

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

SOCIAL SCIENCE.

NINTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE AMERICAN SOCIAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION.

The Proceedings of the Third Day's Morning Session—Essays by Dr. Isaac Ray, Joseph Wharton, and B. Cox.

The third day's morning session of the American Social Science Association began at 10 o'clock in the chapel of the University of Pennsylvania, President Minin in the chair.

The President on calling the meeting to order stated that an hour would be allowed for discussion, and that it was his duty to call attention to the fact that the association had already exercised some influence on the laws that were to be passed.

Mr. Elliott said that there had been no change in the methods of the census since the year 1850.

Mr. Cox moved that the Executive Committee be empowered to procure all such papers.

Mr. Elliott moved also that the Executive Committee of the association be requested to take such steps as may be necessary to bring the attention of the public to an improved method in census taking.

"The Evidence of Experts," by Dr. Isaac Ray, of Philadelphia.

The first paper of this morning's session was on "The Evidence of Experts," by Dr. Isaac Ray, of Philadelphia. The following is a full abstract:

With one exception the testimony of witnesses is confined to facts within their personal knowledge. To produce the truth, the witness must be free from any bias, and his testimony must be based on facts which he has seen or heard.

Under these conditions, science makes its appearance on the witness-stand, and thus it is that what is ignorantly mistaken for conflict, and imputed to ignorance or to the change of mind, is only a different phase of the same general truth.

Again, experts must necessarily vary in their testimony, because the same facts are seen from different points of view, and the same object is seen from different angles.

It is also objected to skilled testimony that it seems to embarrass and confuse the jury when they are asked to believe in the testimony of an expert.

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likely to conclude that some important point could be established if they had an unrestricted choice of experts. Hence, this method would be unsatisfactory and might be unjust.

An improvement on the present practice would be to have the opinion of the expert on the actual case in hand, as it used to be, but with a hypothesis of a question to be answered.

"International Industrial Competition," by Joseph Wharton, Esq., of Philadelphia, on International Industrial Competition. The following is an abstract:

The Manchester school of political economists persistently urged mankind to regulate their commercial relations upon the basis of free trade.

It is again, men may properly form nations, should the nations be free to trade with each other, and to impose such conditions upon others, in so far as they are consistent with the rights of justice.

Let a permanent Commission of Customs be created, or a separate Bureau created in the Treasury department, to have power to examine and report on the tariff.

"The Theory of the Civil Service," by Brinley Cooper, Esq., of Philadelphia. The following is an abstract:

The third paper of to-day's morning session was a "Review of Von Mohl's Essay upon the Different Methods of Filling the Offices of the Civil Service."

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trious, and zealous men occupying a distinguished place among their countrymen. For all this, however, it is not sufficient that the legal right of security in office should remain.

"We come now to the system of professional officials without a legal right in their offices. This is the system of public officials as they are at present.

Let us suppose, for argument's sake, the universal brotherhood of man to be established, and let us suppose that the nations are free to trade with each other.

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every form of polity. Only what is relatively good can here be attained, nor should any government attempt to establish an official system inconsistent with its fundamental principles.

From the foregoing it results that the system of unpaid volunteer local officials should, as far as possible, be retained in its present form.

THE NETTING EXCURSION TO FAIRMOUNT PARK.—The school children of the city are to go to Fairmount Park on Monday morning, October 30th.

SCHOOL SECTIONS 18 AND 19.—Take Reading cars at Belmont Station, and go to Belmont Station, and go to Belmont Station.

CONCERTS WILL BE GIVEN AT THE PARK, AS FOLLOWS:—George's Hill at 11 A. M.; Sweet Briar at 12 M.; Belmont at 1 P. M.

PUBLIC NIGHT SCHOOLS.—Mr. H. W. Halliwell, Secretary of the Board of Education, gives notice that public night schools for the instruction of young men over seventeen years of age, will be opened on Monday evening next at the following-named locations.

LITERARY AND MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENTS.—Our friends of the West Arch Street Presbyterian Church have taken our advice and prepared a course of lectures on the subject of "The History of the Republic of the United States."

EXAMINATION FOR TEACHERS.—The semi-annual examination of candidates for certificates of qualification to teach in the public schools of the First School District of Philadelphia will be held at the Central High School, Broad and Green streets, on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, November 9th, 10th, and 11th, next.

SLIGHT FIRES.—About 4 o'clock this morning a shed in the rear of the dwelling at the southwest corner of Sixteenth and Cabot streets was slightly damaged by fire.

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THE THEATRES.

Below we give the receipts of the leading places of amusement in the city for the year 1870, as compared with previous years.

Table with columns for Theatre Name, Month, and Receipts. Includes Walnut Street Theatre, Arch Street Theatre, and New American Theatre.

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FOURTH EDITION.

LATER CABLE REPORTS.

The New French Loan.

Keraty and the Mobiles.

The Chateaudun Sufferers.

The North Carolina Troubles.

Important Revenue Matters.

Army and Navy Orders.

Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc.

FROM EUROPE.

The New French Loan.

LONDON, Oct. 27.—The prospects of the new French loan to be placed on the market here are said to be very favorable.

The Britanny Mobiles.

TOURS, Oct. 27.—Keraty has ordered all the Mobiles in the province of Britanny to concentrate at Le Mans, in order to oppose the progress of the Prussians, who seem to be moving in that direction.

It is understood that when the troops are collected there as contemplated, Keraty will organize them himself for offensive warfare.

Many regular troops will also be incorporated in this army. He has already issued a proclamation to the Mobiles, promising that they shall have the best weapons and be well supplied with cannon and mitrailleurs. They are to be subjected to the strictest discipline, and unwilling hearts must remain away. Let only true Bretons come, whose rallying-cry shall be, "God and country."

Wagons under charge of soldiers have gone through the streets of this city, collecting supplies of all kinds for the inhabitants of Chateaudun, whose houses were burned by the Prussians. Subscriptions have also been opened in their behalf.

FROM WASHINGTON.

The English Mission and General Schoenck.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—Gossip here to-day that the President has determined to offer General Schoenck a commission as Major-General in the Army, but to no foundation for the report other than that a Western man is to have the place, and that Schoenck has accepted the offer.

Judge Kellee.

arrived here last night on business connected with your Custom House. He had interviews to-day with President and Attorney-General.

A semi-official despatch sent by the agent of the Associated Press which appears in the newspapers yesterday morning, concerning public matters, is highly derogatory to the President's administration, together with the correspondence which passed between himself and the President. Cox's friends are urging him to write a letter defending the President against the imputations contained in that despatch.

The North Carolina Troubles.

Senator Abbott, of North Carolina, informed the President that the troubles in that State are much exaggerated and misrepresented. It appears that they are not of a political character, but of a purely local nature, and are being used as a pretext for the capture of the State.

Recruits for the Army.

The Superintendent-General of the recruiting service in Cincinnati, Ohio, has been directed to forward under the proper charge, in detachments of convenient size, two hundred recruits to Omaha, Nebraska, for assignment to the Infantry.

Supervisor Perry reports to the Internal Revenue Office that he has procured the seizure of a quantity of tobacco at Fayetteville, North Carolina, which is alleged to be of the highest quality, and which he has offered to sell to the Government at a price of \$100 per barrel.

Imported and Domestic Spirits.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has issued a notice to the effect that he has received information from liquor dealers, retailers, and other persons having distilled spirits in their possession not in bonded warehouses, to render to them a statement of the quantity of liquor on hand in their possession, next, showing how much brandy, rum, whiskey, high wines, alcohol, and fruit brandies, and distinguishing between imported and domestic spirits.

FROM THE WEST.

Terrible Railroad Accident—Three Persons Killed.

St. Louis, Oct. 27.—The express train which left here on Tuesday evening on the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad ran through an open switch and collided with a coal train, in consequence of which three persons were killed, and about a dozen persons injured, none seriously. Both locomotives were badly smashed. The tender of the passenger train was forced into the baggage-car, and the smoking-car and first passenger-car telescoped about half the length of the cars. Assistance was obtained as soon as possible, and everything done to revive the wounded. The bodies of the woman and girl were left at Shoals Station.

FROM NEW ENGLAND.

Political.

PROVIDENCE, Oct. 27.—George H. Brown, of Gloucester, has been nominated for Congress in the First District.

FIRE AT A CHURCH.—A quarter of two o'clock this afternoon a fire occurred at the Trinity M. E. Church, Light street, in consequence of the engine of a few hundred dollars. The flames originated from a defective flue.

A California exchange estimates that after deducting the Chinese from the aggregate population of that State, it would be reduced to a representative base of 440,000.

A notable reformation has taken place in the life of a notorious debauchee of Cincinnati, through the instrumentality of a friendly ghost, who is said to have paid him a visit some weeks since.