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THE NORTHERN MAIL failed yesterday from the Washington. The mail due the day before came through.

HOW TO KILL ABOLITIONISM.

The New York *Day Book*—one of the very few number of Northern journals which defend the constitutional rights of the South—is of opinion that an effectual bar might be set to the progress of Abolitionism, if some Northern State would pass a law providing that all free persons of color found therein after a certain period should be sold into slavery. The consequence of such an enactment is easily perceived. Every free negro, mulatto and quadroon living in the North would incontinently take up his tent and emigrate Northward. The result, therefore, would be that the North would be left with that amiable, intelligent and industrious population, and would enjoy the opportunities of becoming practically familiar with the peculiar qualities of a race for which, abstractly and theoretically, it professes intense admiration. As a thing, remarks the *Day Book*, so amusing people acquainted with the facts to set them right on the slavery question, in Canada they are delightful to them, and if a law were passed to the effect that every nigger who should run away and go to Massachusetts should be unmolested, in less than a year the Yankees there would either return to slavery, sell them off down South, or threaten disunion. If the South did not set them to work on their darkies.

The same paper affirms that such a law would be a success. We believe this is a mistake. The plan would almost wish that Canada would enact the law, but for the sake of which it would perpetrate upon a class of the inhabitants of New Orleans. We, at least, for the most part, there are few more tranquil and more blameless people, of course, to the free colored people of our city. Many of them are good substance, and owners themselves of slaves and hold a deep stake in the welfare of the community. Some of them are yet living, who in 1814 15, did their duty gallantly as defenders of the city, and were prominent in the battles of the 23d December and 8th January, when nearly all of them are habitually quiet, well bred persons, who none more than the even tenor of their ways, asks to be let alone, free from the interference of the authorities. But for the evil and injustice which would accrue to this portion of our population, the war referred to would meet our hearty sanction. We can conceive of no better plan of teaching the North that its rage enthusiasm is the veriest and wildest of the fantastic fanaticism in behalf of those who are wholly unfitted to be the recipients of its favor. The North needs a lesson of this kind sadly. It has never yet seen what it is to be encumbered with the heads of freedmen, and hence its ignorance and its arrogance. The thriftlessness, the idleness, the dishonesty, the drunkenness, the propensity to vagrancy and vice of the race, when freed from all the restraints of slavery, would be so frightfully manifest that the North would be at a loss to divine a remedy and would be most eager to apply one. How is it that nine tenths of the Northern people, supposing the South to be one and all cured of their abolition proclivities, simply because they have become appreciate the workings of slavery, to understand the character and capacity of the negro, to comprehend his inability for self-government, even for the ordinary and civil labor for which his subsistence depends, unless he is a superintended by a superior race, and to see that the white man, if Robert Gourgy himself would pass one month on a southern plantation, he would renounce all his pseudo philanthropy—that is, if he be honest.

BRAZ IN SANTIAGO.

The steamship *Gen. Rusk*, Capt. Smith, from Brazos Santiago 12th inst., arrived yesterday. We are indebted to her purser for the following memorandum:

The *Gen. Rusk* was detained at Brazos from the 10th, on account of low water on the bar, the crossing of which, on the 11th, she was towed out by the steamer *Monte Schiffer*, Capt. Wesson. The *Rusk* crossed the bar two weeks ago, and landed her cargo, at Brownsville, and sailed with the mail on the 10th. The Schiffer is the best tug on the Mexican coast. The *Rusk* leaving, the steamer Brownsville was left in her absence. The steamer *Fanny* left for Matamoras on the 12th, and the *Rusk* on the 12th.

Passengers per the *Rusk*—Colonel Baker, Lieutenant Hunter, Mr. Ambrose, and lady, and Mr. Ambrose, jr., and lady, and Mr. Ambrose, jr., and lady, and Mr. Ambrose, jr.,