to foreign ports. The Zion's Herald reporter of Providence...

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New Orleans Markets. Cotton.—The market has been unusually quiet today...

CATTLE MARKET. BEEF CATTLE.—About 200 Western Steers and 50 Texas...

Marriages. By Rev. P. P. Ray, on the 24th of April, at the residence...

Agent's Notices. JAMES W. NEWMAN, Book Agent. To Whom all Business Matters must be Addressed.

Receipts for and Shipment of Books. From April 16th to 30th, 1860.

Donations for Book Depository. Mather, Hughes & Saunders, nos. 101, 103 and 105...

Teachers Desiring Positions. A GEDY, of the age of twenty years, of the Methodist Church...

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Galveston Advertisements.

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Anderson & Blessing's Photographic and Ambrotyping Rooms. Tremont street, Galveston.

Chickering & Sons' Celebrated Prize Medal Pistols. Celebrated Prize Medal Pistols.

New Fall Stock. LATE ARRIVALS. BEDDING, ROSEWOOD, MANGROVE AND WALNUT.

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Miscellaneous Advertisements.

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White Granite-China Ware. A full and complete assortment.

LASS WARE. Crystal and Flint Glass. For TABLE, BAR and GENERAL USE.

COMMON STONE WARE. Butter Jars, Milk Pans, Churns, Pitchers, Jugs, Jars, Stone Flasks, &c.

WILLOW WARE. Children's Wagon, Cabs, and Chairs; Clothes, Hat and Trimming Baskets; Brooms and Brushes, all made of the best material.

WOODEN WARE. Brass and Iron Bound CEDAR TUBS, China, Plumb, Pig, and Lead Lines, and all kinds of wooden ware.

PAINTED WARE. Large assortment of painted ware, including China, Glass, and Wood.

TABLE AND POCKET CUTLERY. A fine assortment of Pocket Knives, Razors, and Cut-throats.

TABLE AND ORNAMENTAL CLOCKS. Mechanical Toys. Dolls, large assortment.

FIRE WORKS. Fire Crackers, Rockets, and other fireworks, all made of the best material.

PERMITS TO BUILD. For building on public lands, all applications must be made to the proper authorities.

HOUSE KEEPING ARTICLES. Every day use in every family, usually kept by similar articles.

SOAP! SOAP! Agents wanted to sell our soap in every town and city.

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Travel and Transportation.

SOUTHERN STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S New Orleans, Texas, Florida and Havana U. S. Mail Lines.

THE PUBLIC ARE RESPECTFULLY INFORMED that this Company's Superior Steamships will run between Galveston and New Orleans, Texas, Florida and Havana U. S. Mail Lines.

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