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FROM LIVERPOOL.—The Montreal Ocean Steam Ship Company's
 are powerful **SCREW STEAMERS** (under contract with **Her
 Majesty's** Provincial Government for the conveyance of the mails), are
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**GENOLOGY.—C. DONOVAN, Ph. D., 1, Ade-
laid-street, Trafalgar-square, W.C.**

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STATE OF TRADE.

MANCHESTER, 17TH.—Notwithstanding a quiet cotton market we have had renewed activity in yarn and cloth, with a slight improvement in prices. There has been a good foreign demand for nearly all the principal spinners being well supplied, and well under engagement have obtained an advance of $\frac{1}{8}$ d. per lb. on last week's rates. The home trade in most of its branches has also shown an improvement. Not only are the manufacturers of the quality put forward at fairer terms, but there has been more business in the finer wares than to Bradford and Nottingham markets, with some increase in price. The demand for the Glasgow trade is very much in request, and all numbers of doubled yarns are in more demand than for a long time past. The cloth market is somewhat better, and the makers of the Glasgow trade have shown a healthy feeling. Domestic, longcloths, and T-cloths have gone off well, and sellers have been able to obtain higher prices. Broad cloths, especially the best, but not the heavy, and macdonaills are in request, but not so near. Messrs. John & Co. report, "There is very little profit in the sale of the market," and they say they have a very steady demand for longcloths. T-cloths, domestics, and sheetings, and prices are still creeping upwards. Prices of broad cloths continue in fair request at slightly improved prices. Macdonaill's, and secondaries, are in demand for shirtings, for India and China, are less inquired for, and the makers of Tuesday last are less firmly adhered to. Wider shirtings, King and upwards, are still in good demand at fairly full prices."

LEEDS, AUG. 17.—"There has been a moderate attendance at the Leeds Market, and, considering the quantity and the kinds of cloth it is, the business done was considerable." A full average bulk of cloth is delivering directly from the manufacturers to the merchants, and the latter generally possess the same satisfactory features as noticed in recent reports.

THE CORN TRADE

BRISTOL, AUG. 17.—Wheat English, old, in fair supply; trade dull at present prices. Corn is scarce, and the weather is not of good condition. Foreign maize slow, at similar reduction. Barley in demand for grinding, at full prices. Oats, good lot, in request as usual, at 60s. per quarter. Beans, small, in demand, at 60s. per quarter. Flour quiet, with turn in buyer's favour. Rye grain scarce, and no demand. Cornmeal, in fair supply, at 49s. per cwt., with turn in seller's favour. Weather changeable.

A LITTLE rain fell during the night, and a shower in the broken of winds. All other articles maintain their value. The weather broke, which interferes with farming operations in this neighbourhood. The following are the prices for the week ending August 16, 1858.—
Wheat, 48s. 6d. per quarter. Rye, 47s. 6d. do. Beans, 60s. per quarter.
Oats, 57s. 6d. do. Barley, 57s. 6d. do. Maize, 57s. 6d. do.

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travelling operations have been considerably retarded, and fears are beginning to be entertained that without a speedy improvement in the corn season the turnip crop and cattle have been much benefited by the rain.

HARVEST HOMES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

SIR,—As the occupier of a large farm, will you grant me few lines of your paper for one suggestion with respect to harvest homes?

In reading the Rev. J. W. Stacey's letter in your column of the 10th inst. that "only disaffection" is the proper supply of the ale and beer that this is "the only cause of disaffection," that this requires a special arrangement to be adopted; and that it will involve the members of the committee in the trouble and annoyance of checking the distribution for half-an-hour each.

The question naturally arises—Is this a necessary evil? Which I will answer by saying that we every year have the large crops of grain about 150 m. from the towns, and children in the barn at the harvest home, and that, although at a drop of ale or beer is used, it is not possible to imagine greater enjoyment than they appear to experience, and I am quite sure that the beer brewed in the night's degree enhances their pleasure. The same plan has been so often tried elsewhere that it is clearly proved that ale and beer by no means essential parts of an English harvest home.

The rest of Mr. Stacey's proposals are so valuable, and the results where similar plans are adopted so desirable, that I cannot but think that the whole way to try women this cause of difficulty and dissatisfaction and fruitful source of trouble cannot be wholly dispensed with.

As there will be a considerable saving of expense, amounting to the value of the whole, why not let the men have the pleasure of taking tea with their wives and children, and spend the remaining surplus in a more liberal distribution of the same?

The result I feel certain will be satisfactory to all the parties concerned.

SIR,
15, ST. MARK'S PLACE, LONDON, E.C.

Remain, Sir, I am, respectfully,
 YRS. VERY TRULY,
 HENRY J. WILSON.
 Sherwood-hall, Mansfield, Aug. 16.

THE AMERICAN EXPEDITION TO PARAGUAY.—The president having fully determined to bring the Paraguay government to account for its attack on the Water-Witch and its unjustifiable treatment of Amerasia citizens while engaged in commercial intercourse with the United States, they are invited, is preparing to maintain it by an adequate force. Commander Page, to whose nerve, experience, and talent the charge of the squadron is to be committed, has been visiting this city, Boston, and Philadelphia, to ascertain what ships and what kind of propellers could be obtained to add to the Government vessels already selected. The necessity of one such step was made known several months ago to the chairman of the Naval Committee of the Senate, the advisers of the president, and the president himself, and after a

then made to the department to procure for it these very vessels and to have them ready in 90 days. The offer was un-

not; and it is doubtful whether the expedition will be successful. The vessel is a small schooner, and has always been prompt, firm, and decided, and it is a great pity that any delay should occur in carrying it out. The only two vessels actually selected as yet are the *Albatross* and the *Thetis*, both of which are Arctic. The former is a fine ship, with a noble engine of American design, and the three have been fully described in the *Herald*. The *Falcon* is an old cutter, which was purchased from the navy and adapted to suit the service, and she draws only about nine feet water, and is quite fast. There are no other steamers in the navy of the right draught indispensable for the service. It is impossible for the commercial marine to make up the deficiency. It will be necessary to employ propellers, for on an ordinary side wheel steamer it is impossible to work in the ice, and for a schooner in the ice the grain of much calber. The wheel-houses are in the way. Probably some vessels may be obtained of sufficient strength, but they will require to be repaired, and it is not probable that they will be kept in proper condition. As it is, they will be obliged to carry their guns in their holds till they reach Buenos Ayres. It is the intention of the government to purchase some of the new gun-boats, counting 10-inch pieces of Dahlgren's construction. The number of them will be about 100, and the force of seamen and marines about 600.

We must cross. Its depth is very much affected by the prevailing winds. The tide rises three or four feet in the Passagu, hundreds of miles from the mouth of the river. The current is from the northward. The draught of vessels which can safely ascend to Assumption should not be over 12 feet, for at the mouth of the Passagu, where it enters the bay, the water is very shallow. The draught of the S. S. *Java* is but 15 or 16 feet water, which shoals according to the season or the wind. Vessels drawing over 12 feet draught are obliged to anchor in the bay. The river is wide in proportion to its shallowness. Commander Page will, however, take up his light squadron at Assumption, and will not venture farther than 100 miles of the stream and knows every foot of the way. Our demands must be sternly insisted on and our squadron must be ready to leave at a moment's notice. It is regretted by his negligence, that the British Government, in its policy of our Government and the pleas of Captain Page. We have not had very brilliant negotiators up the river, and the British Government has not sent to the country, at least, of South America. *New York Herald.*

LIVERPOOL. COTTON-MARKET. *Aug. 17.*—The futures market has been very quiet, and has had no effect and the market for spot has been very quiet. There has been no export, except 5,000 bales—1,000 on speculation and for export. Prices remain unchanged.

BOSTON HOPE-MARKET.—The first stock of hope for the season has been from the harvesting of Yalding, Mid Kent, was shown at market to-day, and sold for 8s. 5c. per cwt. to Messrs. Kitchen and Thornton, Borough. The quality is of the best and Ashcroft, top-merchants, have been the buyers. Quality very fine.

the remembrance of the services he rendered to his
country

THE WEATHER.

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