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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1868.

Reconstruction in South Americ .. THE situation of Lopez, the Paraguayan Dictator, at the last advices was so desperate that news of the happy termination of the conflict on the banks of the Parana may be expected every day. But one result need be looked for-the total discomfiture of the Paraguayau leader and his army, a result in the best interests of civilization, liberty, and humanity. The despatches recently received from Mr. Washburn, our Minister to Paraguay, are filled with horrible details of the cold-blooded atrocities of Lopez, a perusal of which, we hope, has cured the New York Herald and some other American journals of their profound admiration for the Dictator and sympathy with his unworthy cause. The sooner he is pushed to the wall and pinned there, the better for the unfortunate people over whom he has so long wielded despotic sway, and for such foreigners as have fallen into his clutches. A republic Paraguay never was, and during the progress of the present war with Brazil and her allies it has been the most outrageous of petty despotisms. Brazilais a constitutional monarchy, with a man of li and enlarged views at its head; but, simply profess to be enlisted in the cause of liberty and progress have steadfastly defended the course of the Paraguayan Dictator, deprecating the serious blow at republican institutions which, as they claim, will result from his overthrow, only by ignoring his tyrannical instincts and shameless cruelties.

Although Lopez has enjoyed the apparent sympathy of the leading governments of the world, and the powerful endorsement of inflaential journals in both hemispheres, he is now on his last legs, and must soon fall. Then will arise a very serious question, about which all mankind will proceed to perplex itself. This question involves the reconstruction of Paraguay, which will be left by the fall of Lopez without the semblance of a government. The apologizers for Lopez's tyrauny will of course raise a howl if Brazil breathes the words partition or annexation. To their minds it will be an act of wholesale brigandage, equalled only by the partition of Poland. Still, it seems to us that either partition among the allies, or aunexation as a whole to Brazil, will be the best alternatives from which the Paraguayans can select their destiny. The territory over eighty-four thousand square miles, a little more than the combined extent of the New England States and New Jersey, and had a population before the war of about one million. A large majority of the people are the pureblooded descendants of the Guarani tribe of Indians, the intensely-developed spirit of caste which exists having prevented the general intermixture of the Spanish and aboriginal races which so largely prevails in other sections of South America.

Although the country is one of remarkable fertility, and capable of being rendered exceedingly productive, the exclusive system of Dr. Francia and his successor, Lopez, has restrained immigration and the arts of peace, thereby keeping the country in a condition but little in advance of that found by Sabastian Cabot, the first European to visit it, when he sailed up the Parana in 1526. The long-protracted war which Lopez has maintained against the combined forces of Brazil, Uruguay, and the Argentine Confederation, has exhausted its resources, nearly every man in the country having been impressed into the army, and of late many of the most grievous burdens of the contest, including that of actual service in the trenches, having tallen upon the women. In the state of desolation which will prevail after the final termination of the war by the overthrow of Lopez, with the complete demoralization of the inhabitants, and the utter prostration of all their industries, Paraguay will either drag out a dead-alive existence for years, or fall a prey to civil strife and the contentions of ambitious foreigners, unless the allies complete their work by taking it in hand and thoroughly reconstructing it.

What South America needs most is consolidation of territory and centralization of power. These are the only remedies for the grievous Ills which have afflicted the greater portion of the continent since the Spanish yoke was thrown off piecemeal, and not in a lump by concert of action among all the colonies. Brazil has a magnificent extent of territory, a large and industrious population, and the only stable government south of the Isthmus, if we except the small colonies of Great Britain, France, and Holland, on the coast of Guiana. Although her government is monarchical in form, the firm rule of Dom Pedro . II is worth far more to humanity than the anarchy which reproaches the name of republicanism throughout the rest of the continent. Under Brazilian rule Paraguay can be made prosperous, productive, and satisfied. Therefore, why not let Brazil gobble her up. and put an end to the matter at once? Or, if the advocates of republican institutions for all mankind, including the giants of Terra del Fuego and the horse-thieves of the Camanche country, insist that Paraguay must not be degraded from a despotism disguised as a re- an alarming extent more. But, alas for them! I saled, and easy-fitting Dress Hats (patented). It public into a republic disguised as a monarchy, they can't. At the present writing the entire EDT street, next door to the Post Office. It is to

let the Argentine Confederation, which has a territory of 920,000 square miles and a popuation of only 1,200,000, absorb the disputed real estate and present to the world a stronger and more respectable front than she now does. Sarmiento, her late representative in this country, and one of the wisest and most polished statesmen ever preduced by South America, has just been inaugurated as President, and doubtless could do as much with and for Paragnay as Mr. Seward has done in respect to the ice-bound tracts around the North

Moreover, while this process of reconstruction is progressing at the other end of the New World, it would be an excellent thing if the petty republic of Uruguay, with a territory of only 70,000 square miles and but 350,000 inhabitants, could be obliterated by either Dom Pedro or President Sarmiento. With Paraguay and Uruguay both run out of the sisterhood of nations, a portion of South America would be much nearer the political millennium

The Western "Corner" to Raise the Price of Bread.

THERE has never been a time in the history of our country when money was so abundant in regard to its amount. We have inflated and inflated and inflated until it would really seem that every citizen must become rich; and if everything else was not inflated along with the currency, this Arcadian result would have been reached. If a dollar to-day could go as far as a dollar in 1858, then every man would be comparatively a Crossus But with the increase in the amount of currency has come a rise in the price of everything needed, and the result is that we question whether the bulk of the people are not poorer than they were ten years ago. But we quote this self-evident truth only to call because it is a monarchy, certain journals who attention to an error which is prevalent, of supposing that the undue expansion of our circulation is the cause of the rise in certain necessary articles, and more especially of such an essential article as bread. It is not the currency but the rascality of speculators which is the cause of prices which the poor are compelled to pay for such an every-day needed article as flour. At the present time its price is exorbitantly high, out of all proportion, and we have good reasons for saying that, high as it is, there is every probability that it will be yet higher before the winter is very far advanced. Our people have all read rumors of a "corner" in the grain market of the West, and of how the farmers are holding back the crops and the dealers are buying short and speculating generally, in order that there may be a stringency in the Eastmarket, and they thus be able to secure the usurious prices which they hope to attain. Now, these rumors are more than idle tales. They are all of them true. The Western papers confess the fact that there exists a "tendency," as they would term it, on the part of the farmers to delay sending their crops to the eastward. This, in other which Dr. Francia erected the most arbitrary and plainer words, means a corrupt and crimiof modern despotisms in 1814 embraces about | nal "ring" to raise the price of bread and cause riches to flow to their coffers by unduly robbing the poor of their hard earnings. For this the farmers are to a certain extent responsible, but the great blame of it rests on the Chicago Corn Exchange—on the heavy dealers who buy up a hundred thousand bushels and hold it to suit their pleasure. An indignant contemporary, who understands how the matter is done, thus describes it: -

"Many people do not understand what 'corhering the grain market' means, aithough there are few who have not suffered from the ill effects of it. To effect a 'corner,' then, it is only necessary for a body of men to conspire together to buy five hundred thousand bushels of corn or wheat at a certain price, to by delivered on a certain day, in a certain market, which is capable of supplying four hundred thousand bushels only in that time. It is principally the smart money drawn from the failure to deliver the one hundred thousand bashess that cannot be obtained, on which the conspi-rators make their profit."

Now this is true so far as the dealers are concerned, but the farmers are also greatly to blame. They produce a general stringency throughout all the East, in order to secure their ends, and at the very time they are keeping back their corn in order to secure a ficti tious price. A number of our contemporaries, among them the Economist, are in favor of some law to restrain these evil-doers, and talk about an act of Congress. An act of Congress would not accomplish sufficient good to justify the use of the paper on which it is written. It would be the Stevens Gold bill re-enacted. The only way that it can be prevented is that prevention which nature affords, and which, we are glad to say, is on the eve of breaking the "corner" all to pieces. It is caused by two things. First, the closing of the navigation of the great lakes. As soon as winter sets in, the rivers and lakes are frozen, the canals closed up, and the usual cheap means of transportation cut off. If it were not for this, grain could be kept back with enormous profit until January. But if it is kept too long West, it can only be sent East by rail, and the cost of the freight is such as to make the actual expense of the grain so great that no margin is left for great profits. It is found to be more advantageous to send the produce on now than to wait until then. Hence nature compels the "corner" to break at a certain time. The time is now arrived, and if grain would be got East, it must commence at once. So this supplies a law more effectual than an act of Congress. The second reason is, that while grain is strongest here, money is strongest there. We can get along without grain for a certain time, but long before we give out in bread they give out in money. The West tries to then get money advanced from the East, and the East in return compels the forwarding of the grain. At the present time, the Illinois papers are lamenting the need of money. They clearly see that if they had only enough to hold out and keep their grain on hand they could extort to degraded from a despotism disguised as a re- an alarming extent more. But, alas for them

West, with its millions of bushels is "hard up." Hence we hear of talk about shipments and of weakening the corner. It needs no law to break it. Its own weight will do that before thirty days are past. The prices may go a little higher, but then they must come down. Western grain is not like Pennsylvania coal. It is a long journey to get it here, and money must be had by the beginning of the year; so that a wise provision of nature will effect results which Congress and all its laws would signally fail to accomplish. When we commence to hear of failures in the West we may know the cause and give a due amount of sympathy-"the 'corner' has broken down a little too soon, and some have fallen with it."

"T. W." has arrived. He landed yesterday in New York, and it is announced that on Monday pext he will hasten to Washington, "to pay his respects to the President elect." This means business for which "T. W." has a wholesome appetite. When he pays his respects to any man of prominence, it is something more than by way of a 'ormal call. He never did such a thing as journey all the way from New York to Washington merely to shake hands with a prominent official. There was always carried, on such a trip, an axe of larger or smaller dimensions, the edge of which received more or less of a grinding. The axe that Thurlow Weed will carry to Washington next week will probably be the one with which be proposes to fell the timber which he hopes General Grant may be induced to accept for cabinet material. "T. W." has felled such timber before, and enjoys the sport hugely. Old and feeble as he is, he has not resigned his position as "King of the Lobby," and head of the Kitchen Cabinet. He aspires to no official position himself, being content to pull the strings which move the ralers of the nation; ambitions, like Warwick, not of being king, but of making and unmaking kings. That he will lay out a four years' plan for General Grant there can be no doubt; that he will urge that plan upon the President elect is equally certain; that he will kindly offer to dispose of the principal positions within the gift of the nation's choice is to be taken as a matter of course; and that he will return to New York with a gigantic flea in his ear is an event quite likely to occur.

THE Committee on Revision of Studies, in its recent report to the Board of Controllers. recommended that the new rule to avoid home studies should not be abolished. The wisdom of their decision will only be questioned by those who unthinkingly approve the old cramming process, which in thousands of instances weakened the physical and intellectual vigor of overtasked pupils, and made education an engine of destruction. It is time that every parent should comprehend that intense and constant mental application of children results in many instances in "a broken constitution, an early death, and an unavailing never-ending sorrow." The pupil who becomes letter-perfect in all the books used in the public schools by extraordinary and unhealthy exertions, gives for such knowledge infinitely more than it is worth. The true end of education is to develop and strengthen the mind and to teach children how to think, rather than to burden their brains with a mass of information by resorting to a process that weakens their reasoning faculties and unats them for the useful pursuits of life.

It is announced that another effort will be made at the approaching session of Congress to connect the telegraphic and postal systems of the country. The experiment has proved entirely successful in all the leading continental nations, and it has recently been adopted in Great Britain. There is no good reason why it should not also be practicable and eminently useful in the United States. Capital and labor are wasted in the mainte nance in every town of separate postal and telegraphic offices. Under proper regulations the people could be supplied with telegraphic intelligence for less than one-half the present prices, and telegraphic wires could be widely extended in every direction.

THE DEATH OF EX-GOVERNOR TOD, of Ohio, which is announced by telegraph as having taken place suddenly this morning, will create a profound sensation throughout the country. In 1861 he was elected Governor of Ohio by a majority of over fifty five thousand in a total vote of 358,000, and served honorably and faithfully from 1862 to 1864, bending all his energies to the furtherance of the good cause of liberty and union. He was one of that noble band of loyal Governors whose deeds will go down into history rivalling in splendor the achievements of their colaborers on the field of battle.

OUR FINANCES .- On our first page to day we give the substance of the annual report of General Spinner, Treasurer of the United States, showing the operations of the Treasury Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1868. It will be read with interest by every person who has anything at stake in the country. A decrease of over \$142,-000,000 in the receipts are shown; while the expenditures have decreased \$58,000,000 in the Navy and Public Debt Departments, and increased \$34,000,000 in the Interior, Civil, and War Departments.

Amusing .- The Age is "amused" by witnessing "the distrust of General Grant that has grown up in the radical mind since the election." We hope the Age will continue to find amusement by obscuring its editorial vision with such harmless cobwebs of falsehood.

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NOTICE TO STOCK HOLDERS. The Board of Directors have this day declared a Semi-angual Dividend of FIVE PER CENT, on the capital stock of the Company, clear of National and State taxes, payable in cash, on and after November

blank Powers of Attorney for collecting Dividends can be obtained at the Office of the Company, No. 238 S. TE IRD Street. The Uffice will be opened at 8 A. M. and closed at

4 P. M , from N. v. 3) to Dec 5, for the payment of Dividends, and after that date from 9 A. M. to 3 THOMAS T. FIRTH.

PHILADELPHIA, NOV. 11, 1868.—
The APPRENTI Est LIBRARY corner of FIFTH and ARCH Streets, first and second stories, having been remodelled and repaired, will be opened having been remodelled and repaired, will be opened to the readers on SATURDAY EVENING, Novem to the readers on SATURDAL
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EVENING November 13, 1868.

By order of the Board of Managers,
11 11 4t JOSEPH R. RHOADS, Secretary.

A FAIR FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PENNSYLVANIA INDUSTRIAL HOME FOR BLIND WOMEN will oe held at the PHILA-D) Light A CITY INSTITUTE, CHESNUT and KLAHTEENTH Streets, commencing on MCNDAY EVENING NEXT, 16th Instant, and closing on FRI-DAY EVANING, the 20th. The patronage of the public is carnestly solitited, Season Tloads, 25 cc ts. Single Tickets 10 cents. MR. JOBSON, FORMERLY CONSULT-

alk. JOBSON, FORMERLY CONSULT-ing Surgeon and Dentist to the Royal Family of England, wil lecture at Assembly Building, on MONDAY. November 16, at 8 o'clock. ON THE PHYSIOLOGY AND HARMONY OF Tickets. 50 cents, at the Hall and his residence, No. 614 Washington - quare

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arrong as that; and just then a big, stout fellow spoke up, and said that he never knew of anybody strong enough to stand a regular diet of New York milk; but that the strongest things he ever had known of were the Clothes they sell at ROUKHILL & WIL And the four other men, and Mr. Trulyrural, too,

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PHILADELPHIA, November 11, 1868. The Board of Firectors have this day declared a CASH DIVIDEND of TEN PER CENT on the CAPITAL STOCK, and SIX PERCENT. Interest on the SCRIP of the Company, payable on and after the ist December proximo, free of National and State

They have a so declared a SCRIP DIVIDEND of THIRTY PER CENT. on the EARNED PREMIUMS for the year ending October 31, 1868, certificates of which will be issued to the parties entitled to the same, on and after the 1st December proximo, free of National and State Taxes.

They have ordered, also, that the SCRIP CERTIFI-CATES OF PROFITS of the Company, for the year ending October 31, 1864, be redeemed in CASH, at the Office of the Company, on and after the 1st December proximo, all interest thereon to cease on that date. By a provision of the Charter, all Certificates of Scrip no presented for redemption within five years after public potice that they will be redeemed, shall be for felted and cancelled on the Books of the Company. No certificate of profits issued under \$25. By the Act of Incorporation, "no certificate shall issue unless claimed within two years after the declaration of the dividend whereof it is evidence."

R is evidence."

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