







Miscellaneous.

Boiling the Earth. From the N. Y. Evangelist, May 17.

For a year past notices have occasionally appeared in the papers of a company formed in this city to carry a telegraph across the ocean. But the project seemed so wild and visionary that few believed it would be seriously attempted.

A little more than one year ago a few individuals formed the daring project of carrying into execution this dream of science—this scheme which sanguine spirits had hoped for, but few believed possible.

They obtained also from Prince Edward's Island an exclusive charter for fifty years. This Province gave 1,000 acres of land.

The Company immediately commenced operations. They at once purchased the steamer Victoria, and sent her to Newfoundland with an engineer and assistants.

So far all went well. The work was begun and advancing successfully. Less than a hundred miles of submarine cable were needed to stretch across to Cape Breton.

In this he was entirely successful. In London he formed a contract with the TRANS-ATLANTIC TELEGRAPH COMPANY, composed of English and French capitalists.

We are aware that some will read this with a smile of incredulity. All the contracts in the world will not convince them that such a work will ever be achieved.

English, I believe, are the only exception, but who can tell how long they may continue so? Above three hundred Persian suns and Turkish crescents here bow before the cross of the Christians.

From the church we went to the house of Peter the Great, just without the walls of the fortress, and upon the same island.

So Ben wants to know more of the way we actually fight. I suppose he has half a wish to experience it, if not too dangerous.

Nor is the difficulty greatly increased by the length of the line. Doubts have been expressed whether an electric current could be sent such a distance.

The Tomb of Nicholas. Correspondence of the Boston Transcript. St. PETERSBURG, 13th April, 1855.

The most interesting church in St. Petersburg is that dedicated to St. Peter and St. Paul, otherwise called the "Fortress Church," as it stands within the citadel of the City.

The North American Review gives us the following humorous and life-like description, from the pen of the late Rev. Sylvester Judd, of that convenient and important personage, the post-rider, as we knew him twenty years ago.

The Details of War. The dispatches of commanders-in-chief deal in generalities and glories. It is well to get a true picture of the details of war from those who do the actual butchering.

While spending a few hours on Staten Island lately, we saw a simple and efficient mode of making oyster-shell lime, which we record for the benefit of such of our readers as have the opportunity to put it in practice.

HUMAN TESTIMONY.—A few days ago a dead body found near Milwaukee, and public opinion generally became satisfied that it was the sad remains of John Dwyer, a sailor accustomed to sail from that port.

DRESS.—The honorable Miss Murray, sister of a Scotch Duke, and maid of honor to Queen Victoria, has been staying for some days in New York.

There are now in the United States thirty-two insane hospitals in active operation, and nine others in course of construction.

AN INCIDENT OF WAR.—We extract the following passage from the letter of a private soldier, dated at Sebastopol, and published in the London Times.

UNTUTORED ELOQUENCE.—A Catawba warrior in 1812, named Peter Harris, made known his wants to the Legislature of South Carolina in the following language:

THE EMPEROR NICHOLAS AND HIS PHYSICIAN.—Dr. Mandt, the physician who attended the Czar Nicholas in his last illness, has published a circumstantial account of the closing scenes of the monarch's life.

AFFAIRS IN KANSAS.—The excitement in Kansas has already resulted in bloodshed. A leader of the Pro-Slavery party named Clark has been killed at a public meeting at Leavenworth.

WHITENESS.—Poor whiteness is a serious injury to a wall or ceiling, and when once on it is difficult to get it off or properly cover it and produce a clear white appearance.

The British ship Bruiser has been converted into a complete flour mill, capable of grinding from 700 to 800 bushels of wheat per day.

Three jails in Vermont are empty, two have but one inmate each, two others have four each, and one has six and another seven.

Mr. Noah Fowler, of Prince William's County, Va., has discovered, on his farm, an extensive and highly valuable bed of soapstone.

NEW YORK AND ERIC RAILROAD. On and after Monday, May 7, and until further notice, trains will leave the pier foot of Duane St., New York, as follows:

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