

ORIGINAL POETRY.

THE PAST, THE PRESENT, AND THE FUTURE.

Oblivion seize the past! Alternately I long with fond regret For joys that fled too fast, And curse my fate that all those joys have met Care's withering blast

CORIO IN 1850.

(Extracted from an unpublished Edition of the "Universal Gazetteer.")

The most remarkable characteristic of this great city is, that it has outstripped all the towns which were far advanced before Corio was heard of. Ten years ago, there were only about a dozen houses, where now flourishes the Emporium of the Australasian Nations.

The Bay is a circular basin of between three and four miles diameter; it contains four square miles of safe anchorage in from three to four fathoms water.

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south bank of the Barwon. A canal from the bay to the river skirts the town to the westward, traversed by barges laden with wool, from the Village of the Falls; above which place, the Barwon and Leigh Canal Company are getting on with their operation of turning the bed of these rivers into navigable channels, as fast as the scarcity of labour will permit.

The public buildings are beautifully situated on the rising ground midway between the river and the bay; some of them are in an unfinished state, but even now they eclipse those of any other city in the Southern hemisphere.

The population is rated by the best judges at 65,000. The census, however, will not be taken until next year, and as the population is still rapidly increasing, the number here given will be considerably below the returns.

The literary and charitable institutions are well supported, principally by private munificence. There are six newspapers published here, one of which, the Advertiser, comes out daily, and its columns of shipping and mercantile intelligence is a true index to the prosperous commerce of the port.

If any one, ten years ago, had prophesied that such a splendid city would have sprung into existence on a spot where the primeval bush had hitherto been undisturbed, he would no doubt have been laughed at for a madman; for even now, with the actual fact before our eyes, we can scarcely credit the change.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

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The Municipal Bill seems to work well; the proceedings of the Town Council are regularly reported.

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The old Government House had been destroyed by fire.

The Adelaide Auction Company had commenced business on a large scale.—H. T. Advertiser.

MISCELLANEA.

RAISING THE RENT.—A farmer in the neighbourhood of Dunfermline, was thus accosted by his landlord:—"John, I am going to raise your rent."

By a late law of New England, the apothecaries' shops are closed on Sundays, which, it is calculated, will decrease the mortality in the large towns, one-seventh!

CHOICE IN WINE.—Dymin being asked what wine he chiefly drank, replied with great truth, "that which other people pay for."

INTERESTING READING.—A correspondent of an American paper being anxious that a particular communication should reach the eyes of the ladies, requested the Editor to insert it among the deaths and marriages.

HOSPITALITY.—The late Dr Thynne, so well known for his love of good eating, called one day to pay a visit to the eccentric Lord R.

The great Chancery lawyer, Trevor, among his other qualities, was a great lover of economy. He had dined by himself one day, at the Rolls, and was drinking his wine, when his cousin, Roderic was unexpectedly introduced by a side door.

When we see a married woman with her head continually thrust out of the front window of her dwelling, gazing at the passers by, we infer that she has nothing better to do, or if she has, that she neglects it.

A German journal announces a young authoress, called Baroness de Clokokkerstoccae Pickalkreenee. If her words are as crooked as her name, people will want a double set of jaws to read them.

A schoolmaster who was fond of the use of his grog as the globe, was asked the difference between gravity and gravitation.

The best women in the world, says "The Boston Post," mend their husband's stockings with care, and keep their children's faces clean.

TRAVELLING POST.—There is a story told of an Irish post-chaise, the occupier of which, without quitting it, had to take to his heels. It was going down hill as fast as wind and the impossibility of stopping could make it, when the foot passengers observed a couple of legs underneath, emulating with all their might, the rapidity of the wheels.

DEPTH OF THE OCEAN.—In the late voyage of discovery by the French ship Venus, the sea was attempted to be sounded by the lead and line in latitude 57 deg. south, and 85 deg. 7 min. west longitude from Paris, that is a few hundred miles to the east of Drake's Islands, south west of Cape Horn, and at depth of 4,000 metres, or 4370 yards, or near 2 1/2 miles, no bottom was found.

A PETRIFIED CITY IN AFRICA.—A tale often told, frequently related, and sometimes believed. To the catalogue of those who have given credit to this absurdity, I believe first mentioned by Kircher, in his Mundus Subterraneus, may be added the name of Louis the Fourteenth. King of France, who ordered one of his ambassadors to procure the body of a man from this singular city.

collector the object of his wishes. After a certain time, the crafty Mussulmans, returning from a pretended journey into the desert, reported, that it was not in their power to convey away so bulky a weight as the body of a man without discovery, but that wishing to do everything in their power for the satisfaction of his most Christian majesty, they had, with considerable difficulty and risk, brought a petrified boy, and a petrified bun, for which the envoy, without demur, paid the stipulated price, and the petrifications were sent to France.

CHILDREN.—It is a false and mistaken notion altogether, that men of great mind and intense thought are easily wearied or annoyed by the presence of children. The man who is wearied with children must always be childish himself in mind; but, alas, no young in heart. He must be light, superficial, though perhaps inquiring and intelligent, but neither gentle in spirit nor fresh in feeling.

TAK AND FEATHERS.—A domestic punishment frequently resorted to at the commencement of the war which produced the American revolution. It was also practised by the Bishop of Halberstadt, when in the year sixteen hundred and twenty-three he invaded the territories of the Elector Palatine, who, if I mistake not, was the unfortunate King of Bohemia, and son-in-law to James the First, King of England.

THE GEELONG ADVERTISER.

Terms of Subscription.—Six shillings and sixpence per quarter if paid in advance; or seven shillings and sixpence if paid at the end of the quarter. The quarter to date from the first publication after the entry of any subscriber's name on the list.

Terms of Advertising.—The charge for each insertion is Three shillings for the first six lines of space, and Threepence a line above that number. Advertisements will be received in Melbourne till 3 o'clock on Thursday afternoon, and in Geelong until 9 o'clock on Saturday morning.

All orders and communications received through the post-office, if not previously paid, will be charged to the parties so transmitting them, with the exception of our regular correspondents and agents.

Orders for advertisements, and subscribers' names, will be received at the Patriot office, Melbourne, Mr John Fawcner, Hobart Town; Mr J. S. Hill, Launceston; and Mr A. Macdougall, South Australia.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

Crown Lands—Port Phillip.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the division of the newly erected Government Store to the north of the Clerk of Work's office will be open as a temporary land office, between the hours of 11 A.M., and 3 P.M., on and after the 22nd February.

Returns and plans of the lands open for selection on the 1st March, under the regulation dated, Colonial Secretary's office, 21st January, 1841, will be exhibited at the land office, for public information and inspection.

Printed forms of tenders will be delivered to all who after that date shall make application for them.

The box for the receipt of Tenders at the land office will be open on and after the 1st March, between the hours of 11 A.M., and 3 P.M., as specified by the regulations.

The Sub-Treasurer's office will be open for payments and the issue of Land Receipts, on and after the 1st March, Saturdays and Sundays excepted, between the hours of 10 and 2.

MARKETS.

MELBOURNE.

MELBOURNE PRICE CURRENT.—Flour first, £35 to £38 per ton, second £30 to £32, third £20 to £30; cedar logs 4d. to 5d.; deals 9d. to 1s.; shingles per thousand £1 15s. to £2 0s.; tea hysonskin £12 to £13, per chest; potatoes £14 to £16 per ton; maize, 4s 6d to 6s. 6d. per bushel; oats 5s 6d to 6s. per bushel.

LAUNCESTON.

Fine Flour, 27s. per 100lbs. 20 per cent 25s ditto, 12 per cent. 23s. ditto. Bran 1s. 6d. per 20lbs. Pollard, 2s. ditto. Wheat, from 7s. to 5s. 6d. per 60lbs. Barley, 6s. to 7s. 6d. per bushel.

SYDNEY.

Fine Flour, 21s. per 100lbs. Seconds, 16. Ration, 14. Colonial Wheat, 4s. to 7s. per bushel. Maize 2s. to 3s. 6d. ditto. Barley, 5s. ditto. Cape Barley, 5s. ditto. Oats, 5s. to 7s. ditto. Hay, 7l. to 10l. per ton. Wheat Straw, 2l. to 2l. 10s.

Geelong Markets.

RETAIL.

Table listing retail prices for various goods like Bread, Beef, Mutton, Butter, Cheese, Eggs, Bacon, Potatoes, Tea, Sugar, Milk, Soap, and Candles.

WHOLESALE.

GRAIN, &c.

Table listing wholesale prices for Wheat, Maize, Oats, Barley, Flour, and Hay.

BUILDING MATERIALS.

Table listing prices for Bricks, Cedar deals, Pine, Hardwood boards, Shingles, Bats, Paving, and Nails.

SPIRITS, TOBACCO, &c.

DUTY PAID.

Table listing prices for Ale, Porter, Brandy, Gin, Rum, Port wine, Sherry, and Tobacco.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Table listing prices for Tea, Coffee, Sugar, Flour, and various other commodities.