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General Intelligence.

The Governor of Ohio estimates that there are 20,000,000 acres of land in that State suitable for cultivation, and that about 9,000,000 acres, including meadows and pasture land are now actually cultivated.

An attempt at robbery of rather a singular kind took place on Monday the 30th ult. in the lumber-office of M. Sheldon & Son, 540 West-street, N. Y.

Corn.—We learn from the Frontier Whig, published at Van Buren, Ark., that the corn crops in the Cherokee and Choctaw Nations have fallen short, and that in consequence corn is commanding \$1 and \$1 50 per bushel, and is scarce at that price.

THE NATIONAL ROAD.—The system of staving on the National Road from Wheeling to Cumberland is said to be now very complete.

THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO CANAL.—We learn from the Georgetown Advocate that the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal is in good navigable order at that place, and that the trade is considerable for this season of the year.

The people of the United States consume five million pounds of tea annually.

The U. S. government contract for 13,000 rifles was given to a gentleman in Vermont, at less than \$12 50, lower than it was ever done before.

The amount contributed for the relief of the sufferers by the late riots in Philadelphia, equals \$19,904 62, of which \$2,952 50 has already been appropriated and paid, and the committee have reported a plan for the distribution of the residue.

LIFE OF A WESLEYAN MINISTER.—A life of a Wesleyan Minister, written by himself, whose scenes of labor were in Lincolnshire, England, from the year 1780 to 1822, concludes his account of them by stating:—

"I have enjoyed in my ministry 2028 Sabbaths; read the Scriptures, two chapters for each day; 26,500 times preached 8113 sermons; occupied 36,000 pulpits, and ridden 117,000 miles; and my salary never, at any time, amounted to £50 per annum."

THE METHODIST CHURCH.—The Mississippi Annual Conference recently met at Port Gibson and adjourned on the 20th ult. The subject of the contemplated division of the Church excited great interest, and without a dissenting voice the Conference resolved to concur in the proposed change in "the 6th restrictive rule," and to elect delegates to the Convention which meets in Louisville, Ky., on the 1st of May, '45, to organize a Southern Church.

The Arkansas Conference has also decided unanimously in favor of a division of the Church.

UNBORN APPLES.—Four children in a single family, in Ohio, died with malignant scarlet fever, brought on mainly by their eating of rotten or unripe apples, which were buried and dug up for winter consumption. Three of the cases were attacked by vomiting the apples.

The bequest of the late PAUL BUCK, Esq., of Philadelphia, to different charitable institutions, amounts to THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

CINCINNATI TRADE.—There was shipped from Cincinnati to New Orleans during the past year \$2,795,976 worth of the manufacture of hogs.—Of the eight leading articles of western produce, it would seem that Cincinnati alone ships more than one half of the entire receipts at New Orleans. The following table shows the value of these articles at New Orleans:

Table with 2 columns: Article Name and Average Value. Items include Pork (\$1,358,760), Bacon and Hams (\$755,755), Lard (\$811,181), Beans (\$94,484), Flour (\$742,533), Whiskey (\$706,833), Cheese (\$66,000), and Butter (\$66,264).

UNITED STATES BANK.—The Stockholders had a meeting in Philadelphia on Monday. The European debts amount to \$12,604,169, for which assets are held abroad, to the amount of \$14,884,110 66. Outstanding notes of the bank, and balances due other banks, \$4,337,888 86—Business notes in hands of assignees, \$2,559,982 29 cents. Total, \$1,777,906 46.

The Cotton crop of the United States, recently gathered, is generally admitted in the South, will reach two millions five hundred thousand bales.

DESTRUCTION OF FISH ON THE COAST.—We are sorry to hear that the mortality among the fish on our shores is spreading with alarming rapidity.

THE SECRET OF SCOTCH BANKING. Of thirty-one banks in Scotland which issue notes, five only are chartered, that is, the responsibility of the proprietors in those established is confined to the amount of their subscribed capital.

THE GRAVE. BY LOVELL. The man how blest, who, sick of gaudy scenes, Is led by chance to some lone grave.

THE JEWISH PILGRIM AT JERUSALEM. Are these the ancient hills I tread? Where angels walked of old?

FLORA: Or, the Mystery of Love. A BACKWOODS STORY. "Are you sure Flora, you love this stranger well enough to leave mother, sisters, friends and home for him; and, permit me to add, an easy life of social enjoyment among friends, for unknown connections?"

FLOGGING AN EDITOR. Some years ago, a populous town, located towards the interior of Mississippi, was infested by a gang of blacklegs, who amused themselves at times, when they could find nobody else to pluck, by plying upon each other. A new importation of these sportsy gentry excited some alarm among the inhabitants, lest they should be over-run; they determined therefore upon their expulsion.

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THE LAWS ON NEWSPAPERS. 1. Subscribers who do not give express notice to the contrary, are considered wishing to continue their subscription.

THE LAWS ON NEWSPAPERS. 2. If subscribers order the discontinuance of their papers, the publisher may continue to send them till that is due be paid.

THE LAWS ON NEWSPAPERS. 3. If subscribers neglect or refuse to take their papers from the offices to which they are directed they are held responsible till they have settled their bill, and order their papers discontinued.

THE LAWS ON NEWSPAPERS. 4. If subscribers remove to other places without informing the publishers, and the paper is sent to the former direction, they are held responsible.

THE LAWS ON NEWSPAPERS. 5. The Courts have decided that refusing to take a paper or periodical from the office, or removing, and leaving it uncalled for, is "prima facie" evidence of intentional fraud.

Let young people remember that their good temper will gain them more esteem and happiness than the genius and talents of all the bad men that ever existed.

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