

PUGET SOUND WEEKLY ARGUS SUPPLEMENT.

PORT TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON TERRITORY, JANUARY 11, 1878.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22, 1877.
Clark Mills the sculptor, publicly charges, according to the "Star," that hundreds of thousands—perhaps millions of dollars—have been contributed to the building of the Washington monument, and that paper unites with him in a call upon the association to account for it. More than 25 years ago the building of the monument began. Some, I dare say many, have the fact recalled that many years ago they were solicited to send a dollar in aid of the project, by reading this. Foreign Governments contributed blocks of marble, and the indignity with which that sent by the Pope was treated when the know-nothings gained temporary control of the association is still remembered. In many, if not all, the Departments here, boxes were placed 20 years ago, more or less, soliciting alms of every visitor for the Washington monument; there is also one at the Capital, and for aught I know similar contrivances, appealing to the patriotism of every passer by, are in the public buildings throughout the country. The aggregate collected by these insatiable little iron receptacles must amount to something handsome; and it is pertinent to inquire what has become of it? Spasmodic fits of zeal have occasionally seized the members of the Association, and at such times, efforts have been made to stimulate contributions by circulars and otherwise. During one of these a year or two since, secret societies, Masons, Odd Fellows, etc., were appealed to all over the country, and their response in many instances is understood to be generous. Where is it all? The Association ought to be able to show and be glad of an opportunity to convince a gain-saying world that they have been faithful to the trust. A little investigation undertaken a few years since by a well-known lady Washington correspondent, into the affairs of the Mt. Vernon Association, resulted in revelations so unsavory of its management by the less of resident regent, as to have begotten a wide-spread aversion to promiscuous alms-giving of this sort, even to nominally responsible parties, and which not even the pretence that it was to go to perpetuate the name and fame of General Washington sufficed to wholly overcome. One of the real charities of the Capital City is the lodging-house established for the purpose of giving to such seemingly respectable strangers as found themselves in this city without money or friends a night's shelter with an abundant supper and breakfast of bread and coffee to such of them as could not procure better. It occupies the old central station-house and is supported wholly by voluntary contributions. If known, no one under the influence of liquor is harbored; and every guest is required to take a bath on entering, and go into the clean sheets in a similar condition approximating Godliness. Since opened this season it has supplied above 400 wanderers with a bed and bread and coffee, night and morning. The appearance and manners of the 3 first applicants for a night's entertainment are noted somewhat in this wise by a reporter for the "Republican." "The first, a man above sixty, still erect, hair whitened but of refined appearance and conversation. He timidly requests lodging and food, says he has walked from Baltimore since morning (40 miles); asked for food at the Relay House and was so disconcerted by the rough refusal that he made no further appeal. He stated that he was a chum of Senator _____ at Yale, and came to this city to see him, but he learned he had gone to his home for the recess. He reflected somewhat bitterly, but patiently withal, upon the relative success attained by each in life's battle. After cheerfully complying with the conditions precedent to retiring and eating and drinking his fill, he was shown a good bed and was soon on a level with the senatorial friends of his youth. No. 2 is a typical tramp—dirty, ragged, and with the unmistakable air in every movement of the ruffian vagabond. His first salutation was, "I want a bed and a better one than I had last time." He was informed to the effect that no drunken bullies were entertained a second time, and that he must find accommodations elsewhere. He went out and directly a brick came crashing in through the door; but he eluded pursuit. The third was a female—tired, hungry and wretched; just such material as fills many a suicide's grave in the potter's field. Her story was, briefly, that she had been deluded into coming here by a false husband from a happy home; that at the first pinch of poverty he deserted her, and that she was now seeking to regain her home.
One of our other institutions—the Labor Bureau—devised to find employment for its hundreds of enforced idlers in our midst, though an experiment and laboring under the faint drawbacks of lack of funds and inexperience, has been conducted with energy and good judgment; and out of the three and four thousand who have solicited its good offices, work for several hundred has been found.
Many members of Congress have gone to spend the recess with their families left at home, and their constituents.
Reports from El Paso are contradictory as to the participation of Mexican citizens in the late outbreak there. Government dispatches indicating that there were none and those from Texas officials affirming that Mexicans from the south side of the Rio Grande instigated the disturbance and took a hand in them. All agree, however, in the belief that our relations with Mexico are in an extremely critical state, and liable to eventuate in war at any time.
KNOX.

Rev. Jos. Cook's Argument.

MR. EDITOR:—Please allow me a few remarks in reference to the argument of Mr. Cook, as published in the Argus of this date.
1. We do not know of any independent existences but Time, Space and Matter; neither of which, or all combined, constitute a personality; though they never had a beginning and can never have an end.
2. Personality necessarily implies a beginning; which necessarily implies dependence.
3. Time, Space and Matter, are uncaused—without source or origin—eternal necessities; and no personality can overcome them, or exist independent of them. Therefore an independent personality is an impossibility in the nature of things.
And if we admit the philosophical proposition, that no effect can take place without an adequate cause, we contradict the doctrine of free will, and are bound to admit that whether one or many invisible planners or designers—personities—exist in the universe, they must, one and all, from the highest to the lowest, be DEPENDENT; and under the inevitable and eternal law of cause and effect.
This is the CHARITABLE view, which sees the criminal as an unfortunate inheritor of a crime-bent organization, and as the natural and appropriate result of unfavorable prenatal conditions; as opposed to the vindictive and vengeful view as seen under the false light of free will, which teaches that the criminal could as easily, under the same circumstances, have done well as the man of a good organization.
He speaks of conscience as a "deep human instinct"; as if it is a KNOWN faculty; when mental science plainly shows it to be simply a passion or emotion, responsive ALONE to purely intellectual perception; and prompts to action in accordance with the intellectual perception of right.
Oak Harbor, Dec. 28 1877.
We give place to the above, not from a desire to draw out a long-winded metaphysical discussion, because we have neither the time, space or theological training necessary to such an undertaking. The author's wish to have his ideas made public is gratified. Our impression, however, is that those ideas, imbibed as they evidently are, from Paine's "Age of Reason," Volney's works, and other fallacious doctrines, are badly mixed.
The proposition that Time, Space and Matter are without beginning or end, instead of being a logically established truth, is a bare assumption; that they are independent existences, UNCAUSED, and that no personality can overcome or exist independent of them, is in such gross violation of all the teachings and promptings of intelligent judgment and reason that we decline any attempt to change the opinions of one whose sober judgment would lead him to occupy such grounds. It would require a reconstructed mental organization, according to his doctrine, which none but a Creator could give; and, as he does not admit the existence of a Creator, such a thing would be impossible.
That the doctrine of free will is overthrown by that of cause and effect, is certainly something new; as if a person's acts could not be caused by the volition of his own free will. Again, if conscience is "simply a passion or emotion, responsive alone to intellectual perceptions, and prompted to action in accordance with the intellectual perception of right," what constitutes a deep human instinct?
Taking our correspondent's grounds, we have—
1. An earth revolving through the solar system in obedience to a law which could not possibly control it because it is composed of matter and is therefore an independent existence.
2. A universe existing of its own accord, acting with that unison and harmony which could only result from intelligent design. Intelligent design implies intelligence, which could only belong to a personality; therefore the earth or the UNIVERSE if you please, is an intelligent personality. But then its bodies are composed of matter; and, as matter cannot constitute a personality, we are brought face to face with an impossibility.
3. We must not punish criminals, because they cannot help what they do. They are under the "eternal and inevitable law of cause and effect," therefore they are not intelligent beings, but mere machines.
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We understand that Mr. A. U. Davis, of Duqueness, is very ill with lung fever.

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MARKET REPORT.

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Flour—XXX, 8 lbs..... 86 1/2 25
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Wheat per cwt..... 1 70 to 2 00
Potatoes, 1/2 bushel..... 60 to 80
Onions per cwt..... 1.50 to 2 00
Barley per ton..... 25 to 30
" feed..... 45 to 50
Rum, per lb..... 1 1/2
Bray per ton..... 16 00
Timothy seed per lb..... 08
Tea, Japan..... 35 to 65
Sugar, crushed..... 16 1/2
" Island No 1..... 11 to 12
" No 2..... 9 1/2 to 10
Eggs per doz..... 42
Lard..... 15
Beacon..... 13 1/2 to 15
Hams, best sugar cured..... 5 to 10
Beef, wholesale cuts, retail..... 5 to 10
Mutton, per carcass cuts; retail..... 5 to 10
Chickens per doz..... 45 to 60

Portland Market.
Wheat, per cental..... 82 to 82 1/2
Flour, Standard 8 lbs..... 5 50 to 6 50
Oats, 1/2 bushel..... 1 40 to 1 50
Barley, 1/2 cental..... 1 10 to 1 12
Beacon, 1/2 lb..... 12 to 14
Hams 1/2 lb..... 22
Coffee, Costa Rica..... 20 to 25
Cheese, 1 lb..... 17
Hides, dry flint, 16 to 17 cts; good cull 11
Tallow 1/2 lb..... 03

San Francisco Market.
Flour, best..... 7 50 to 9 00
Wheat, quiet, 1/2 cwt..... 2 35 to 2 45
Barley, feed, per cental..... 1 35 to 1 75
Oats..... 1 25 to 2 15
Hay, 1/2 ton..... 11 00 to 20 00
Potatoes, 1/2 bushel..... 75 to 1 25
Beef, wholesale..... 3 to 8
Mutton..... 3 to 4
Hork, live, cuts; dressed..... 5 1/2

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High Arithmetic, (B) Geometry, (B)
Physical Geography, (B) Elementary Astronomy
English Grammar, (B) English Grammar, (B)

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Virgil's Aeneid, Livy,
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Anabasis, Memorabilia,
German Reader, Evidences of Christianity,
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Telegraphic Summary.

BUCHAREST, Jan. 4.—The army which was to cross Schipka Pass and co-operate with Gen. Gourko in a movement against Adrianople gives no signs of activity and while the present weather continues such operations would be impossible. Deep snow offers an almost insurmountable obstacle to wagons and the Russians have no sledges. An order has been issued for a supply of sledges, but by the time they are ready the snow will probably have disappeared and roads be impassable from mud and water. It is improbable that the Russians can reach Adrianople before May next.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—Arrived Dashing Wave, Tacoma; Iktine Discovery, Port Gamble; schr H. L. Tier nan, Seattle; bk Revere, Departure bay; bk Amethyst, Bellingham bay; bk Martha Ridout, Port Blakely; ship Y. semite, Seattle; s. ip Germania, Iellingham bay; bk Mary Glover, Port Discovery; bk Gen Cobb, Sealock; bk David Hoadley, Port Gamble.

Sailed—Bk Jas. Chester, Pt Gamble; ship Three Brothers, Nanaimo; British ship Looksy, Hall, Burrard Inlet.

The Tribune's Washington special says the impression in diplomatic circles is that the President and cabinet will soon, possibly this week, decide favorably concerning the recognition of Diaz.

PANAMA, Dec. 25.—The Star and Herald has a letter from Lima, giving particulars of the loss of the steamer Atacama, which went to pieces on the rocks known as Quebradas, a short distance south of Caldera, on the Chilian coast, on the night of Nov. 30th. Captain Hall, officers, and many of the crew and passengers were lost. In all 101 persons were drowned and 29 saved. The ship was on a trip from Valparaiso to Callao.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—Pierce, Davis & Co., timber merchants of Liverpool, have failed; liabilities estimated at \$750,000.

The British government embargoed 2,000 cases of cartridges on board a steamer at Cardiff, destined for Constantinople.

The Russian detachment under General Dandeville, which supported Gen. Gourko in his movement over the Balkans, had 53 men frozen to death in one night and 830 frost bitten. The Turks suffered enormously and an immense number of the sick and wounded were found in their quarters. On Dec 31st the whole plain of Kaniha was strewn with Turkish corpses.

Telegrams received in Paris from Constantinople state that the Porte has asked for an armistice through Eugland.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The United States Supreme Court will resume its session to-morrow, pursuant to the holiday adjournment. The credit mobilizer case will be argued before a full bench at some early date.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 8.—It is rumored Austria and Germany have vetoed the idea of opening the Danubian to Russian vessels only. Russia has consequently determined not to raise the question at all.

AFTER about \$2,000 worth of repairing, the tug Mastick was launched on Wednesday morning from Hammond's ways, at Seattle. She may be expected down to-morrow if not to-day.

The demise of the Suohomish "Star" is noticed with regret by those who desire to see local interests advanced in Suohomish County.

The Portland "Evening Telegram" is evidently prospering. It is a valuable and reliable exchange, so we say amen to its advances.

We are indebted this week to Mr. Cameron, steward on the North Pacific, for favors extended.

ATTENTION is directed to the advertisements of Messrs. Gilmore & Co., Washington, D.C.

Now that the holidays are over, people are beginning to look for the other end of winter.

A French statistician has just published an interesting table respecting land owners in various countries, of which the following is a brief outline: Of 7,000,000 heads of families in France, 5,500,000 are owners of land. In Switzerland, of 555,000 heads of families, 455,000 are possessed of landed property. In Belgium, M. de Laveleye states, of 4,100,000 inhabitants, 1,124,000 are owners of land. In Sweden, of 850,000 families, 200,000 are land owners. In the United States, of 1,200,000 heads of families, 2,600,000 own and farm their own lands. In England, of 4,400,000 heads of families, only 170,000, or 1 out of 26, is an owner of land. In Ireland, a purely agricultural country, and a country of small peasant holdings, only one head of a family out of every 25 is an owner of land; and in Scotland the disproportion is still greater, for only one family in 84 is endowed with land.

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ARRIVALS—JAN. 4.
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DEPARTURES.
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Favorite, Gamble
Dispatch, San Juan.

ARRIVALS—JAN. 5.
[None.]
DEPARTURES.
Donald, straits
Schr Alfred, San Juan
It. bk Orzera, Valparaiso
Leticia.

ARRIVALS—JAN. 6.
Donald, Straits
Schr Page, Ludlow
DEPARTURES.
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ARRIVALS—JAN. 7.
Yakima, Gamble
DEPARTURES.
Schr Page, Duqueness
Yakima, Gamble

ARRIVALS—JAN. 8.
Oregon, Seabeck
Tacoma, Ship Harbor
Blakely, Port Blakely
BK Colosa, "

DEPARTURES.
Tacoma, Ship Harbor
Blakely, straits.

ARRIVALS—JAN. 10.
Schr Pamonia, S F
U S Walcott, Seattle

Good News.—Our readers will be pleased to note the prosperous condition of affairs in the upper country, evidenced by the fact that Baronovich's fishery, at Cazarn, has been purchased by the San Francisco millionaire, Alvinza Hayward. This is indeed good news, and shows that the immense natural resources of the great Northwest are attracting capital which will be actively employed in developing them.

The Territorial library has been removed to the Capitol building.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

Divine service will be held in the Presbyterian church next Sabbath at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sabbath school at 2 P. M. Ladies sewing circle on Tuesday afternoon and evening. Prayer meeting and Bible study at 7 1/2 o'clock Wednesday evening.

Services will be held in St. Paul's church on Sunday next at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sunday school at 2 P. M. Evening prayer on Wednesday at 7 o'clock. Litany on Friday morning, at 10. The ladies will meet as usual on Thursday evening at 7 o'clock, at the residence of the pastor.

There will be preaching in the M. E. church on Sunday next, morning and evening, by Rev. John Parsons, the pastor. Sunday school at 2 P. M. Prayer meeting on Thursday evenings, and class and teachers' meetings on Saturday evenings.

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If we could vanish, thou and I,
While the last woodland bird is singing,
Wouldst thou not be content to die?
Deep drifts of leaves in the forest lie,
Red vintage that the frost is flinging,
And golden Autumn passes by.
Beneath this delicate rose-gray sky,
While sunset bells are faintly ringing,
Wouldst thou not be content to die?
For wintry webs of mist on high
Out of the muffled earth are springing,
And golden Autumn passes by.
O now when pleasures fade and fly,
And hope her southward flight is wringing,
Wouldst thou not be content to die?
Lost Winter come, with wailing cry,
His cruel bondage bringing,
When golden Autumn hath passed by.
And thou, with many a tear and sigh,
While life her wasted hands is wringing,
Shall pray in vain for leave to die
When golden Autumn hath passed by.

Thrilling Incident of the St. John Fire.

We copy from Mr. Stewart's work on "The Great Fire in St. Joan, N. B.," the following graphic account of one of the adventures of that fearful night.—Ed. TRANS.

Mr. John E. Turnbull's sash factory, in Main street, despite all exertions, caught so quickly that the workmen narrowly escaped from the ruins with their lives. Mr. Turnbull crossed the street to his residence, which, like many others on that eventful day, he considered impregnable. He had worked long at the factory, and had stored in his house a large quantity of belting and tools of his workshop. He had carefully gathered up everything of an inflammable character, and had swept the yard clean, so that nothing could ignite and spread around the fire, that but too readily devoured everything in its way. A vigorous defence was inaugurated to save the house. Mr. Turnbull had good assistants. His sons were there working like beavers, and Mr. Walker Frink, in his department, stayed the flames for a long time. The neighbors, believing, like Mr. Turnbull, that nothing could harm his house, had piled large quantities of furniture against its front. These were lying before the windows of the cellar, and after a while took fire. Mrs. Turnbull, fearing that the house might after all be burned, and at the request of her husband, made her escape by the back window, and had to be lifted over the fence. It was well that she did go, for in a few minutes the house was threatened from a dozen quarters. The fence in the rear was cracking, and Mr. Turnbull went down into the cellar and began to shove off the burning furniture from the windows. He worked away at this for some time, never dreaming that the fire was so near to him, or that escape would soon be cut off. He had lost his hearing some years before, and did not hear the roar of the fire nor feel its approach. His son James was up-stairs battling with the fire, and Mr. Frink was on the roof. James Turnbull, realizing in an instant the condition of his father and his infirmity, and knowing well the determined character of his nature, was about to rush into the cellar and tell him how near the fire was, when he turned and beheld a dark shadow in the doorway. It was coming towards him, and for a moment struck terror into his soul. The tall figure of a woman, deeply robed in black, holding up a long train in her hand, and with head-dress all aflame, stood before him in the hall. He advanced towards her, as soon as he could recover himself, and at once tore off the burning head-dress and stamped it with his foot. He then brushed the kindling sparks from her dress. She seemed demented and unable to understand the nature of these proceedings. Indeed she remonstrated with him, and begged him not to destroy her bonnet. The fire had crazed her brain, and after escaping from her house she had wandered into Mr. Turnbull's blazing residence, unheeded of the terrible burn she had received, and notwithstanding that she was on fire herself; in several places, James, realizing the state of affairs at once, coaxed her to go with him to the cellar to see his father, but she hung back and implored him to leave her there. He was forced to drag her unwillingly along, and together they both arrived at the place where the father was still laboring to extinguish the fire that was coming from all sides. He knew nothing of the great headway that had been made up-stairs, and had not even begun to realize the danger of his situation below.

As soon as he saw the lady he told his son to go and fetch a mat and throw it over her, and he would be with them in a few minutes. This was done, but as often as this mat was wrapped around her, it was thrown off again. Some moments passed, and Mr. Turnbull finding that he could do no more, resolved to leave the house. He and his son and the lady went up-stairs, where a sight that would have appalled a heart of stone met his eyes. All hope of escape through the alley in the rear was cut off. The house was on fire in the back. The flames were melting the roof in a dozen places. On either side the blaze was at its height, and not a moment was to be lost. Escape lay in one direction only, and that was hazardous in the extreme. They must face the fire and escape by the front door, or perish where they stood. The position they were in was trying, but fortunately for them their nerves were strong, and they were cool and collected. And now they began preparing for the struggle. The

warrior formerly buckled on his armor of steel before venturing on the fray, but the armor of the fire-fighters consisted of old coats and wet clothes. A coat was fastened around the lady, who was still unknown to Mr. Turnbull, and her head was covered. His son James, enveloped in the same way, stood by her side. Mr. Turnbull tied a wet handkerchief across his mouth, and after putting a coat over his head, they began the memorable race for life. James seized the lady, lifted her on his shoulders and followed his father out of the door. She was heavy, very tall, and had passed in age the allotted three-score-and-ten. In addition to this, she was unwilling to leave the house, and twice she had to be dragged away by main force from the sofa. In no instance did she seem to comprehend what was being done or how great her peril was. She was more concerned about her parasol and head dress than she appeared to be about her own personal safety. James seemed endowed with superior strength, and he seized his burden with a sort of death-grip from which, despite her struggles, she could not escape. She afterwards became calmer, and while she made no attempt to get off his back, he had her full dead weight to carry. The three-tipped into the street and walked into the furnace. The heat was intense, and holding down their heads they hurried along. They ran over blazing coals, and hands and feet burned to the very bone. They had not proceeded twenty-five yards from the house which was situated near the corner of Main and Sydney streets, when they came upon a boat, thirty feet long, which was lying directly across their path on its side. They could not pass by the inside and had to go around by the bow. They were hastening along to Charlotte street, and intended going down the street to the Ballast Wharf, and when the worst came, the intention was to leap into the sea.

But the lady grew violent just as the boat was passed a few feet, and refused to go any further. She straightened herself up, and slipping from James' shoulder, fell prone upon the ground. In vain she was reasoned with, in vain she was asked to make an effort, in vain she was appealed to; she would not move, but lay on her back helplessly, saying:

"O leave me alone, leave me here, I'm very comfortable."

The great fire, like a whirlwind, brushed against the exposed flesh of the three human beings, and wore it to the bone. It was like some invisible fiend. Before them they saw no flames, but a dead white heat that was all the more terrible because it could not be seen. Every time the covering was removed from their heads, as they sought to look out and see where they were going, this intense, imperceptible heat burned their very eyeballs. The trees alongside were grasped by this unseen power, and their trunks were twisted and turned in its cobra-like embrace. Everything in the road seemed charged with an element that appeared to draw the flames on. Though Main street is one hundred and five feet wide, and the fire was for the most part confined to the houses on the side of the road, a cat could not run the gauntlet that night and live. No one can realize the awful power of the heat, which the Messrs. Turnbull, and the lady they were striving to save experienced on that thrilling march through the melting valley, without having passed through a similar experience. It was a trial that can never be blotted from their memories.

So much time was lost in trying to induce their charge to continue on with them, that their chance of escape by Charlotte street was cut off, and the only hope that remained now, was to return by the terrible route they had come. The battle had to be fought over again. The race back had to be run once more. The boat must be crossed again, they must go nearly two blocks forward, or die in their tracks. The street was full of smoke now, and flying embers alighted on their shoulders and burned their clothes, and the wild heat and the scorching flames were madly tearing through their faces.

Their charge remained as helpless as before, and there was something pitiable in her be-eching cries, that almost tempted them to accede to her request and leave her there in the street. But not a moment now was to be lost; the fire was tramping down all before him. The two men seized her. She struggled and would not move. They dragged her to the boat, and she fell from their now powerless arms.

Weakened by the fire, and sick at heart at their ill-success, they could do no more, and could scarcely resist themselves the desire to stay there by the upturned boat, and yield their lives back to Him who gave them. The old lady fell back, and died with a smile upon her lips. The men, too weak to carry her farther, placed her close by the boat, and shouted loudly for help. But the streets were bare of people, and no sound could be heard but their own voices rising above the crackling of the flames. They ran over the lava-like street, stopping every now and then to catch breath. On, they sped, the youthful spirit of the one being roused, when it lagged, by the inspiring words of the wiry and vigorous elder. It was a terrible journey, fraught with direful dangers on every side. Each foot of the way was gained by a struggle, every yard was won by a battle. It was not until Carmarthen street was reached, that father and son could realize that they were saved. They removed the covering from their heads, and looked back at the road they had passed. A moment more in that fire would have been their last. A figure was coming towards them, as they, arm in arm, almost reeled up Carmarthen street, and it proved to be the brother of the woman Mr. Turn-

bull and his boy had tried to rescue. He was told that his sister was left by the boat dead, and that no earthly power could have saved her.

One can imagine his agony when he learned these tidings. The old lady proved to be Mrs. Reed, mother of Mr. T. M. Reed, a former mayor of the city. At three o'clock the next morning Mr. Turnbull went back to Main street, and on coming up to the unburned portion of the boat, found close by it the remains of Mrs. Reed. Mrs. Reed lost in the fire two sisters—the Misses Clark, one of whom, it is thought, was burned in her house, on the corner of Sydney and Main streets. These three ladies were highly respected and loved by all who knew them, and their afflicted relatives meet with the sympathy of all.

Divorcee in Turkey.

In many things Turkey is a wonderful country, and some of its institutions are marvellous. The law of divorce, for instance, is a choice bit of jurisprudence. Should a lady have good reason to suspect her lord of infidelity, she has but to summon him before her household, and make an oath that, "May I cease to be a Moslem, if ever I receive him again." He is dismissed *d mensa et thoro*. But should she repent of her vow, or should her penitent husband find means to mollify her anger, through the intervention of friends or by any other of the thousand and one ways, which lead to a reconciliation, and should a condonation be agreed to, the law runs that there must be a remarriage, and this cannot be unless both parties admit that they are equally guilty. Since the ex-husband's infidelity was the primary cause of the divorce, it is necessary that at least one such charge be proved against the ex-wife. A society of blind men exists for this purpose. One of them is solemnly deputed to take on himself the part of co-respondent, two witnesses make affidavits, and justice is satisfied. A *causa celebre* is privately talked of just now, which illustrates this curious custom. A person of very high position in the household of the Sultan, during the *demenagement*, which took place after the decease of Abdul Aziz, managed through his great influence in the palace, and by the connivance of some of the chiefs of the "neutral gentry," to become the bumpy possessor of three beautiful Georgian slaves, whom he established in all privacy in a *konak*, at Stamboul. Some kind friend, or disappointed demaender of *bakshish*, conveyed to his excellency's loyal wife intelligence of the fact. She is a royal personage, and, as such, has the right to insist on being the sole possessor of her husband. He was brought up before her, proved to be unfaithful, and dismissed. Friends interfered; a reconciliation was effected according to law, and an interval of repose succeeded. But he could not behave properly; a few weeks saw him return to his "Paphian bowers" at Stamboul, and he is once more pronounced a *divorcee* by his twice aggrieved spouse.

THE BISMARCK SHIELD.—There is a very pretty legend in connection with the Bismarck family, which goes to show how the oak leaves adorning the Bismarck shield were added to the clover and the nettle leaves. It runs as follows: Many years ago there was a lovely maiden, Gertrude von Bismarck. Numbers of noble knights and courtiers sought her hand and heart, but she was, by her own consent and her father's wish, betrothed to a cousin, a noble and princely youth. One day there came to the castle, where the beautiful Gertrude lived, a prince of the Wenden, with one hundred horsemen, to try and win her. She courteously, but firmly, refused him. The prince was greatly enraged, and incited by her great loveliness, determined to gain her; so he called his warriors, and said he would break the clover-leaf (Gertrude) with his own hand. On the same day he assailed the castle, which was but weakly defended. The castellan was soon overcome, and the Wende entered the castle, and then the maiden's chamber. "I came to break you in, you golden clover-leaf. You don't sting like stinging nettles. Clover does not sting," he said, and with that he put his arm around her. A moment more and he withdrew it, crying out, "Mercy!" Gertrude held a dagger over him, then struck it in his heart, saying, "The nettle stings hard whoever will break or touch Bismarck's golden clover." Since then the Bismarck shield wears the oak leaves as a sign and crown of victory.

THE paintings and books of General Fremont were sold at Kurtz's Art Gallery last week, the General intending to migrate to North Carolina, where he will superintend some copper mines. A portrait of Mrs. Fremont was bought by Mr. John Townsend for \$100; "Christmas Morning," by George H. Boughton, sold for \$117; a water-color sketch of A. Von Humboldt in his library, with an autograph letter, which were presented to General Fremont, sold for \$16, and thirteen bronze medals presented to General Fremont by Baron Von Humboldt, brought \$11; a terra cotta figure, six inches high, which had been presented to General Fremont by Hans Christian Andersen, was sold for \$2, and a beautiful set of nine pieces of Sevres porcelain, decorated in blue and gold, which had been presented to General Fremont by Napoleon III, went for \$137.50 to Mr. Howard.—*N. Y. Home Journal.*

THE area of the United States, including Alaska, its latest acquisition, is 3,693,544 square miles. The area of Europe, including the adjacent islands, which contain about 317,000 miles, is 3,259,000, of which Russia owns nearly one-third.

The Opium Habit.

Ella Henderson, aged thirty-three years, died on Sunday morning at the residence of Dr. Stone, corner of Woodward avenue and Williams street, from the effects of an over-dose of laudanum. This unfortunate lady was a daughter of John B. Hamilton, a former proprietor of the H-wart House, in this city. Several years ago she acquired a love for morphia, which, as years passed by, developed into a mania for the insidious drug. Finally the longing for the stimulant became so great that she would obtain it at all hazards. Her taste was not limited to morphia alone, but she became addicted to the use of large quantities of opium, laudanum and whisky. The recent death of her aged father seemed to drive her farther and farther on her downward course. Her friends, convinced that she was no longer capable of taking care of her children, took them from her. About six weeks ago Mrs. Dr. Stone kindly took the unfortunate woman under her charge, in the hope of winning her from the habits which were fast hurrying her to the grave, and lifting her once more to the proper sphere. By education and intellect she was entitled to a place among the most exalted of her sex; yet the morphia mania, the bane of her existence, had dragged her down to the verge of debauchery.

The effect to bring her back to a new life was a failure. The thirst for morphia seemed to be entirely beyond her control; and deprived of it she could neither eat nor sleep.

For hours she would pace the floor of her room, summoning all the energies of her soul to aid her in throttling the demon appetite which was stifling her, even as though some monster serpent had coiled its slimy folds about her and was crushing her to death.

The horrors of delirium tremens sunk into insignificance when compared with the sufferings that woman endured while trying to rid herself of her appetite.

"Give me morphia; give me something that I may quench this terrible thirst, or let me die," she cried in despair! The heart of stone would melt at such suffering, and an angel could but weep for one so unfortunate.

Morphine she must have or die. With such an alternative, a small quantity of laudanum was given her. Fatal draught! No sooner had she taken the first cup and drained it to the very dregs, ere the demon had taken possession of her, and was bearing her onward toward the dark river. The first drink of the poison developed all the cunning of the opium-eater. Armed with all the graces which a beautiful and accomplished woman always carries with her, she succeeded in obtaining enough of the baleful drug to satisfy the demands of her importunate appetite. For three successive weeks she has been in a long stupor. In the seclusion of her own room she literally poisoned herself to death, although up to the very moment of her death conscious, and alive to what was passing about her.—*Detroit Post and Tribune.*

THE Victoria Regia is a native of Bolivia, and was first discovered by D'Orbigny, the traveler. It belongs to the family of the *Nymphaeaceae*, and bears a strong resemblance to the water-lily, with which we are all familiar. The same plant was also discovered by Scourbourg in British Guiana. If any one will pay a visit to a river or pond in his vicinity during the summer, and take a look at the water-lilies there growing; if he will exercise his imagination until by its aid the leaves of that plant broaden to a width of from three to six feet, and the flowers, sometimes white, sometimes yellow, and again violet, become magnified to a foot in diameter and height, he will have a tolerable accurate idea of the appearance of this wonderful plant. Its perfume is delicious. The leaves are smooth and green above, while on the under side they are reddish, and divided into a great number of compartments by the veins which project, leaving between them spaces which are filled with air, and by means of which the leaves are supported on the surface of the water. There is a rim around the edge of the plant about two inches high, which makes it appear like a large circular tray. So well is the leaf buoyed up upon the surface of the water and so strong are its fibres, that large birds stand and walk upon it while seeking their prey in the water below.

ENGLAND, after all, is very much like this country. Listen: "A tall, elderly, refined-looking gentleman recently went into a small post office in a rural region of England. He asked some questions relative to the registering of a letter, and he was very sharply and rudely snubbed by a young woman in attendance. He asked her if she thought that was a proper way to answer an inquiry in a public office. She thought that she had been quite civil enough for him. He asked her, with an ominously increasing mildness of manner, if she would favor him with her name. She emphatically declined to do so. He then said he thought he would tell her his name, which, however, she declined to hear, saying that his name was no concern of hers. He calmly replied that he thought it was, for his name was John Manners, and he was the Postmaster-General."

A DISTINGUISHED legal gentleman, residing in Middletown, N. Y., presents his daughter with a solid silver spoon at every birth-day. She now has thirteen spoons. Each spoon is in the style of the year in which it is given, and bears her name and the date.

HAILSTONES fell in Clay County, Texas, during the great storm, measuring eight inches in circumference.

Wit and Humor.

Why was George Washington like a political stump-speaker? Because he couldn't tell a lie.

BUSINESS is so dull in some branches now that the tradesman actually lies in weight for a customer.

ONE of our subscribers doesn't want our paper any longer. Glad of it, the present length suits us exactly.

JOHN BILLINGS says very truly, "You'd better not know so much than to know so many things that ain't so."

NO FOOLS THERE.—"Are there any fools in this city?" asked a stranger of a newsboy. "No; do you feel lonesome?" was the reply.

NATURE seldom makes a phool; she simply furnishes the raw material, and lets the fellow finish the job to suit himself.—*Josh Billings.*

AN exchange says the labor strike has taken all the bustle out of business. But the rioters have given it a good pull-back.—*Norristown Herald.*

EDITORS amount to something in Germany. For instance, the editor of the general Postoffice journal is called a Reichsberaumszeitungschreiber.

"BELINDA, why is a kiss like that sewing machine of yours?" "Oh, I don't know. Don't bother me." "I'll tell you why. It's because it *seems* so good."

I DON'T like to talk much with people who always agree with me. It is amusing to coquette with an echo a little while, but one soon tires of it.—*Carlyle.*

"No, ma'am," said a grocer to an applicant for credit, "I can't trust any more—the day for trust has gone by—I wouldn't even trust my own feelings now."

PROFESSOR—"In one evening I counted twenty-seven meteors sitting on my piazza." Class expresses great astonishment at the sociable character of the heavenly bodies.

THE MODEL STRIKER.—"Yes, Mr. Parson, your religion is all very well, but it allows only one day of rest in the week. I want a religion that'll let me rest all the week."

A STERN parent rebuked his son for staying out late at night, and said: "The place for boys." "That's just what I think when you drive me off to school every morning," said the boy.

"Who is the oldest female on record?" asked a young lady of the family circle. "Ante Diluvian," answered her brother. "Not so; it is Ann O Mundi," she said and the question was considered settled.

THAT boy who took a hornet's nest and undertook to carry it home, thinking he had a bag of treasures, lost the bag on his way, but succeeded in getting the hornets to accompany him to his destination.

A FARMER, meeting a neighbor near his cornfield, said: "How much corn to the acre do you suppose I have here?" To which the other growled, as he limped away: "How many achers do you think I have to my corn?"

A STUMP orator boasted that his candidate would "hold his own" no matter what the opposing party might do. "Yes," said the opposition speaker, "he always holds his own and a good deal that belongs to other people, too."

A LITTLE boy, hearing his parents talking about a soprano singer who sang in their church, asked what a soprano was. His father answered: "A soprano, my boy, is a young lady who is up in all the airs and puts 'em on heavy."

"I Took Her to the Ball" is the title of a new song, but it doesn't say anything about how it began to rain, how he had to borrow \$10 for a carriage to take her home, and how, to crown all, the hackman on reaching her door demanded \$12.

TWO THINGS THAT CAN'T BE DONE AT THE SAME TIME.—"Dey ain't no nigger on de top side er keration," said a colored man at Tenille, the other day, putting his hand to his bandaged head, "what can sing a hymn an' put de gear on a kickin' mule at de same time?"

"GOOD gracious, what is that, Seth?" said Mrs. Spicer, as a fruit peddler drove past at 6 A. M., howling: "Here yah! Here y-a-a-h! peechiz, ripe peechiz!" "That's, my dear," said Spicer, drowsily boring his head into the pillow, for a final nap, "that's peaches and scream."

THE TENDER POINT.—They are taking evidence in a divorce case for cruelty; the husband is under examination; his wife, prostrated with grief, is weeping bitterly, covering her face with her handkerchief. "Now," says the judge, "are you not ashamed to have thus brutally treated your wife, a tender young woman of twenty-five?"

The wife suddenly raises her head. "I beg your pardon," she says; "twenty-four only," and she again gives way to her grief.

ALL HE KNEW ABOUT THE PIG.—The pig was thus written up by a Georgia boy, whose composition was published in his local paper, the Griffin News, and was as follows:

"The pig is about as big as a sheep, only a pig's wool isn't good for making stockings of. Why is a pig like a tree? Because it roots; that is a conundrum. A pig washes himself in the mud. A pig has four legs, one under each corner of his body. They pickie pigs' feet, but not until after the pig is done using 'em. A pig squeals awful when it rains, also when you pull its tail. A pig has got a first-rate voice for squealing, and he grunts when he feels good. You can't make a whistle out of a pig's tail, 'cos it is crooked. Why is a pig like Tommy Grant? 'Cos he's got his nose in everybody's business. This is another conundrum, which is all I know about the pig."

Grade Cattle and Thoroughbreds.

Thinking over the difference of keeping common grade cattle and possessing a herd of pure-breds, suggested a little calculation: Thus, say a man has fifty heifers, including heifer calves. Suppose there are ten heifer calves raised every year, there would be also ten yearlings, ten two year olds, and ten three year olds, which would leave ten cows four years old, making fifty altogether. Now, according to the best English system of dairy husbandry, these oldest cows, which are just in their prime, would be kept barren this year and, when dry from milk, be fattened, and sold for beef. Well, if these were good Orange County grade cows and managed on this English system, they would probably make very fine beef, and now, as the best meat has a ready sale for exportation, these ten cows would make \$80 each, thus bringing in \$800 per year, over and above what would arise from the milk or the butter.

Now, we will suppose that instead of grade cattle, another man with a similar farm had pure-breds of a moderate fancy breed, or, in other words, has a thoroughbred herd, but not any of the extravagant Short Horns. Say they are all fine and useful, with a fair pedigree of whatever breed they may be, and that they are worth \$200 each on an average. As they thus cost a great deal more than the grades, there would be a much heavier capital on which to pay interest, and as round numbers will be near enough for our purpose, we may put extra interest at \$500 per year. Our calculation would then be: 10 cows sold in calf instead of beef, and the price \$200 each, which would be \$2,000 per year instead of \$800; but the \$500 interest must be deducted from the larger sum, then leaving \$1,500 instead of \$800.

This argument could be carried farther by reckoning the keeping of these animals worth several hundred dollars more each, but when these very costly cattle are bred, there is a deal of extra expense incurred in pampering them, and, moreover, the high feeding and close breeding of relation causes many barren cows and many other kinds of disappointments, which, when everything had been accounted for, would not improve the returns from the more moderate strain of pure-breds.

There should be a well regulated system in breeding, but with those who will sell animals of any age, from a calf to a cow, there appears to be no method at all; whereas, on the other hand, if there were only the annual draft, there would be a positively decided system.—*Cor. Rural New Yorker.*

SHROPSHIRE.—The Shropshire has a dark brown face and legs, and the wool in centre of forehead and around the ears tinged with brown, larger than Southdown, which it much resembles, and the fleece, which weighs from five to seven pounds, is much longer in staple and heavier than the Southdown, but still a carding wool; there is, however, a lack of uniformity. In samples taken from last year's lambs the fleece had precisely the appearance of Cotswold wool, while a sample from an imported buck of the same age, which was nearly as long, was a carding wool, which was much like the Southdown. The meat resembles the Southdown, being marbled with fat, but perhaps less delicate. While the Shropshire as a breed is superior to the Southdown in size and weight of fleece, still it is much to be doubted if they will prove equal to the Southdowns for improving the common breeds of our country. The Southdown being a very old and distinct breed, impresses its characteristics with great certainty; the Shropshire being a cross-breed animal, and, as the most cross-breed animals are superior to either of the breeds from which it is formed, is not so likely to impress its progeny with its own type.—*American Farmer.*

GREEN FOOD IN WINTER.—We must provide, this fall, for the requisite green food our fowls need during the later months of winter, when grass sods, turf and summer or fall greens are not to be had. A store of this, in the shape of cabbages, rutabaga turnips, rowen, white beets, etc., may be economically "stowed away" for future use at this season of the year, when such vegetables are plentiful in market or about the farms, and while they may be purchased at a cheap rate, comparatively. These articles may be stored in a moderately cool but dry cellar, to advantage—simply being kept from freezing—and they will be found very handy by and by. Poultry confined in close runs and houses four or five months, during our cold Northern winters, require good artificial feeding in variety to make them lay at all during the frigid term, or to incite them to commence their work early in the spring. The provision of green food, and cooked vegetables, mixed with their meal and grain, at this period, is a grand need that must not be lost sight of, where the poulterer would do his stock justice, and at the same time make the most out of their product, seasonably.—*Poultry World.*

EGGS ALL THE YEAR ROUND.—Give your hens a reasonable share of attention; furnish suitable accommodations; get and keep the right breed; save only the earliest hatched pullets for laying; furnish as great a variety of food as possible; feed as much as they will eat; give green and animal food of some kind in winter; keep the hens quiet and comfortable; don't allow them to be worried or frightened; keep clean and fresh water at hand always. These rules intelligently applied, says Prof. Corbett, will secure an abundant supply of eggs the year round.

SOLON said, "Men keep their agreements when it is an advantage to both parties not to break them."

A New Way to Retain Subscribers.

An indignant subscriber to a New Jersey paper went into the office a few days ago and ordered his paper stopped, because he differed with the editor in his views of sub-tiling fence-rails. The editor conceded the man's right to stop his paper, and remarked, coolly, as he looked over his list:

"Do you know Jim Sowders, down at Hard-crabbie?"

"Very well," said the man.

"Well, he stopped his paper last week because I thought a farmer was a blamed fool who didn't know that timothy was a good thing to graft on huckleberry bushes, and he died in less than four hours."

"Lord! is that so?" said the astonished Granger.

"Yes; and you know old George Erickson, down on Eagle Creek?"

"Well, I've heard of him."

"Well," said the editor, gravely, "he stopped his paper because I said he was the happy father of twins, and congratulated him on his success so late in life. He fell dead within twenty minutes. There's lots of similar cases, but it don't matter. I'll just cross your name off, though you don't look strong, and there's a bad color on your nose."

"See here, Mr. Editor!" said the subscriber, looking somewhat alarmed, "I believe I'll just keep on another year, because I always did like your paper; and, come to think about it, you're a young man, and some allowance ought to be made;" and he departed, satisfied that he had made a narrow escape from death.

Old Rivers Utilized.

Running water leaves on the earth's crust marks as permanent as any of the violent convulsions of nature. The discovery has lately been made in Australia that the streams of the Tertiary period, probably many years ago, but now dried up, are vast storehouses of wealth. They are carefully searched out and worked for tin. They acted precisely in the same way as the rivers of our own day, washing away the lighter rock, and leaving a concentration of the heavy ore in the channel. They vary considerably in depth, according to the remoteness of their origin. In one of them a shaft has been sunk to 60 feet, and at that depth the ground is a regular river bed, with, in some places, a collection of loose drift sand, heavily intermixed with tin-ore. It has been opened, at that depth, to the distance, horizontally, of 2,000 feet, and explored by boring from the surface for 600 feet more. The width of the seam has increased from 18 to 400 feet, and it contains an average of three feet of what the miners call "pay dirt," that is to say, soil worth working, for it yields about 1 1/2 per cent. of metal, an excellent produce for tin-ore. Some of these deposits are discovered at only a few feet from the surface, a fact which shows that they are of much later date than the one referred to above, but still of immeasurable antiquity. The state of the earth also shows that these latter rivers were not in action for very long periods, as the ore has been far less washed. Twenty-five of these tin mines have already been found, and although the difficulty attending all new enterprises has retarded their development, yet within two years they have produced 2,059 tons of ore, worth about \$1,000,000.

What is it in nature that impresses us most? Is it not the absence of self-consciousness? The violet and the oak are unconscious that there is in them either beauty or strength. The stars glow without attempt at parade or heraldry of their wonders. To say that a person is natural, is to say that he is forgetful of himself. It is the highest glory of art, and what applies to art applies also to the character. The highest form of character displays itself the least. Children are not aware of their brightness. Christian character loses much of its excellence if it becomes conscious of itself.

PACIFIC COAST PATENTS.—The following patents to inventors of the Pacific Coast were issued by the United States Patent Office on the 27th day of November, 1877, and each bearing that date, reported by C. W. M. Smith, patent solicitor, San Francisco: John F. Boye, San Francisco, Cal., desks; W. R. Young, Healdsburg, Cal., combination padlocks; J. L. Boone and E. J. Fraser, San Francisco, Cal., timing attachments for racing vehicles; C. Gladding, Lincoln, Cal., stoneware kilns; H. S. Smith, San Francisco, Cal., car-wheels.

Miscellaneous Items.

The Los Angeles *Herald* estimates the area in that county sown with wheat this season at 20,000 acres.

CHARLES SUMNER twice in his life swam the Niagara river. He has stopped all that now and settled down.

The dealers in fine writing paper complain that their business has been injured by the increased use of postal cards.

FARLEON has written the Christmas story for the weekly edition of the London *Times*, of which 400,000 will be printed.

The United States steamer *Tuscarora* is being fitted out at the Navy Yard, for surveying duty. This survey will comprise the part of the Pacific Coast south from Cape Corrientes (20 degrees latitude north) to Panama.

The United States war steamer *Lucknow* has been ordered out of commission. Her officers and crew have been transferred to the Independence, and ordered to hold themselves in readiness for orders to the *Tuscarora*.

Typos as Actors.

"Printers, did you say," remarked Mr. Stuart Robson, inquiringly, of the *San* reporter, a few nights ago, as he was on his way to a Boston train. "Why, my dear boy, all our leading actors have worked with a stick and rule at the case. It's the most natural thing in the world for printers to become actors, and for writers and players to rub elbows together."

"How do you reason out your theory?"

"Setting type is composition. A printer couldn't write an ungrammatical sentence if he tried. So with writers. Writing is but another word for acting. Both are the literature of thought, if you will allow the expression. It's art; and it's the most natural thing in the world, I should fancy, for printers to drift from the case to the stage or the editorial sanctum."

"Who of the actors of the present day are printers?"

"Let me see," said Mr. Robson, musingly. "There's J. H. Stoddard, one of our best 'old men;' he was a typo, and a good one, too. Then there's Montague, of Wallack's; one wouldn't think to see him bowling up Fifth avenue behind his span of bang-tail thoroughbreds that he was once a printer."

"Is that so?" queried the reporter. "I heard that he was in some way connected with a nobleman, and that he has had exceptional advantage of good surroundings and a university education."

"You've been misinformed, my boy. Montague, the gallant, that half Murray Hill is breaking his heart over, was a type-setter on the London *Era*, and that at not a very remote period either. Then there's Harry Crisp and Lawrence Barrett; both were printers. Barrett had a humble origin, but he has been studious, and is now one of the best read men in the profession. John Moore of the Fifth-avenue theatre is another typo. Joe Jefferson, the best actor of modern times, once earned his bread at the case. So did that capital comedian, W. H. Crane; as did William Warren of Boston, and Charles Burke of Philadelphia. Of dead actors who achieved world-wide fame, Wm. E. Burton and James W. Wallack, Jr., belonging to the craft. John Parselle was a compositor. So was your humble servant, but I think I was a better printer than I am an actor. I believe Neil Bryant was a fly-boy, and I am sure Barney Williams was one. Steve Fiske, of the Fifth avenue theatre, had something to do with newspapers, but I am not certain that he was ever employed in a composing-room. Theodore Hamilton, another good actor, was a sub-printer for years. I had almost forgotten Charles Fisher. He used to stick type like a race-horse. Not long ago he told me that he went into a printing office for the first time in thirty years. He said that he found the situation of all the boxes readily, except the receptacle for the inter-rogation marks; and that 'wanted to know what the mischief I was doing there?'"

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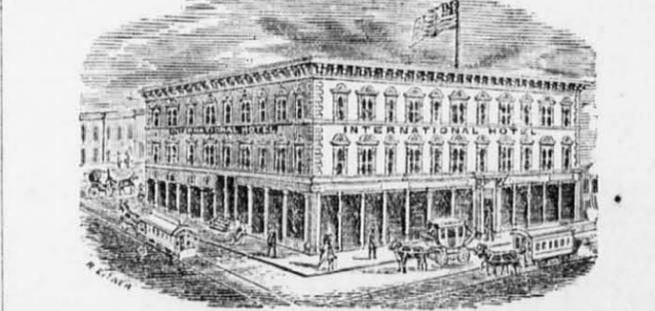
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Telegraphic Summary.

Information from Berlin is to the effect that Bismarck is determined to break up the French Exposition. To accomplish this he will urge Russia to demand impracticable terms so as to necessitate English interference. Germany will then send a force to aid Russia. France, he believes, would not be able to resist the opportunity to attack Germany, whereupon he would turn upon France and complete the work begun in the Franco-Prussian war, and which did not leave France sufficiently broke to suit the interests of Germany.

RICHMOND, DEC. 28.—The reinforcements ordered for the Russian army exceed a quarter of a million of men. The army of the Baltic numbering 90,000 men is also being formed. Russia has bought 200,000 rifles in Berlin.

PARIS, JAN. 1.—Russia has ordered from an establishment here a large number of locomotives. The same firm was asked to furnish three iron bridges daily across the Danube in April, but declined on account of shortness of time. The same establishment is furnishing heavy guns for an unknown purchaser.

ERZERUM, JAN. 1.—The junction between Gens. Melnikoff's and Tergukoff's corps south of Erzerum is believed to be imminent.

The Russians are advancing towards Balbat where the Turks are concentrated in force, and a battle is expected shortly. Gen. Lieres Melnikoff has gone to Tiflis. Gen. Helmuth has succeeded, though the attack on Erzerum will be delayed until Melnikoff's return, which cannot be before the end of January.

CHICAGO, JAN. 1.—The "Tribune's" London dispatch says the gravity of the political situation is such as to make news from the battlefields of secondary importance. It is known not only that Russia has declined England's offer to mediate, but that every action points to a continuance of the war on a grand scale. There will be a cabinet council held this evening to discuss the Russian note, which is expected to arrive to-day.

THE EUROPEAN SITUATION.

The situation in Europe is very grave. Russia, as was predicted, declines Great Britain's mediation, preferring to deal with Turkey directly. Great Britain's acceptance of the position of mediator was taken with little hope of success; but the refusal of Russia to entertain her overtures will strengthen the British Government by showing that they have hesitated at no effort to bring about a peaceful solution of the terrible struggle. To have declined to bear the olive branch to Russia, however hopeless the mission appeared, would have subjected the Government to severe censure. It is impossible to tell what will be the next move; but every day the aspect of affairs is growing graver because it is becoming painfully evident that Germany, Austria, Russia and, perhaps, Italy, are in perfect accord on the Eastern question, and that they will try and divide the spoils of war without consulting Great Britain, whose supremacy in India and on the Mediterranean is threatened by the partition of the Turkish empire.—"Colonist," of the 3d inst.

THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON.—One day, after King Solomon had written a column of solid nonpareil wise and moral proverbs, he took his eldest son by the elbow, led him down the back stairs of the palace, through the back yard, past the woodshed, out into the alley, backed up behind Abithophel's woodpile, looked warily around that no one was listening, and whispered into the young man's ear—"My son, a little office in a spread-eagle life insurance company is better than a cart-load of preferred stock in the Ophir mines." And then the monarch threw his head on one side, drew in his chin, shut one eye, and gazed at his offspring in silence. When the Great Hebraic Consolidated Stormy Jordan life insurance company, of which that intelligent young prince was president, went into bankruptcy, the young man was able to let his father who was a little short at the time, have 275,000 shekels for ninety days on his simple note of hand.

At a juvenile party one little fellow, rejoicing in the splendor of his new clothes, went up to another with the triumphant remark: "You ain't dressed as well as I am!" "Well," retorted the other, "I can lick you anyhow."

"Why did you name that old horse Napoleon?" asked a gentleman of a negro whose horse was almost reduced to a skeleton. "Why, marse, you see, its kase the boney part is so strong in him."

A little fellow who wore stripped stockings was asked why he made barber poles of his legs. His pert reply was, "Well, ain't I a little shaver?"

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Aug. 30	Aug. 8	Aug. 16
Sept. 10	Aug. 28	Aug. 30
Sept. 20	Sept. 18	Sept. 19
Oct. 20	Oct. 8	Oct. 10
	Oct. 28	Oct. 30

Steamship City of Panama,

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WILL LEAVE ON THE FOLLOWING

dates:

SAN FRANCISCO	PT. TOWNSEND	VICTORIA
Aug. 10	On arrival.	Aug. 20
Aug. 30	" "	Sept. 10
Sept. 20	" "	Sept. 30
Oct. 10	" "	Oct. 20

NOTE.—May 20, June 10, Sept. 30 and Dec. 20 counting on Sunday, the steamers will sail May 19, June 9, Sept. 29 and Dec. 29.

Passengers from Portland and up-Sound ports will take Puget Sound mail steamer and make connection with the City of Panama at Victoria. Steamer Dakota goes through to Olympia.

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