EDITORIAL OPINIONS OF THE LEADING JOURNALS UPON CURRENT TOPICS-COMPILED EVERY DAY FOR THE EVENING TELEGRAPH.

The Whisky Business.

From "Brick" Pomeroy's N. Y. Democrat. Mr. Greeley has a queer way with him. more than sometimes, or even occasionally. recently he asked as innocently-like as a well-fed lamb: - "Why can not a single whisky case be brought to trial?" Now, Horace, you know as well, perhaps even better, than we do, the story about that peculiar party who was always the first to cry "stop thief;" not that he wanted to have anybody stopped, for he really wanted to run himself, but dared not, and so yelped and pointed to a piece of imagination up the street just to amusingly divert public attention. He succeeded for a remarkably long time, Horace, and so have you; but they did nip him at last. We don't think whisky an article likely to be patented in the work of reform, Horace, and we therefore advise you to stop it right away. We have contradicted the voluminous rumor that you drink-that is, to excess -often, and shall continue to do so for your own good and to keep up the respectability of the press. But when we talk for you now, the only answer we get is, "If Horace don't drink, all I have to say is, some of his articles do smell awful strong of the cask." So you see it is "leaking out" in spite of all we can do for you, and, probably, it gets on to your coat and trousers without your being aware of it. We knew another old chap once who died of delirium tremens, in the belief that not a single member of his congregation knew he ever touched a drop. When you go round the barrels, Horace, just to test if they are proof, and if not, to add your usual logwood and tannin, roll your trousers well up, and be sure your boots don't leak. It would be dreadful for the press if it should be knewn. Horace, do be more careful.

More State Dividing.

From the N. Y. World. The State-dividing mania which first proposed to cut New York up into the State of New York and the State of Manhattan, and then took a turn at Pennsylvania, which it wished to bisect into Pennsylvania and Transylvania, and then wished to lop off peninsular Michigan so as to have Michigan proper and Ontonagon or Superior, gave Tennessee a touch of its quality in a move to erect East Tennessee into a State, and is now very heavy on Texas and Florida. In the Texas Convention are divers propositions, some looking to a Texas and an East Texas, others to both these and a Middle Texas, and others again to East Texas, Middle Texas, Texas, and the Territery of Montezuma, to be in time a State, to boet. In Florida the move is to cut off all west of the Chattahoochee river and annex it to Alabama, where, by geo-graphical position, it beyond all doubt belongs. Pensacola being in West Florida, and, as is claimed, not cared for by the rest of the State as her merits deserve, it is argued that annexation to Alabama will give the wealth of that large State to aid her development. Per contra, if West Florida is to go to Alabama, why should not the rest of the State go to Georgia? The question of boundary line has been mooted with that State for years, has put the contestants to the expense of three several surveys, divers commissions, and any amount of legislative buncombe, and is even now on the docket of the United States Supreme Court, and if nothing else resulted from the move, this source of irritation and expense would disappear with annexation. Moreover, Georgia is a wealthy State, far ahead even of Alabama, and could do as well for Middle, East, and South Florida as Alabama could for the Western division. Se much for speculation; as to facts, it is not likely that in either Texas or Florida will any of the mooted

"Fly-Gobbling Clodhoppers."

changes be made, or at least for years to come.

From the N. Y. World. The Tribune rushes to the defense of its rural readers. It insists upon knowing what the World means by calling those benighted souls "fly-gobbling clodhoppers." Eyes are we to the blind, and, to the appeal of the ignorant for light, never, never may we turn a deaf ear. A "clodhopper," then, is, properly speaking, a "clown," a rustic person, that is, who is so absorbed in his own narrow notions, interests, and passions that he neither cares for the feelings nor concerns himself about the rights of his neighbors. He lives in the country, as a farmer lives in the country, but he differs from a farmer as a "rough" in the city differs from a "laborer" in the city. The "farmer" in the country and the "laborer" in the city may very possibly lack that fastidious elegance of manners which the Tribune, calling itself, as it dees, the 'gentleman's organ," may think an indispensable prerequisite for membership in the "Union League Club." But either of them, being an honest and humane person, will be very apt to be considerate of other people's feelings and respectful of other people's rights, and therefore both of them will probably be Democrats. The "clodhopper" and the "rough," on the other hand, being neither considerate of other people's feelings nor respectful of other people's rights, will naturally be radicals. So the "roughs" make themselves the allies (as in the case of Geoghegan) of wealthy radical leaders to defraud Demoeratic "laborers" of their just majority in the city; and the "clodhoppers" make themselves the tools (by their representatives at Albany) of wealthy radical cliques to fix upon the Empire State the scandal of such a Senator at

Washington as Morgan or Fenton. So much for the "clodhoppera." Now for the "fly-gobblers." A fly-gobbler in English, like a gobe mouche in French, is a "gull," a "trifler," a "person who has no opinion of his own." Such a person natural rally goes with the radicals, because the radicals have made the right of private opinion a mockery, and perver ed the rule of majorities into a mere depotism of numbers. Such persons, the Tribune ordering them so to do, will believe Yates, of Illinois, to be a model of sobriety, and Chandler, of Michigan, to be "a tried statesman," and Sickles to be a great moral leader, and Kilpatrick to be the soul of honor, and Morgan, or Fenton, or Roberts to be such an honest man as a country bent on honesty in its public affairs may well expect New York to send to the Federal Senate. Wherefore, in "fly-gobbling clodhoppers" is the hope of the Tribune forevermore.

The Ocean Telegraph Imbroglio.

From the N. Y. Heraid. The Franco-American Telegraph Company has, as is already known, an ocean cable nearly ready, and the steamship Great Eastern has been chartered to commence laying it on or about the 1st of June, starting from Havre or Brest, and landing at some point on the coast of the United States—probably Sandy Hock. It does not seem to have occurred to the company managers that any one would interpose the least objection to their landing one end of the cable on our shores; but, on the contrary, they evidently expected hearty welcome. They probably suppose they have

the same right to land their cable as they | the House, and what does he say! That for-have to land their steamer. The American | ever shall float that standard sheet, where end of the cable would, of course, be wholly subject to our State and national laws, and no one has dreamed of questioning their right to land wherever the company could lease or buy a piece of land large enough for an office and landing-place.

It is alleged, however, by friends of the Franco-American Company that the Western Union and Atlantic Telegraph Companies are now intriguing and lobbying to prevent the landing of the new cable on our coast. Senator Norton has introduced a resolution declaring that no foreign telegraph company has the right to land a cable on the coast of the United States without the consent of Congress. The passage of this resolution, it is thought, will kill the new enterprise. The Great Eastern is preparing to start during the month of April or May next. It is claimed that if the monopolists can muster strength enough to pass the Norton resolution they can delay the passage of a law granting the Franco-American Company the required privilege during the remainder of the present Con-gress and through the two or three weeks' session of the Forty-first Congress in March, or until adjournment, which would carry it over until the December session, too late to move again in the matter before the spring of 1870. Ten weeks' delay now postpones the enterprise a whole year and doubtless breaks up the company. It is not likely now that the managers of the company will lay one end of their cable on our shores, their right to do so having been questioned, without express permission of Congress. Can the monopolists stave off the matter twelve weeks or so? That is a question for the press and business men of the United States and Europe to consider. The most foolish objections are raised by lobby jobbers against the new enterprise. They say that certain members of the new company sympathized with a rebellion that was subdued some years since in several of our Southern States. Senator Nye introduced a bill a few days

since subsidizing a telegraph company with some eight million dollars of bonds from our national Treasury. The Franco-American Telegraph Company offers to lay a cable and put one end wholly under our control without subsidy or expense to our people. Shall the lobby jobbers prevent it? That is a question for the press and business men of the United States and Europe to answer.

Senator Conkling made a move in the right direction on the 5th instant, by introducing a bill granting a Newfoundland company the privilege of landing one end of its cable on the coast of the United States. Now let him add another provision, giving any company that chooses to exercise it the same privilege, without further legislation, and pass it without delay. Senator Conkling has here an opportunity of rendering the business community not only of the United States, but the whole civilized world, a valuable service, which we are inclined to believe he will not let pass unimproved.

The Fastern Question-The First Session of the Conference.

From the N. Y. Times. The Paris Conference has met, and has held a long deliberation, lasting, as we learn by the cable, from 4 o'clock in the afternoon to 11 o'clock at night. The representatives of both Turkey and Greece, we are told, manifested a conciliatory disposition, and confidence is expressed in the pacific issue of the negotiations. We hope these anticipations may prove well founded, and that while Greece is compelled to retreat from her untenable position with regard to the Cretan insurrection, and comply with the plain dictates of international law, Turkey may be forced, by the moral pressure of the great powers, to remove the more out- mere trifle, gentlemen. Why, the bill for the rageous grievances under which not only the Cretans, but the general body of Christians | millions, and the railroad is not half as useful under Ottoman rule, have hitherto suffered. Until this is done it will be useless for Turkey to appeal to the peoples of Europe, even though it be the interest of certain governments to do all they can in her behalf. Even England, whose traditional policy has been to uphold the in-tegrity of Turkey at all risks, cannot do so any longer, unless the fair promises of the Sultan, with regard to the better government of his Christian subjects, are carried out. No government in England, Tory or Liberal, could go before the country with a cry of war on the Eastern question, as in 1854, unless the internal policy of Turkey be materially modified. The Sultan, there is every reason to believe, has adopted of late more enlightened views on the subject of religious toleration and equitaable government than any of his predecessors on the throne ever entertained, but he has always been hindered, and still will be, in giving effect to them, by the obstinate bigotry and fanaticism of his ministers, and by the selfish interest which nearly all the great officials of the empire have in keeping up the present system of tyrannical extortion in all the departments of the administration.

It is quite possible that the Ottoman Government may give assurances during the Conference that will enable the two Western powers to hold out promises of support with some prospect of enlisting popular opinion on the same side. The day has gone by when the Governments of nations like France and England can even threaten war unless sure of

a cause that will arouse popular enthusiasm.
On the other hand, Russia being notoriously unprepared for war, and probably not desirous of it in any case, Greece is scarcely likely to persist in any step which may bring down upon her the far superior strength of Tur-key. And yet, if Russia declines to interfere, Greece would assuredly have to bear the brunt of a war with Turkey by herself, and the Government at Athens must surely feel the risk of utter ruin to the kingdom which they would incur by precipitating a war under the circumstances. As a rule conferences are sources of danger, rather than agencies for peace, but in the present case, where the interests of both the powers primarily concerned are so strongly on the side of peace, we must hope that the reassuring anticipations with regard to the opening session of the Conference may be fully borne out by its termina-

The Man Named Washburne.

From the N. Y. Tribune. There is a man in Washington, named Washburne, whom we advise to go back to Illinois in the very next train. This man is making himself very disagreeable. Presuming upon his long career in Congress, he is all the time insisting that the Government ought to be protected-that officials should be honest; and he is making the word economy as odious as Shakespeare said Pistol made the word occupy. There is not a gentleman in the lobby-excuse us; this sentence is not finished, and the first part of it must not be taken as a positive assertion-there is not a gentleman in the lobby, we repeat, whom this man Washburne has not grievously offended, and who does not desire that he should clear out of Congress. He is one of those fellows who interfere with the lobby, and who are so far behind the times as to think that the lobby members are not the real representatives of the people. These gentlemen want him to go home, and we mourn their misery in finding

that he won't. The other day this Washburne jumps up in

falls the foe that flies before us, with freedom's soil beneath our feet and freedom's banner waving o'er us? Nothing of the kind. Does he say that when his eyes shall be raised for the last time to the sun in heaven, may it not shine upon a broken and dissevered Union. and a land, it may be, drenched in fraternal blood? Not at all. Does he say, lives there a man, with soul so dead, who never to himself bath said this is my own, my native land; whose heart bath not within him burned, when home his footsteps he hath turned from wandering on a foreign strand? He does not Does he say it is sweet to die for one's country? No, he don't. This man says nothing about our glorious eagle. That moble bird pines under his base neglect. He has even been known to omit the name of Washington, the Cincinnatus of the West and the Father of his Country, from his speeches. In short, this man Washburne is all the time talking about saving pennies and dollars, and being economical, and paying our debts, and doing nasty, industrious things, and all that. It's mean; that's what it is-mean.

The other day, as we were saying, he jumps up in the House, and makes a long speech about the duty of Congress. It must give its attention to the material and vital interests of the country. It must turn to questions of finance, of taxes, of economy, of decreased expenditures, and tariffs, and ad valorems, whatever they may be. And this is all that Washburne wants Congress to do? Oh no You have no idea of his wants. Just as if these things were not enough for twenty Congresses he must say that it must attend to "questions of railroad, telegraph, and express monopolies, which are sucking the very life-blood of the people" (he actually uses this vulgar expression), "to the administration of the revenue laws, and to the robberies and plunderings of the Treasury by dishonest office-holders. But the Star Spangled banner he deliberately and with premeditated contempt omits entirely! Great Heaven! are we to neglect the flag of our country in this way? Shall the pame of our Washington e'er be forgot Shall we cease to pour our hot tears of gratitude on the urns and ashes of our immortal forefathers? Bear in mind that the vindictive Washburne says we must. According to him, we are to turn our attention to speculation, extravagance, profligacy, and corruption. Yes, fellow-citizens, we are to look after the vast army of the base, the venal, and to go for "the lobbyists and gamblers who have gone to Washington to make a raid on the Treasury."

Now, we advise this Washburne to stop all this kind of talk, or he will get himself into trouble. As they say in Albany, somebody will go for his ear. You don't know what that means, do you, Washburne? Very well, you will find out if you meddle with any of our bills, which are just as good as anybody's, if not better.

What a great and glorious thing is an enlightened people! Of what value is a government that is not founded upon popular virtue? Crushing this man Washburne as unworthy of notice, we appeal to Congress, and ask it to diffuse enlightenment and virtue throughout this favored land. What is enlightenment Knowledge. Knowledge is the cognition of facts. Facts are found in "The Tribune Almanac" for 1869, just issued; extended to 88 pages, and, though very compact, the fullest annual compilation of election statistics yet published. Congress could do no wiser thing than to circulate this valuable work, franked, of course; and therefore we shall introduce into the House, by way of the lobby, "a bill to provide for the encouragement of public virtue," with an appropriation of \$500,000 tacked on. Stuff and nonsense! but this is a construction of a railroad in Alaska will cost as the almanac.

Balloons are also an important invention, and aerial navigation is still in its infancy. Ah! Mr. Speaker, what a beautiful thing it is to ride through the air and survey the world below. We foresee the time when the atmosphere will be filled with balloons, bearing the commerce and the wealth of nations.

"Like those trim boats unknown of yore, Which move against the wind and tide," these majestic vessels will defy the whirlwind and despise the storm. Now, when all the civilized nations of the world are rivals in the aid they give to science and art, shall we alone lag behind? No, no! The tumultuous voice of a mighty people replies, "By no means."
They demand balloons. Balloons will add to our material prosperity. Balloons will so rapidly develop our resources that in a few years we can put the whole debt in one, and send it kiting to the moon. Balloons will save the Government mileage. It is, therefore, true economy to pass one little "bill for the encouragement of the balloon trade;" and as Mr. Nye wants a few millions of dollars for his oceanic telegraph to Asia, we want as much for our aerial ships.

Nor has shoemaker's wax ever received that profound attention which it should command from a great government. An appro priation to develop its manufacture is, therefore, as they say in Washington, demanded by the exigencies of the public welfare. We have prepared a bill for this purpose, and think it deserves as much favor as a bill to aid the construction of a telegraph in China or any one of those multitudinous railroads that are laid out on the paper maps of the

West. But so long as this man Washburne sticks in Washington, we expect trouble with these grand national projects. He who is so base as to say that "public land enough to make empires has been voted to private railway corporations, subsidies of untold millions of bonds, for the same purposes, have become a charge upon the people, while the fetters of vast monopolies have been fastened still closer and closer upon the public," is mean enough to attack our almanaes and balloons. give him fair warning, though, that if he defeats our noble schemes in Congress we shall appeal to that higher legislative body, the lebby, and its superior power will make it all right. In the meanwhile, we tell Washburne he had better go home.

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