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

THE COMMUNE AND LIBERTY.

From the N. Y. Times.

One of the saddest things about the errors or extravagances of a good cause is that they inflict irreparable injury on the cause itself. In Europe, for many years to come, the crimes of the Parisian socialist democracy will be charged upon liberty, and the first demands of the laboring classes and the cities of the Continent will be confused with the wild ideas and savage crimes of the French Communists.

As if to defy the peculiar and most cherished sentiments of France and Europe, the war-governing power in Paris declared war, not only against their bleeding country, but against art, property, and religion—against civilization itself. For a time, the world was favored with the spectacle of a city governed by its day-laborers and assassins.

Now, such horrors and crimes as these put back the cause the Parisian laborers had at heart at least half a century. The very name of "working-men's organizations," "associations," and "unions," will smell in the nostrils of Europe for generations. It is undoubtedly true that the laboring classes of Europe have not had their fair share of the blessings of life.

The municipal idea of the Paris Communists had, undoubtedly, much justice in it. They seem to have demanded for Paris exactly what all English-speaking peoples give to their large cities—the election of their city officials, the control of their education and militia, and, in most branches, a thorough self-government. They are privileges which ought to be granted to every French city, and would constitute the best means of political education.

QUAKER REFORM.

From the N. Y. Tribune.

The great annual meeting of the Society of Friends held last week in their capital, Philadelphia, offered one or two significant hints as to the present status of that powerful body. Propositions were made that the governing committee or general council for the year should hereafter be composed of members of both sexes in equal proportion.

These late reformatory movements strike us oddly, coming from a sect noted since its foundation for its temperance and admission of the equality of women. But the Quakers, though one of the most progressive of religious bodies, are paradoxically one of the slowest moving; taking their position, as they did at first, in the pioneer line not only of free thought but of work for humanity, and allowing the widest liberty for individual belief, they are not easily moved by outside pressure.

left of a penny. These traits, insignificant in themselves, assume importance when the Society owns the influence of outside popular movements. The heavy mercury, not volatile water, is the true index to the changes of the weather.

In the matter of woman's equality, the society has made but a slight change; only making a matter of professed creed what it has always tacitly taught by practice. But the action on liquor and tobacco is more significant. The shrewd Quaker has not only struck the nail, but driven it into the heart of the subject.

THE SUCCESSOR TO PRESIDENT GRANT From The. Titton's Golden Age. If Mr. Greeley, in coming home from the South, should bring with him, as a gift from that portion of our common land, a popular nomination to the Presidency of the United States, this expressed wish, by one section of the Union, ought to be promptly ratified by the other.

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