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early edition. THE TERMS OF PEACOE. Tre rumors of peace negotiations seem to
gain consistency, and the groat problem now
is what terms can be made mutually satisis what terms can be made matually satis-
factory. It is reported that M. Tbiers is
authorized to propose, on behalf of Frane authorized to propose, on behalf of France,
the payment of the war expenses of Prassia, the destruction of the forts in Alsace and
Lorraine, and the occupation of Metz and
Strasbarg by German troops until the ratifleation of the treaty by proper authorities.
It is vain to expect that Germany, in the
present aspect of affairs, will be contented with less important concessions, but we
do no vee that she can fairly
or wisely ask for much more. The
turning point of the negotiations, however, turning point of the negotiations, however,
will probably be the future ownership of
Alsace and Loraine Alsace and Loraine, France being as anxious
to retain her territory intact as portions of Germany are to rega
the old Fatherland.
over this difficulty have been suggested. One
is o o convert Alsace and LLorraine into a separate republic, and another to leave their citi-
zens to decide by vote whether they prefer
German or French masters hereafter. It is said that Bismarck privately favors terms of adjustment substantially like those which France
is presumed to be willing to grant, and that he
would regard the provinces in question rather would regard the provinces in question rather
as a troublosome boone of contention than a
sourceof real strength; and hedisplays his usual wisdom in adopting this moderate view. Two
conturies of French dominationhave estranged conturies of French domination haveestranged
the bulk of the inhabitants of Alsace and
Lorraine from their old German associates, and while they would be discordant and un-
proftable elements of united Germany, proftable elements oconelled to give them
France, if she is now compor
up, would forever be striving to regain them. If Prussia comes ont of the war carrying off
all its laurels, establishing her own prestige all its laurels, establishing har own prostige, obtaining fy security against fature athacks,
and having her expenses repaid, she can well
afford to dispense with territorial acquisi-
 Ter third annual Convention of the American
Railroad Master Mechanices Assoiation meots
in this city to-day, and we are glad to notice that the leading establishments engaged in
the manufaoture of railway supplies and for the entertainment of these useful and distinguished strangers. No mes have a better
claim to the honor and respect of the commanity. akill ar industry which achieves all the great triumphs of mind over matter, an-
nihilates space, and welds together the most ninilates space, and welas together the most
distant portions of the continent. On their
fidelity and carefulness depend the fidelity and carofulness depend the
lives and asfety of the whole travelling publives and the rapid transito of articieles of com-
merce worth untold millions. That they nobly discharge their arduons and responsi-
ble task is fully proved by the fact that accidents cansed by their neglectare of extremely
rare oceurrence, notwithstanding the enormons extent of the railway system of the
United States, for when rail way steciden United States, for when railway acoidents do
happen it willbe found in nine cases out of ten that they were the legitimate conse-
quence of careless or impecunious managewhich the master mechanies are in no way responsible
America
 est degree from the emigration of hosts
of profesional men. But the loss of her
well-trained and reliable master mechanics would be instantly felt in every oorner of
the land, and every interest would suffer deeply nntil this loss conlal gracually be re
paired by the education of compotent sucpaired by the edueation of compolent suc
cessors, We are glad, therefore, to see the heads of establishments who know by
their experience the value of sueh men
nuiting to do them honor; and when our uniting to do them honor; and when our
eitizens generally meet them either at the
park, the Continental Hotel, the theatre park, the Continental Hotel, the theatre, on
the river, or at the seaside, they hould foel that they are in the presence of a band of
men whe are entitiled to the profound respec of every genuine American citizen.
Thiz pzopix of New York are so fully con
vinced that the census has been imperfectly taken in that city, that the Mayor proposes
to have the work done over again under municipal authority. Making all complainta, there still appears to be some
Bubstantial foundation for them, as it appears that at a large number of houses no inquine whatever have been made. It remains
be meen whether Philadelphia has fared any
better at the hands of the census takera They are taking time enough to discharge not been visited at all, or the inquiries have
been made in a very careless and imperffol
$\left|\begin{array}{l}\text { manner. We shall be glad to hear from citi- } \\ \text { zens who are } \\ \text { deneription } \\ \text { consiocious of negleot of this }\end{array}\right|$ ens who are conscions of negloct of this
denoription at their own rosidencoes, so that
defects may be remedied as far as posible,
and the city be coredited with her full amount
of population.: ingist upon the pablic necessitention, of disat merely
cobble-stones as the first step in the maneoh of improvement, and the selection of that sub-
stitute which the way of durability, oheapness, and surface
suitable for horses and velicles to travel over. It is probable that the subject of choosing
a pavement for Broad street will be urged
apon the attention of Councils as soon as
and they assemble, and it is the plain duty of
then
our muncipal legisiature to decide fairly
and impartially in the interests of the puble and impartially in the interests of the public
and not in the interests of any particular
individual or paving companies. The agents of the varions rival pavements are eagerly
pressing their claims upon all who are
supposed to have any and supposed to have any influence in
the matter, and there are rumors
of a "set-ap job" to obtain the acceaptanee of one particular pavement by the city without
regard to the merits or demerits of others. a special committee was appointed about two
years ago to investigate the meritit of the
various styles of paving, and as its members have been travelling about from Cincinnati
to Boston and from Chicago to Washington, to Boston and from Chicago to Washington,
at the expense of the different paning com-
panies, it is certainly time that their report
was forthcoming; and the public will was forthcoming; and the public will expeot
that the report shall be trictly impartial,
baving in view only the having in view only the interests of the city.
The Nicolson pavement on street is a standing argument in favor of
wood as a paving material over stone or any wood as a paving material over stone or any
other substance that has yet been proposed.
It is It is open to serious doubt, however, whether
the Nfolson is by any means the ment that can be devised, as it has been
found necesary to found necessary to repair it after less than
three years' wear. Any pavement the three years' wear. Any pavement that is put
down on Broad street ought to last ten years
at least, withont continal at least, without continual tinkering to kears
it in order, and as it is probable that the
cobbles it in order; and as it is probable that the
cobble-stones will be taken up in
a few years, and all our streets
 thoroughfare meets with the approval of the
publio, it is of the utmost consequence that a
fair, candid, and wise decision shonld be made now when this great public enterprise
is in its incipiency Coly is in its incipiency. City Councils will meet
to-morrow, and it is to be hoped that this to-morrow, and it is to be hoped that this
matter will engage their thoughtful attention immediately, and that they will act upon
it promptly and with the single intention of it promptly and with the single intention of
serving the public interests in the most perfect manner, without fear, favor, or p
tiality.
THE STRAW BAIL THE STRA W BAIL CASEE.
YestriDAY John S . Cropley had a further
hearing on the charge of perjury in personathearing on the charge of perjury in personat-
ing John Schenkel and procuring the release of Lyons, alias Landman, by offering himself
as bail before Recorder Givin as bail before Reoorder Givin. The evi-
dence produced against this individual was
stron dence produced against this individual was
strong, but not entirely conclusive, and there
is evidently strong, but not entirely conclusive, and there
is evidently much yet to be loarned about
the escape of Lyons, and the ends of the escape of Lyons, and the ends of justice
will not be met until it is discovered who will not be met until it is discovered who
persuaded Cropley to set the part he did.
From the evidence produce appears that Oropley was employed in the
Navy Yard at the time of the attempted robbery, and also that he was well
aequainted with Lyons. The probabilities
are, therefore, that he was the spy of the are, therefore, that he was the spy of the
burglars in the first instance, and that it was on that the burglary was undertalken. This, with the eegerness manif unted to praken. This, the
release of Lyons at the earliest possible moment, seems to indicate the existence of a bold and daring plot, in which Croploy,
Lyons, and their immediate accomplices were
not the only ones implicated; and now that a clue has apparently been obtained, no pains
shonld be spared to investigate the matte shonld be spared to investigate the matter
thoroughy. Alderman Kerr very properly
deeided to hold Cropley in the large sum of thoroughly. Alderman Kerr very properly
deecided to hold Cropley in the large sum of
\$8000 bail to answer in Court upon
the eharge of perjury, and as no
the and one has yet offered to beeome
his siecurity, he is safe under ook and key at
present, and ready to be produced when he is wanted, and it will be an unpardonable piece of negligenece if he is permitted to malte
his escape unless he is aequitted by a jury.
If he If he is convioted upon the charge of perjury,
the severest sentence that the law allowe should be visited upon him as a warning to
"straw bail" goers in the future; and if a case can be maide out against him as an an acoom.
plice of Lyons in the intended burglary, and an additional sentence imposed, so much and the
better for the eause of better for the cause of justice. Not the
least singular feature of this affair is the ap. parent difficulty of identifying Orop
ley beyond the shadow of a doubt.
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