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For the Argus.

Winter.

Good-bye, thou long, cold winter, I'm glad that thou art gone— seems to me that never hast thou tarried here so long—

The War and Europe.

Mercantile indications, in time of war, are among the surest criteria of its tendencies and probabilities—the money market is the best barometer of the political weather.

Imports.

Imports, 1859, 1860, 1861. Exports, 48,488,576 66,861,335 63,914,950

consequences, and singular as it may seem,

of all great commercial countries, the States loyal to our Government may very probably suffer the least.

TAKING MINING CLAIMS.

Since the suggestion of the Sec'y of the Interior was made, that mining claims might be made to yield a revenue to the Government by taxation, the secess press of California and Oregon has commenced a howl in the expectation of creating capital against the Administration among miners.

The burning of the bridges and railway communications by the Union men in East Tennessee was a work of much greater importance than has hitherto been supposed.

A plan for their destruction, it appears, laid before the Government at Washington some months ago, but its consideration was postponed until the time when the army in Kentucky should be prepared for offensive movements.

MARCH 3, 1862.

"Mr. — is Right."—Towards the close of the Revolutionary war, says Dr. Cox, an officer in the army had occasion to transact some business with Gen. Washington, and repaired to Philadelphia for the purpose.

The Circular.

The imports into the city of New York has fallen off since 1860, to 96 per cent; from 1859 to 49 per cent. For July, August, and September, they show a decrease for the last half-year as compared with the preceding year, of 55 per cent.

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THE EDITOR.

In his paper he may say forty good things unapplauded, but if he happens, through mistake, to get off an obnoxious paragraph, he catches— from the entire community. If he omits any thing, he is lazy. If he speaks of things as they are, people are mad. If he glosses over—smooths down the rough points, he is bribed. If he calls things by their right names, he is unfit for the position of editor.

The Circular.

The Circular proceeds to show that the reduction of imports by us does not prove a fully corresponding reduction of consumption among us, but "increased domestic production." It shows that of the most necessary articles, we shall continue to import to the probable amount of \$145,248,816.

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Every man in China must pay up his debts at the beginning of the year, and also at the time of a religious festival about the middle of the year.

The London Times, with all its hostility to the present war, and doubts as to its success, says that the facts around it. None of the regular armies of Europe make any approach to the scale of American levies, all of which for are active and immediate service.

DECLARED.—Mrs. Phebe H. Brown, the author of the hymn commencing, "I love to steal awhile away," died on the 10th of Oct., at Henry, Ill., aged 78.—She has left an enduring memorial in that single hymn.

THE BODY OF T. B. McMANUS WAS FOLLOWED FROM DUBLIN TO GLASGOW BY A PROCESSION FIVE MILES LONG.

THE STRONGEST AND BOLDEST UNION MAN IN GEORGIA IS JOHN E. WARD, FORMERLY OUR MINISTER TO CHINA; AND HE IS DREADFULLY PERSECUTED BY THE REBELS, WHO HAVE ARRESTED HIM AT LEAST TWENTY TIMES WHILE ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE, ROBBED HIM OF HIS ENTIRE PROPERTY, SOME \$400,000, AND THREATENED SEVERAL TIMES TO HANG HIM.—WARD SAYS THEY CAN KILL IF THEY LIKE, BUT THAT HE WILL NEVER SURRENDER HIS ALLEGIANCE TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, OR CEASE TO DETEST AND DENOUNCE THE MISERABLE ABORTION KNOWN AS THE SOUTHERN CONFEDERACY. HE IS VERY ANXIOUS TO GO NORTH, BUT IS SO CLOSELY WATCHED THAT HE CANNOT ESCAPE.—WARD WILL BE ASSASSINATED IN SAVANNAH UNLESS HE SUCCEEDS IN GETTING OUT OF THE STATE.

RATES OF STEAMER FARE.—The rates of fare on the steamers of the Pacific Steamship Company, through to New York, are as follows: First cabin, deck-room, \$258.50; main deck-room, \$233.25; second cabin \$180.75; steerage \$128.25. To go to New York round Cape Horn in a clipper ship, first cabin, costs about \$150 more or less, according to the accommodations, style of living, etc. A cabin passage to China costs from \$75 to \$125; to Australia about the same; to the Sandwich Islands from \$40 to \$60.

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