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#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 1869.

#### KING COAL.

The sudden rise in the price of coal has incited many indignant comments, and prompted an agitation which may result in a repeal or modification of the existing duties on foreign coal. New England looks with an eager eye to the Nova Scotia mines. She would gladly annex that province, and destroy her present dependence upon the Pennsylvania and Cumberland mines, by insuring supplies from the home of the Blue Noses. It is her ox that is gored now, and she makes the most of her grievances. A few years ago her Senators voted unanimously for a reduction or repeal of the duty on coal, but they were badly defeated by the Senators of the Middle and Western States on the ground that it was unjust and ungenerous for the portion of the country which had derived more profit than any other from high tariffs, to attempt to rid itself of a slight share of the incidental burdens of protection. Now, however, the agitation is being renewed, with better prospects of success. It is not New England only, but many other sections, and the people of all the leading cities, who are indignant at the course of events in the coal regions, and the repeated difficulties which at once threaten short supplies and stimulate extortionate prices.

No matter what changes may be made in the tariff, it is evident that all American consumers, except the New England manufacturers, must rely mainly upon the product of our native mines, and if the agitation now fomented is successful, it is only the Down-Easters that will be materially benefited. The citizens of Philadelphia must look for relief. mainly in a more perfect organization of the industrial system of the mining regions of the State. Coal is very often sold for a wonderfully low price. Thousands of operators engaged in mining have in turn been ruined by the impossibility of obtaining an adequate reward for the expenditures and risks of their precarious business. There is a chronic tendency to over-production which causes a glut in the market and forces sales for a smaller sum than the actual cost of mining and transportation. If all the mines are worked steadily, they can easily produce from twenty to twentyfive per cent. more coal than the country needs; and as concert of action among the rival operators and coal-mining corporations seems to be impossible, the workmen attempt, nearly every season, to secure a stoppage of operations, in the belief that by this method only can the permanent reduction of prices to too low a standard be prevented. They have resorted to their usual tactics this year, and after securing material advance in their wages, they have returned to work in all the prominent coal districts, except in those controlled by two of the most powerful coal-mining and transporting companies of the Lackawanna region. They have steadily refused to accede to the demands of the workmen, and the prolonged suspension of operations at their important works has given speculators a pretext for starting the cry that the coal supply may be deficient. There is no real ground for this fear. There are mines, miners, and railroads enough to send to market infinitely more coal than is needed. Past experience has demonstrated that even after a stoppage in the Schuvlkill region for several months, extra effort can subsequently increase the product up to the usual standard.

THE citizens of London have testified to their appreciation of Mr. Peabody's benefaction to the poor of that city by erecting a shatue in his honor, which will serve to keep his bodily

presentment always before those who are the recipients of his magnificent bounty. This statue was unveiled a short time ago by the Prince of Wales, who made an awkwardly graceful speech on the occasion, in which he made such allusions to Mr. Peabody's native country that Minister Motley, who was one of the invited guests in attendance, was obliged to reply, in spite of his non-speech-making proclivities. The whole affair was characterized by excellent taste throughout, and it is gratifying to know that the statue, which is the work of Mr. W. W. Story, the American sculptor, is spoken of as a fine work of art

and an excellent likeness. We cannot refrain from asking, however, whether the erection of this statue is all that England, and the city of London in particular, intends to do in acknowledgment of the magnificent donation of Mr. Peabody. London is the largest and wealthiest city in the world; it has merchant princes whose accumulations amount to as much as those of this American: the Queen herself has an immense private fortune, and there are members of the nobility whose annual incomes figure up among the millions. These cordially unite to do honor to" Mr. Peabody, to sing his praises, and set up his statue, but it does not appear to have entered into the head of one of them to imitate his example. Miss Burdett Coutts is the only English subject that has in our day and generation attempted to apply her wealth with the same boundless generosity and discrimination as Mr. Peabody, and she is perhaps entitled to the honor of having set him the example,

The practical benefits of Mr. Peabody's gift are, we believe, acknowledged on all sides. Much complaint was at one time made against his trustees, but he has expressed himself as perfectly satisfied with them. They have carried out his ideas, not by creeting pauper asylums, but by providing, clean, comfortable, commodious, and low-priced dwellings for the hard-working, industrious poor of London. This is the practical benevolence not of an enthusiast, but of a clear-sighted. warm-hearted business man. Without waiting until death to have his wealth divided, he has made a distribution of it in his life-time, and he has had the satisfaction of seeing his great ideas carried out as he wished them to be. It would certainly seem that such an example as this would find some imitators, but all that London has yet given is a statue, while, great as is the benefaction of Mr. Peabody. it is but the beginning of the great work of amoliorating the condition of the London poor. There are thousands of men in Englandnobles, gentlemen, and merchants-who could donate as much to such an object as Mr. Peabody without making an appreciable diminution of their incomes or depriving themselves of a single proper gratification; but the man who is able to dismiss a million dollars from his grasp without a pang of regret, even in prospect of the glorification that would follow the deed, has yet to make his appearance, and it does not seem probable that Mr. Peabody will soon have a rival in his particular field.

ENGLISH GRATITUDE TO MR. are so is in reality very limited. Admitting pEABODY. that a building is all that could be desired in its construction, the introduction of a boiler for any purpose whatever exposes it to a new risk; and, as in the case of the disaster last night, it practically renders the precautions taken in erecting the structure of none effect. In commenting upon a great conflagration like that of last night it is impossible not to express regret at the valuable property destroyed in a few hours; and while regrets will not avail to recover the loss, the occurrence itself may teach a valuable lesson that will do much to prevent a similar disaster in the future if it is properly heeded.

Since writing the above, we have been in . formed that the building was constructed much as we had supposed. The doors and roof were covered with iron, but the floors. stairways, and other portions of the interior were of wood. In fact, with the exceptions named, it was nothing more than an ordinarily well constructed brick building. It will be readily seen that it had no claim whatever to be considered as fire-proof, and yet it was what is commonly considered a fire-proof building, and owners of valuable goods allowed them to be stored there in full confidence of their security. Comment is almost unnecessary under the circumstances, but the facts being known, the conflagration car- should succeed in persuading the Dominieans ries its own moral with it.

#### SAMSON AGONISTES.

"THE colored troops fought bravely" throughout the war for the Union, establishing their claim to manhood and their fitness for the profession of arms on many well-contested fields. But the best colored regiment in our service was not fit to burnish up the bayonets of some of the sable heroes who are assisting the Spaniards to put an end to the revolution and to liberty in Cuba. One Leonidas. who some years ago defended a mountain pass called Thermopyla against the assaults of a large force-we don't remember exactly how many the enemy numbered, but there were several millions of them, at least-although he had at command a mere handful of men. gained great repute thereby; but Leonidas and his comrades in arms were comparatively small fry by the side of these dusky hidalgos. Forty-three of them, a week or so ago, under the command of Colonel Yoller y Lersundi, chanced to be foraging in the neighborhood of Nucvitas, when they espied a party of some six or eight hundred rebels. The odds were nearly twenty to one, but that merely sufficed to arouse their Spanish pride and to excite their Spanish courage. They forthwith fell upon the rebels, smiting them hip and thigh with a great slaughter. They killed forty of them, almost man for man, dispersed the remaining seven hundred and sixty, and carried from the field thirteen of their own number who had been placed hors de combat, eight being quite defunct and five badly wounded. Now the only thing in ancient, mediteval, or modern history that we remember to have read which will stand a comparison with the achievements of these swarthy Spaniards is to be found in Holy Writ. On one occasion Samson encountered a large party of Philistines, who began at once to deride him, deeming it safe to do so since he had just before been bound securely with new cords. But Samson burst his cords, as if they had been made of burnt flax, picked up the jaw-bone of an ass, with this ignoble weapon slew a round thousand of his tormenters, and then went to breakfast. If Samson had not been a judge in Israel, he would have been a colored Spanish volunteer. number of enthusiastic Republicans of New York city are attempting to "purge and purify" the party in that locality by getting up a third distinct Republican organization, in addition to the two already in existence, in the expectation, of course, of ultimately demolishing or absorbing the two old-time rival organizations. But the reformers are not suffered to engage in this laudable undertaking without encountering a share of the persecution which besets the path of every reformer. Some ingenious politician who does not desire to be "purged and purified" contrived to have them shut out of the hall for the use of which they had been so simpleminded as to tender the cash in advance, and the reformers, or more properly speaking the political purgers and purifiers, were obliged to coop themselves up the other evening in an apartment over the way, which was only about half large enough to hold their virtuous corporalities. They weathered it through, however, and the fact that they did so, and adjourned only to meet at a more convenient season and in more commodious quarters, shows that the leaven of reform has begun to work in them in thorough earnestness. The whole movement is likely to end in froth, but it is to be hoped that the upshot of it may be otherwise.

THE new editor of the New York Times, Mr. Bigelow, in commenting upon the errors which American journals should endeavor to avoid, says:--

"Incidental to a want of truthfulness in the press is the practice of giving prominence and noto-riety to obscure people in whose move neuts the public in general can have no possible interest. It encourages a depraved taste for publicity; it dis-turbs the proper standards of public jadgment; it gives undeserved prominence to people whose vanity must be presumed to have provoked it and is to be gratified by it, and of course throws a more leserving class into corresponding obscurity."

There is a good deal of force in this remark. It is applicable to the latitude of Philadelphia as well as New York, and it would be fortunate if the entire press cordially united in a determination to avoid giving "prominence and notoriety to obscure people." We have entirely too many fussy little great men.

THE New York Sun, which is just now attempting to shed a great deal of light upon the interior of President Grant's Cabinet, has discovered that Senator Cole, of California, left New York "privately" a week or so ago, bound for San Domingo on a special mission, by authority of the administration, to President Baez, which has for its ultimate object "the admission of the Dominican Republic as one of the United States." If Senator Cole to put aside their well-known hostility to the United States and consent to annexation, it will be well for him to protract his diplomatic visit long enough to induce them to give up their disagreeable habit of cutting each others' throats, or of attempting to do so. With their present sportive every-day habits, the Dominicans would make anything but desirable citizens of the United States.

PRESIDENT GRANT has refused a present of fifty acres of land recently tendered him, and has purchased a cottage at Long Branch. The announcement of these two facts will trouble the World and sundry other journals not a little.

THE TRADE OF JAPAN, -According to the officia report of the North German Consulate in Yokohama, Japan, in the year 1868, \$76 vessels entered that port, with a total burden of 291,229 tons, Of these 178 (87,279 tops) were British, 102 (155,125 tons) American, 44 (17,884) North-German, and 29 (24,764 tons) French. There sailed from the same port 329 ships (219,449 tons), of which 169 (80,896 tons) were British, 95 (154,759 tors) American, 39 (15,235 tons) North-German, and 25 (20,989 tons) French. The great monthly British, American, and French mall steamers are included among the shipping of their respective countries, which of course tends to reduce consider ably the proportion of vessels under the North-Ger man flag. In the same year 114 ships, with a united tonnage of 40,815 tons, extered the port of Hakodadi, 40 of which (18 379 tons) were British, 33 (14,082 tons) American, 21 (7901 tons) North-German, and 5 (1372 tons) French. The number of vessels which salled from Hakodadi was in nearly the same propostion as that of the arrivals.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.-From Turner Brothers & Co. we have received Appleton's Journal for August 7 and 14, which brings the first volume to conclusion. Victor Hugo's romance has proved rather a dead weight, but the Journal has been made attractive by a variety of other entertaining and valuable articles on a great number of subjects.

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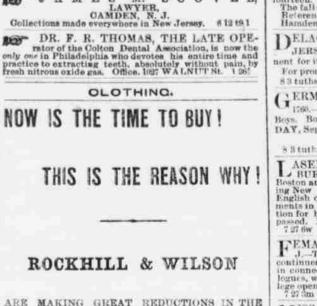
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#### PRINCE NAPOLEON.

A EUROPEAN arrival yesterday brought us a letter from the private secretary of Prince Napoleon, in which the insinuation that the latter was in any way associated with the Imperial government of his august and astute consin was almost indignantly denied. At the same time came also a cable telegram from Madrid which announced that General Prim and Senor Olozaga would support the claims of the Prince to the vacant throne of Spain. Prince Napoleon has at various times since the commencement of the Spanish revolution been named in connection with the succession to Isabella II, but hitherto his name has not been prominently associated with the position. and even now we have nothing but the merest rumor upon the subject. But one thing is very certain, and that is that the Spaniards might do a great deal worse than fix upon the first cousin of the French Emperor for their sovereign, if sovereign they must have. For years past the relations between the two cousins have been anything but cordial. The Prince is professedly a democrat in opinion, and has frequently gone so far in the expression of his opinions as to cause a great deal of anxiety to his Imperial cousin. If he were elevated to the throne of Spain, it is possible that all these heart-burnings might cease, and that they might join hands in the task of still further securing the fortunes of the house to which they both belong. But the chances are quite the reverse of this, and the liberal policy which Prince Napoleon, as King of Spain, might adopt, would tend directly to weaken both the pretensions and the popularity of Louis Napoleon. Whether entirely reliable or not, the rumor that the Prince has secured two such formidable advocates as Frim and Olozaga, taken in connection with the recent letter of the Captain-General of Madrid proclaiming the revolution thus far a failure, and insisting upon the immediate choice of a king, is quite significant.



Ove of the most destructive conflagrations that has ever occurred in this city broke out last evening about 7 o'clock, and after burning fiercely all night, it is still not entirely extinguished. The scene of this great disaster-by which it is estimated that over seven million dollars worth of property was destroyed-was the bonded warehouses of William C. Patterson & Co., at Front and Louisbard streets. It is estimated that there were about 25,000 barrels of whisky stored in the building, which made it almost impossible to get the flames under control. The firemen labored with heroic energy all night, but their best exertions were only able to restrain the fire within certain bounds, and to prevent a total destruction of the property for squares around.

The cause of the fire is now being investigated, but it is surmised that it was due either to an explosion of the steam boiler in the basement, or else to the falling of a portion of the building from the immense weight of the whisky stored in it, and the consequent running of the spirits into the furnace. Whatever the occasion of the fire may have been, the moral of the disaster is plain and emphatic; and that is the practical worthlessness of most, if not all, of the so-called fireproof buildings that are erected in this city. This warehouse professed to be fire-proof, and on this supposition an immense amount of valuable property was confided to it in perfect confidence. It is true that the ignition of the whisky might be due to causes entirely independent of the fire-proof character of the warehouse, and such a quantity of spirits once ignited could scarcely fail to create great havoc. If the structure, however, was really fire-proof, it ought to have been possible to prevent the fire from spreading from one section to another, and to have kept it under control. Even supposing the building was all it professed to be, the security that was implied in its construction was set at naught by the fact that there was a steam boiler in the cellar. This boiler was liable at any time to explode, and it is not improbable that it did explode, throwing down the fire-proof walls and scattering the liquid fire in all directions.

Now, the question comes up, how many of the so-called fire-proof buildings in this city are really what they profess to be? Are any of them constructed solely of stone, brick, iron, and cement, from the bottom of the cellar to the apex of the roof ? or are they merely strengthened here and there with iron girders and sheet-iron platings to the doors, while the floors, windows, frames, stairways, furniture, etc., are of wood? That a genuthere is really no doubt, but the number that

Now AND THES. -- In the summer of 1867. General Rosecrans was invited to attend a Republican ratification meeting at San Francisco, but being unable to do so, he wrote a letter instead, in which occurs this passage:---"If I could I would say to those brave men who now frankly accept the decision of the question they fought on, cast your lot with the Union men of this nation, who opposed and fought you-trust them. Let not a few extremists, excited by vague or unfounded apprehensiods, by personal interest or ambition, prevent you from meeting the great body of the National Union men represented by Congress, and closing forever the agitation about reconstruc-It is obvious that there should be no tion. wavering in their support of the general policy of Congress, however its details may or may not require modification. No representative ought to be elected to Congress on platforms of open or covert opposition to measures wherein finality is more important than detail.

A year later, however, this same Rosecrans took "his heart in his hand" and journeyed down to the White Sulphur Springs of Virginia, to relieve himself of a burden of "solicitude" by consulting with "a body of brave, energetic, and self-sacrificing men" against whom he had contended on many a well-fought field, under the belief at the time that they were traitors to their native land, to devise ways and means to prevent Congress from 'drifting us towards consolidation." And now this self-same Rosecrans is the Democratic candidate for the governorship of Ohio. Having taken the first step at the White ine fire-proof building can be constructed Sulphur Springs, he goes down hill at a ratiling pace.

PHILADELPHIA, July 27, 1889 The PENNSYLVANIA STATE EQUAL RIGHTS LEAGUE again issues its call to the Leagues of this State, and to the citizens who are yet disfranchised, earn estly urging them to attend the Annual Meeting of th League, which will convene in Huidekoper's Hall, MEAD. VII.LE, on TUESDAY, August 17, 1869, at 16 o'clock A. M. The many startling events which have transpired since our last meeting make the approaching one, which will be the fifth annual session of the League, of more important than any we have ever held. The Great Republican Parts triumphant; the Great Military Chief of the Age is President of the Nation; the Constitution of the United States is amended, and its ratification by the requisite number of States so nearly completed that we may claim it as an accompliabed fact; and black men are voters and

till offices of trust, honor, and enclument. At the coming meeting of the League, the most vital issues must be met and fully discussed; the gravost subjects must be presented, subjects involving our present seace, political and social condition as well as our security for the future. Our destiny, by the will of God, appears to

be indissolubly bound to that of our native country. With it we will rise with it we may fall. The unfolding of the broad platform of equal political rights, with equal political privileges, opens to us all the responsibilities and duties of the citizen which tyrants have long denied us and to-day we constitute a part of the great governing power of the republic.

Not as in days past does the League now summon you-not to aid the fleeing fugitive, nor to shield him from the gory grip of the inhuman kidnapper or the official clutch of the debased United States mercenary. Neither is it to petition Congress for rights denied, grievances to he redressed, person and property to be protected, or freedom and life to be secured. Noris it to ask the Legislature of Pennsylvania to pass a bill to secure us in the right of un-molested travel in railroad cars throughout this Common wealth; a right which was denied by reason of our color-and which, throug i the instrumentality of a committee of the League, we now enjoy, in defiance of the prejudice of the dominant classes, and in defiance of others still for the dominant who, being prompted by envy and personal malignity, leat their fruitless efforts, even at the jeopardy of this great right, to embarass the League in its endeavors to secure this just act of legislation. It is to the call of *Man*, *Brothern*, and *American Citizens* that you are summoned. You are called to meet this living important crisis, which unparalleled events, the rending in twain of the "cord of caste," the overturning of oppression, and the judgment of God have forced upon the nation.

You are called upon to calmit consider and resolutely adopt some feasible, practical plan, by which we may mass the vote of our people to uphold and sustain intact the Republican party and those noble men, representatives of that courage and heroism which have saved the nation; men who in the Congress of the United States and in the State Legislatures unflinchingly met the question raised State Legislatures diminicular ace and of the country, as to the right of the colored men throughout the North to vote, and to exercise all other rights enjoyed by virtue of citizenship.

Come from your workshops, from your fields of labor from the factory, the school house, and farm. Come from your houses and families. For this occasion let our minis-ters leave their pulpits, our working men their avocations,

and our professional men their duties. Let our thoughtful, active, vigilant men come together and so completely organize and combine that not a vote shall be lost, 1 ut that they may be polled to crush the mies of law and order-of Union and Liberty. To the great principles which animate the Republican rarty we stand pledged by every tie of bonor and gratitude

To God, Liberty and our Country, over the broken chains and crushed manacles that bound the limbs o millions, we have written our deathless adherence.

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