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THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 1868. The Late Leader of the House of Repre-

senatives. DURING life it is a difficult matter to get any current estimate of the character of an active politician. Political friends are for party purposes constrained to detect imaginary merits, and political foes are for a like reason led to deny virtues which are really possessed. After death, however, this division of sentiment is in a great measure done away with and people can give oredit or censure as they deem just. Viewed, then, from the standpoint of opinion which we can occupy the day after the death of Mr. Thaddeus Stevens, we can emphatically say that a great man has left us-one of the pillars of the State, a pillar which has lifted its head above all its fellows, and done more to support the fabric of policy pursued by the United States for the past six years than any other man living or dead. Friend and foe alike o-day unite in an opinion as to Mr. Stevens which is singularly unanimous. There is batween the estimate of the Democracy and tha, of the Republicans little difference. They all join in granting to him transcendent abilities -abilities of a character which command re. spect and success. From no quarter do we hear it said that Mr. Stevens was not a singularly able statesman. They may differ as to the propriety of his views, as to whether or not the country is benefited or injured by their adoption, but all confess that he displayed consum. mate tact in gaining for them a general adoption. None can complain of the estimate made by the Age in a sketch of his life, when it says :- "He stood among the most prominent men of our time. It will not be easy to name another man who has exercised as wide an influence, who has embodied so many of his own peculiar ideas in the measures and policy of the government. The extraordinary quality in Thaddeus Stevens was his force of character, joined to a certain simpleness of purpose, and a real sincerity in the pursuit of it."

From all sides come like tributes, and passing from these we cannot hesitate to see in these tributes testimonials of the real worth of the man, his great powers, his undoubted purity and sincerity, and unyielding will.

There are few men who within the allotted space of life can see what has been vouchsafed to Thaddeus Stevens. He was past his prime before he entered politics. Com. mencing at a time when most men have tion to seek for renown, he started his career with two purposes in view. The first was to secure to every child in Pennsylvania the advantages of a free school education. The second was to carry out the doctrines of equality, give freedom to all men, and, if possible, secure to them both social and political equality. He had two seemingly insurmountable obstacles to overcome. Around the two demons of ignorance and slavery were clustered defenses seemingly impregnable. There was but a handful of the faithful, seeking to cause the walls of two Jerichos to fall down. Yet the walls have fallen, and Thaddeus Stevens lived to see them fall, and to know that of all men he had done the most to accomplish the result. By his almost unaided exertions, his invective, ridicule, and argument, he forced the Common School bill through a Legislature opposed in its heart to its passage, and dared his constituents to defeat him because of his course. A story is told of how he visited a town in an interior county to speak in favor of the bill, and was met by an audience unanimously opposed to it, who greeted him with hoots and howls. At once commencing his address, he told him that they were "ignorant fools," and that he would leave it to themselves if their action did not prove them to be so. By his audacity he secured a hearing, and, it is even said, gained the election of a member in favor of the bill. Certain it is that the children of Pennsylvania have to thank Thaddens Stevens more than any other man for an excellent system of education. Overcoming the giant of ignorance, he turned his arms against slavery, and astonished its friends by the audacity of his tactics. Ever watchful, a ready debater, he soon found opportunities to aid his object through legislation, and a strict watch was kept on all his movements by the Southern delegation. Whatever Thaddens Stevens moved was carefully watched. With the ascendancy of the Republican party in Congress he became the master spirit. Ever ready with a repartee and a caustic allusion, and thoroughly unscrupulous when he sought to attain an object as to whose feelings he trod upon, he was feared with an exceeding great fear. He became the leader of the House of Representatives. There can be no position more difficult. The teacher of a back woods school, with unruly children under his conleads a life of comparative quiet trol. when compared with that of a master mind who seeks to shape the popular policy of our national legislature. He has to maintain his post of constant warfare. He has opposition both within the ranks of his friends and from all the opposite members. It requires tact of rare quality, ability of the highest order, a readiness never failing, and withal courage undaunted. All remember how Thaddens Stevens had to lay the whip over threatened with famine. The freedmen the doubting members of the party, and by a of the Southern States appear to have passed

to support measures which he favored. For six years he held that position without a competitor, and now dies leaving it still in his possession. Who now shall govern in his stead ? Upon whom shall his mantie fall ! We can recall none who is fitted to take that vacant chair and hold the reins which have fallen from his powerless hands. With all this he was popular with the opposition. He was never false in his promises. If he agreed to give them a chance to debate they knew he would keep his word. He generally gave them the floor in preference to his friends, and never failed to treat them with unvarying respect. Such was the dead man for whom half the flags of the nation are at half-mast. Imperious and resolute, able, unscrupulous, kind-hearted, and generous, he was a strange mixture, one which when combined with success merits for its possessor the undeniable title of great.

European Topics. In Great Britain the approaching election promises to be scarcely less exciting and important than the Presidential contest in the United States. Perhaps even greater interest is attached in England to the struggle for Parliamentary power on account of the fact that while scarcely a doubt is entertained in this country of the election of Grant and Colfax, a considerable degree of uncertainty surrounds the British canvass. The chances are apparently in favor of the Whigs, but in view of the new elements introduced into the contest by the discussion of the Irish Church ques, tion, and by the extension of the right of suffrage, the result cannot be predicted with much confidence. A striking illustration of the rottenness of the English electoral system, notwithstanding the many efforts to reform it, has recently been given by the change in the representation of an important district which has been effected by a young school-boy. He is a Marquis, owning the landed property occupied by the electors, and having, for such reasons as seemed to his own mind conclusive, deemed it fitting that the politics of the sitting member should be changed, he has issued a vermillion edict which the free and independent electors are expected to obey without a murmur. Thus the slavish old doctrine, that the lord of the manor should control the votes of his tenantry, seems to remain in full force, and it is only in a portion of the districts that the real voice of the people can find expression. Considering that open bribery prevails to a frightful extent in many of the English districts where the voters possess a comparative freedom of choice, and that in others they vote, not as their judgments dictate, but as they are directed by their feudal lords, it is evident that with all her professions of liberality, and boasts of progress, Great Britain has made but a slight advance on the highway of true Republican freedom. The influence of her aristocracy remains supreme, no matter which party triumph, and in her warmest contests, the question after all is as one of her many novelists has described either arisen high, or lost all ambi it, mainly whether Lord Poodle or Lord Noodle should exercise controlling power. A recent speech of the Emperor of France, which is apparently a mere common-place effort, has again set the critics to disputing whether he intends to maintain peace or to inaugurate a war. There is nothing in his remarks, or the occasion which called them forth, to justify this discussion, and it could scarcely have been started if the Emperor was not in the habit of occasionally indicating in oracular sentences his policy on great questions. He is evidently de termined to be prepared for war, but there s at present no sufficient motive for precipitating a conflict. He has recently endeavored to confirm and strengthen his friendly relations with Eugland, and he still maintains, apparently, his entente cordiale with Austria. and if he has not forgiven Bismark, he appears to have no good reason at present for precipitating a conflict with Prussia. It has been suggested that the real design of the French Emperor is to attempt, in the present revolutionary condition of Spain, to gain control of that distracted country, and thus rather imitate than punish the ambitious Prime Minister of the North German Confederacy. This may prove a mere idle conjecture, but in no other direction could the French monarch seek with equal hope of success territorial aggrandizement, and the French people are growing tired of fighting other people's battles for mere glory.

oreditable manner than the emancipated millions of Russia. The best hope of the latter is that they will upeedily learn wisdom from their self-imposed misfortunes, and be taught by want and hunger that no political changes can exempt the mass of mankind from useful toil.

Opinion of Mr. Evarts.

MR. EVABTS, Attorney-General, has, in response to a request of Mr. McCulloch, given his opinion in writing on the question, whether there is a vacancy in the Commissionership of Internal Revenue. Mr. Rollins, in June, sent to the President a resignation, to take effect on the confirmation of his successor. The Senate refused to confirm any one nominated, and adjourned. The question arose, whether or not Mr. Rollins had resigned. Mr. Evarts decides he has not. That his letter, with the condition annexed, took no effect until the condition was fulfilled, and that, therefore, there was no vacancy. The opinion is an able legal one, and is written with all the judicial acumen for which the Attorney General is so noted.

Poverty of the Pope.

THE poor old Pope is becoming "harl up" in his age, but we are glad to perceive that, in" stead of becoming down in the mouth, or chapfallen on the occasion, he is plucking up his courage and soundly berating those who have left him in such a plight. He goes farther than that too, for he pelts and puuishes as well as reprimands them. Victor Emmanuel, it seems, owed him lately three millions of francs, but there was no possibility of getting the swash-buckling king to pay up. All the money was required for defraying the expenses of his Majesty's various humbug establishments and other petite pleasures. In this emergency the effect of anathemas was tried in vain. The Italian King stood firm against all the threatened thunders of the church, and does not seem to have been specially moved by the Holy Father's refusal to bestow his benediction upon the recent marriage of the Crown Prince. In these circumstances, before resorting to excommunication, Pio Nono fortunately applied to Louis Napoleon, and a hint from the French Emperor at once made the recusant sovereign "s'ump up," or "knuckle down"-whichever of the two be the latest or most elegant synonym for the remarkably disagreeable ceremony, to such persons, of paying in cash. Louis Napoleon, according to all accounts, has not much of that commodity at present to spare himself, but he has a host of bayonets and broadswords on hand, which can readily enforce payment from others. A hint accordingly was sufficient to make the money forthcoming from the delinquent. But, mark the amusing part of the affair-

we shall not venture to say the ingratitude of the Pope. The tables are next turned upon Louis Napoleon himself, or his troops; and the Holy Father has wounded them in the tenderest and most susceptible of all parts-that is, in their stomachs. The Pope, it appears, was lately called upon to inspect some legion f the French Guards in the neighborhood of Rome, and-what must have been a very desirable ceremony to such innocents-to bless their banners. Inspired by that gratitude which is said to be a lively sense of future favors, his Holiness complied, and volunteered, moreover, with his own sacred hands to perform a mass in the camp for their special gratification. The devout troops were in ecstacies, but the weather, we regret to say, was not propitious. It lowered most menacingly in the early part of the day, and when Pio Nono arrived on the ground the rain descended in terrents. With exemplary pluck, however, he went through the whole ceremony, though long before the end of it he was drenched to the skin, and eventually quitted more like a half-drowned duck than the head of the most numerous body of Christians upon earth. And the wrath of the Holy Father was commensurate; for, like the black ram on Salisbury plain, which invariably turned the posterior portion of its spine to the wind when a shower was approaching, he had foreseen the shower, and ordered a temporary shed to be erected over the altar, in wood, with the view of guarding against it. The French commander had used one of the ordi, nary tents instead, and thus his Holiness got ducked. In revenge, Pio Nono countermanded a dinner which he had ordered for sixty superior officers, and matters were in this precious state of embroglio when the latest despatches left.

"GO THOU AND DO LIEBWISE "-In one of his recent speeches Wade Hampion said that in a conversation with General Robert E. Lee, in his retirement, the Confederate chiefiain said to him, talking about the war, "I did only what I thought was right, and nothing else. Now that we have peace, I favor obedience to the law, and desire peace throughout the land.' If Wade Hampton would follow the example of Lee in this respect. It would be better for the country. He prefers, however, to train with the Blair revolutionists

CRUEL -The originator of the following paragraph should be taken in hand by the revolu tionists;-"The spirit of imitation is strong even with Presidential candidates. It is said that when the intelligence reached St. Joseph Mo, that Seymour was last seen on his farm putting in new hay, Blair, who was in the place, immediately put in a little old rye."

SPECIAL NOTICES.

HOW TO DRAW THEM. -EXTRACT from a letter from St. Paul, Iows, to Pasto

d Kom-"Your new perfume, 'Flor de Mayo, is in urgent request here. Wish I had fify gais is my store to-day." Genile druggis, the article is too precivat to be sold in avik, but if you keep it on hand you will be store to have fify gais in your store every fay-it draws them as blossoms draw the bee, sold by all drugets. FOR THE SUMMER.-TO PREVENT SUBJUR Freches, and Keep the skin white and beautiful use WRIGHT'S ALCONATED GLY-CLERUNE TABLET OF SOLIDIFIED GLYCERIT'E, It is deliciously fragrant, transparent, and superb as a tolet scap. Sold by all Duggists. K. a G. A. WRIGHT No. 614 CHESNUT street 243

UNION LEAGUE HOUSE. PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 12, 18:8. At a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Union League of Phiadelphia, Veld Aug. 12.

1868, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:-Whereas, It has pleased Divine Providence to remove from the scene of his labors our fellow-citizen-THADDEUS STEVENS, late member of Congress from the Ninth D strict of Pennsylvania; and Whereas, It is fitting that we should express our ense of the loss which the country has sustained in the death of a man who has rendered services so eminen: to the cause which the Union League of Philadelphia was organized to sustain; therefore, Resolved, By the Board of Directors of the League

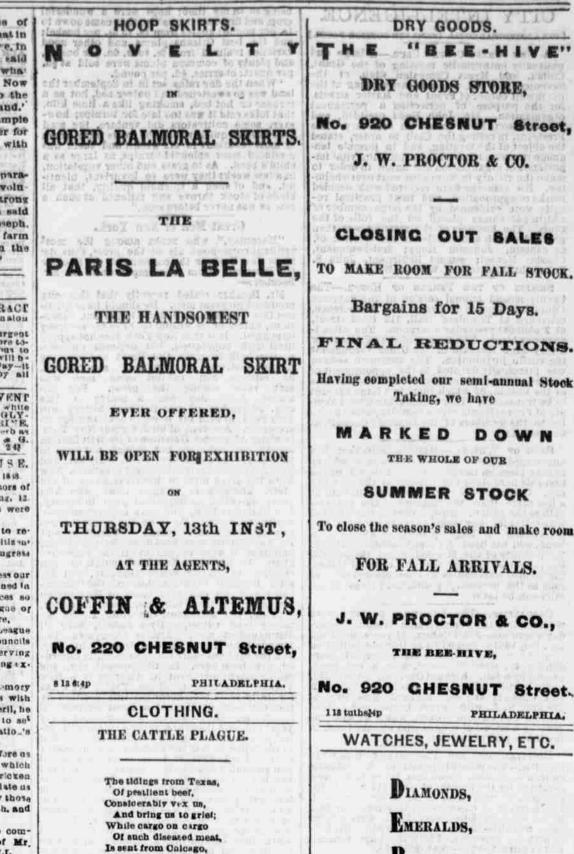
that we deeply deplore the absence from the councils of the nation of one so pre-eminent for unswerving pairictism, strict adberent e to principle, and ling ex. perfence in statesmanship. Recolved, That we thall ever cherish the memory

of the true courage and unshrinking firmness with which, in the darkest hour of the nation's peril, he was ever ready to defend the right and to set an example of sub-ime co fidence in his natio.'s destiny. Resolved That in the straggles which ile before as

the recollection of the unfaltering energy with which he fought the good fight to the last, until suricken down with the harness on his back, will stimulate us to renewed . If ris to secure for our country those blessings for which he sacrificed rest and health, and finally life itself,

Resolved That the Secretary be directed to communicate these resolutions to the family of Mr S. A. OALDWELL. Stevens. Secretary pro tem. SCOTLAND IN THE FIELD! THE TENTH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF THE PEILADELPHIA CALEDONIAN CLUB WILL BE HELD AT OAKDALE PARK. ON MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 1868, All who desire a day's pleasure will find this the best opportunity ever afforded to the public of this

city. The Games are open to all competitors, and will



Unwholesome to eat

We're rather unwilling

On poleonous sirloin,

Or rinderpest steak;

We look on such victuals

But vast is the pleasure.

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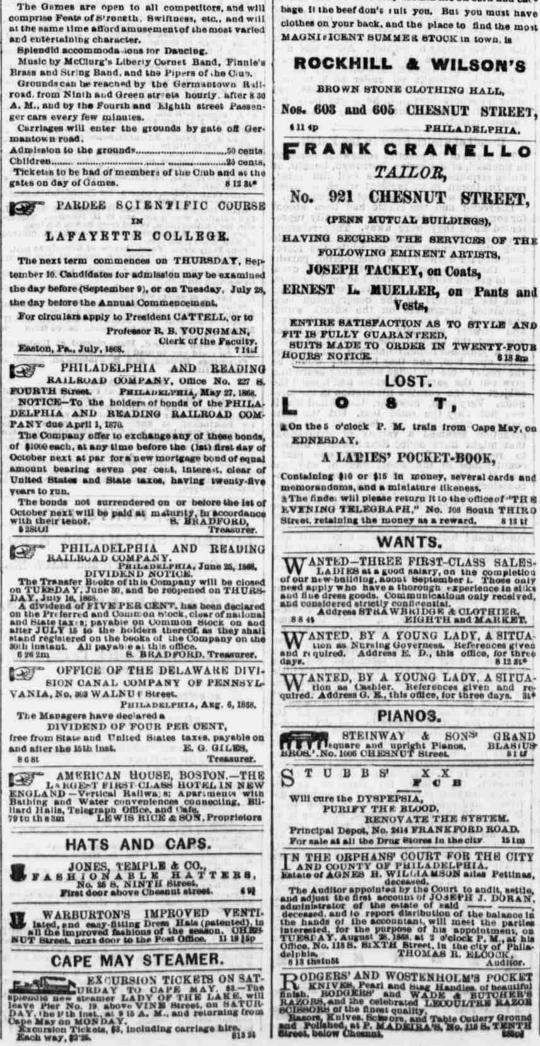
In Austria the Protestant Prime Minister, Baron Benst, has recently written a significant reply to the allocation of the Pope, from which it clearly appears that the new policy of religious freedom is to be firmly maintained, and that any further interference from Rome will provoke retaliatory measures inimical to Catholic interests.

A pacific interview between the Czar of Russia and the King of Prussia occurred at Langenschwalback, on the 11th instant. These monarchs probably intend to perfect and maintain a close alliance, as an offset to the alliance between France and Austria, and it is a settled part of their policy to cultivate friendly relations with the United States. From the Czar we recently obtained Alaska, and from the North German Confederation the first treaty which fairly and fully recognized the right of adopted citizens to change their allegiance.

We regret to learn that it is reported from Russia that the benefits of emancipation have been greatly weakened, if not entirely neutralized, by the idleness of the serfs and their inordinate love for brandy. They have construed freedom into license for intomperance and an abandonment of all forms of useful industry, and as a natural result production has greatly diminished, and some districts, once fertile, are now system of really arbitrary power compel them the ordeal of emancipation in a much more

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS .- The Committee of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, appointed to consider some means of alleviating the sufferings of horses and dogs during the warm weather, have made a sensible report. It is an address to the owners of horses and mu'es and dogs, urging on them kindness to the dumb animals under their charge. In view of the disastrous effects of the heat to horses and mules, they urge that a wet sponge be placed on the animal's forehead, and that their mouths be frequently washed out; that the horses in the street cars be driven slowly and constantly refreshed; that the muzzles for dogs be made sufficiently large, so that no torment will be inflicted on the poor creatures by their use. The report is eminently practical and will, we hope, do good. We sincerely desire its encouragement by all of our citizens.

MISSIONARY ENTERPRISE,-The Boston Tra celler says: - The receipts of the American Board of Missions for July were nearly \$60,000more than \$28,000 higher than in July, 1867. Still, to meet the expenses of its financial year, a very large sum must be received in August, the closing month. Indeed, the recant sudden advance in the price of gold, adding largely to the Board's expenses, and the fitting off of several mission families about to sail, will make that sum somewhat greater than was expected. The treasurer informs us that not less than \$140,000 will be needed to prevent a debt-For August of last year the receipts were \$83,310.



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