

Secular Department.

EUROPEAN NEWS.

From the Illustrated London News.

It is alleged in influential quarters that the Emperor Napoleon III. has gone forth from the Tuilleries to the police and the prefectures of every part of France to fan the smouldering embers of popular rivalry and hatred of the Emperor...

In the first place, the British people have outlived the period of panic. They are no longer alarmed at what the French Emperor may or may not intend to do. They can sleep in peace, and care not...

In the second place, the people have no ground of quarrel with us, and the French Emperor neither has nor can invent a reasonable pretext for a declaration of hostilities.

In the third place, the Emperor of the French has had too much experience of the weight of this moral sentiment throughout Europe to flatter himself with the idea that he can brave it with impunity.

In the fourth place, there are enemies of the Imperial system in every part of France, whom it would be the especial duty of this country in such an emergency to employ against an invader.

In the sixth place, the commercial relations of England and France are so intimate, and are bound up so closely with the general welfare of the Continent...

But perhaps the best of all the reasons we have thus hastily enumerated, and of which the list might be greatly extended, is the fact that Great Britain is ready to stand by the Emperor as the Emperor stands by her.

British and For. American News.

United States.

ANOTHER SLAVE CAPTURED.—The American brigantine Emily, alleged to be engaged in the slave trade, arrived at New York on Thursday from the coast of Africa, where she was captured by the sloop-of-war Portsmouth...

Political.—The political waters are now being stirred throughout the length and breadth of our country. There are ultraists at the North, and there are ultraists at the South; that is, Abolitionists on the one side and fire-eaters on the other.

On some of the routes leading across the plains, the Indians are still troublesome and many persons have been killed, and many others robbed of their property during the two months last past.

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recruitments will be placed at the disposal of the respective captains. We hope, therefore, at the end of our long winter the whole of the 3,000 rifles will have left the Depot and be distributed throughout the Province.—Church Record.

FROM BERMUDA.—By the R. M. S. Maria, Capt. Stansfield, at this Port on Friday evening last, we have learned Bermuda papers. The weather had been very unsettled and stormy, hailing throughout the ground...

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To the Editor of the Protestant.—Having read in your last number a letter signed 'S.,' and having attended Mr. Rook's lecture, I feel it due to that gentleman to state that the unjustifiable remarks of your correspondent are as untrue as they are, a large and highly responsible country were in which the lecturer did not act as a witness...

It is unnecessary for me to reply to the first allusion made to the lecturer's style and pronunciation. The reports of School Visitors, and the notices of the press, relative to Mr. Rook's eloquence, are sufficient to show that he was a Teacher of high standing in this City, and sufficient proof of his superior abilities.

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arrived in their dwelling, by a party of Constables descended from Charleston on Saturday evening last, for that purpose—the former being implicated in the shooting of the horse of the High Sheriff of King's County some few weeks since, when proceeding in the execution of his duty; and the latter for deliberately shooting his own brother, a few days since, in consequence of the fact that he had been a brother of the horse of the Sheriff, and was in the house, and said to be implicated, was also arrested. The parties were lodged in the Jail at Georgetown.—Royal Gazette, Dec. 6.

Prize.—We regret to learn that a new dwelling house belonging to Mr. George Smith, at South Shore, Lot 55, was totally consumed by fire on Saturday afternoon last, between the hours of three and five o'clock. How the fire originated is not known. Mr. Smith himself was absent at the time; but, owing to the kind assistance of the neighbours, the greater portion of his household furniture, wearing apparel, &c., was saved.—Mer.

Piston claims the honor of having sent the first steamer across the Atlantic, five years before that of the Maria. The fact is thus briefly stated in the New York Saturday Freeman:—'This first steamer which made the voyage across the Atlantic was the Royal William in 1802. This vessel was of 100 horse power and 1,000 tons burthen, and was built at a place, Three Rivers, on the St. Lawrence, in Canada. The voyage was made from Pictou, Nova Scotia, to Cowes, Isle of Wight.'

Three thousand inquiries have been applied for admission into the New York State Institute. Among the numbers are 20 clergymen.

During our visit to Lowell we were shown through the Laboratory of our celebrated countryman, Dr. J. C. Ayer. Scarcely could we have believed what is now their wisdom. They consume a barrel of solid Pills, about 50,000 doses, and 3 barrels of Cherry Pectoral, 150,000 doses per dose. To what an incalculable amount of human suffering does this point! 170,000 doses a day! Fifty million of doses per year!!—What cause and thousands of names of sick beds does this spread before the imagination! And what sympathy and weep!—This red drop on its table to the millions on which its life shall hang. Thus the blessing of the world just bursting into unnumbered, is stricken blind. Alas! the most unnumbered cause of suffering, the most unnumbered cause of sorrow and misery ever known. This little medicine shall go there, their life, perhaps their only hope. The strong man has given in the winter, this man's disease. This red drop by his hand is holding in his grasp with the immortal enemy; with the will of the beam and the chariot of his heart are waiting in sick sorrow and fear but the red on which they lean in this world, to be broken.

Doctor! Spare no skill, nor cost, nor toll, to give the paralytic child the best that human art can give.—Gleaner, Salem, Mass.

Miss Mary's Pills and Ointment should be the safeguard of the family medicine chest. They relieve in their united agency, the cure of nearly all the external and internal diseases to which man or woman are subject. Their effect is not gradually to remove, but to thoroughly expel disease.

MARRIAGE. On the 16th ult., at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. Mr. Chubb, Mr. W. G. Adams, of Prince Edward, and Miss Mary, second daughter of Mr. W. Schobel, formerly of Halifax.

On the 16th ult., by Rev. T. Deane, Mr. Alexander Ferguson, of the Parish of St. James, and Miss Mary, daughter of Mr. J. L. Stewart, of the Parish of St. James.

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