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ITEMS.

Miss Susan B. Anthony says she never heard of so many men, in one place, being simultaneously affected with sore throat, as she found at Washington, in selecting Congressmen to speak at her suffrage convention.

Miss Lucy Bliss at least taught eight years in the old academy school at Stockbridge, Mass., without the loss of a single day. As she lives two miles from the school house, she must have walked more than 13,000 miles in the time.

CHINESE STUPIDITY.—An official proclamation of the Tantai at Tonche prohibits the erection of telegraphic poles in the Celestial Empire, and with delightful complacency informs the outer world that there is no occasion for a wire in China. Poles are inconsistent with the favor of the mysterious Fung Shui, the invisible Chinese deity which resides in the atmosphere. It is grieved, and we suppose good, by sharp points, Tantai will have none of this nonsense, which offends the gods, and as he says, causes the death of many worthy citizens.

JEFFERSON DAVIS and his Cabinet officers are being sharply criticized in New Orleans. The people of the Crescent City, the genuine Southern inhabitants—not the new settlers from the North—desire to know what has become of the four million dollars in specie that was taken from the Bank of Louisiana in the early months of the war. They do not expect to get back any of the coin, but they think that the heads of the Rebellion should let them know to what uses they applied the money of the bank. It is to be hoped that Jefferson Davis or some of his "high-toned" friends will explain.

THE Democrats of Ohio are fairly boiling over with wrath at the political blunder into which they were seduced by the Cincinnati Enquirer. In voting for the "Reform" ticket they had to swallow, ungrudgingly, some very intense repugnance, a batch of Republicans whom they were bidden to accept by their own organ. Once in their seats the Republicans voted for the Fifteenth amendment, and so went back on their moral obligations. It is said by those who are in a position to know, that a "Reform" ticket, preached by the Enquirer, will not be very popular among the Democrats of Ohio for a few years to come.

GAMBLING ON A VERDICT.—The libel suit of George Wilkes against the proprietors of the Twp. Field and Farm, afforded an opportunity for a number of New York sports to "go their pile" on the result of the case. On the opening of the court on Friday, a number of bets were made. One man bet \$500 to \$100 that Bruce would be convicted. This was promptly covered. When the jury went out levity odds were offered in favor of an acquittal, with no other bid held ten shares which were odds began to hedge. After an absence of about three quarters of an hour, the jury returned a verdict not guilty. In one instance a prominent sporting man lost five thousand dollars. Others lost and won in smaller or in larger sums. Some sporting men have learned the truth of the old proverb that nothing is so uncertain as the verdict of a jury.

A SINGULAR SUIT.—There is a curious and interesting suit just now in the Chancery Court, in London. In 1792 a society, called the West New Jersey Society, purchased sundry tracts of land in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. One John Love was a member and held ten shares which he transferred, in 1803, to Mr. Fawks. Strange to say, the society is still legally in existence and holds some seven or eight thousand pounds, representing the value of those ten shares. The object of the present proceedings is to ascertain who are the next of kin to that Mr. Fawks, who died some one hundred and fifty years ago. Small as the sum is there are already numerous claimants. It is certainly both curious and interesting that the English Court of Chancery should be now, in 1870, engaged in disposing of a case which the cause of action transpired in Pennsylvania and New Jersey when they were British colonies, and in fact shortly after their settlement.

WHO WILL BE THE AMERICAN CARDINAL.—A letter from Rome brings the following hint about the proposed American cardinal. "Some of the bishops are so delighted at the opportunity afforded them of showing their proficiency in Latin, that they get on the stump at the slightest provocation and make long speeches. Some of our American bishops have especially distinguished themselves in this manner. Archbishop Kenrick, of St. Louis, was most eloquent on the expediency of the Council at this moment, and its necessity as a regenerator of society." None of his colleagues had contested this point; but his Grace is after a cardinal's hat, and hoped that his oratorical efforts might help his chances. By the way there seems little doubt that an Eminence will be chosen from among the following: McCloskey, Spalding, Purcell and Kenrick. The latter contentedly on his promotion two years ago, but he was obliged to go home as he cannot, without the red stockings. As it is, the Pope, although he cannot interfere, lest he should be accused of a desire to prevent freedom of discussion, does not look favorably on all this waste of time in irrelevant speech-making, so that Archbishop Spalding will probably yet distance his more worthy competitors.

PROTECTION OF COAL MINERS.—A bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives at Washington by Mr. Hay, of Illinois, to more effectually protect the lives of people working in mines. It provides for all the details of mining. Among other things, that the owners of mines shall prepare a map of their mine, showing the shafts, slopes, &c., which shall be deposited with the inspector of mines provided for in the bill, which map shall be corrected annually. Each mine is to have within a specified time two shafts or slopes, not less than one hundred and fifty feet in width, with distinct means of ingress and egress, to be kept in an available condition. The ventilation must be at all times free and perfect. A "mining boss" is to have charge of the mines, and he or his assistants must enter the mines and report all safe before any other person is allowed to enter. They must also be the last to leave the mines, and see that all is properly secured. The lamps are to be under the supervision of a special deputy of the mining boss, &c. Speaking tubes from the surface to the bottom of the mine are also provided, and everything in connection with the proper working of a mine is carefully specified in the bill. It was referred to the Committee on Mines and Mining.

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Poetry.

A FAREWELL.

Flow down, cold rivulet, to the sea, Thy tribute wave deliver;

No more by thee my steps shall be, Forever and forever.

Flow, softly flow, by lawn and lea, A rivulet then a river;

Nowhere by thee my steps shall be, Forever and forever.

But here will sigh thine alder tree, And here thine aspen shiver;

And here by thee will hum the bee, Forever and forever.

A thousand suns will stream on thee, A thousand moons will quiver;

But not by thee my steps shall be, Forever and forever.

WEDDED LOVE.

J. G. WHITTIER.

And if the husband or the wife In home's strong light discovers

Such slight defaults as failed to meet The blinded eyes of lovers.

Why need we care to ask? who dreams Without their thorns of roses,

Or wonders that the truest steel The readiest spark discloses?

For still in mutual sufferance lies The secret of true living;

Love scarce is love that never knows The sweetness of forgiving.

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE SLAVE LAW GIVERS.

Hon. A. K. McClure of this state, who has been sojourning during the winter at Columbia, the Capital of South Carolina, has written a letter to the Chambersburg Repository under the above title, as follows:

Here the Slave is now the Master; the Bowman is the Law-giver. Here has been fulfilled that singular prophecy ventured by Jefferson soon after his retirement from the Presidency. Speaking of the crime of Slavery, he said, "that considering numbers, native and natural means only, a revolution of the wheel of fortune, an exchange of site, is among possible events, and it may become probable by supernatural interference! The Almighty has no attribute which can take side with us in such a contest."

I walked leisurely along the broad streets of Columbia, to the imposing, but still unfinished capital of South Carolina. The softest breeze of Northern spring-time greeted me, and the beautiful magnolia, mock orange, fir, and other evergreens, seemed to proclaim perpetual summer. The streets are crowded with motley groups of whites and blacks, and on the modest elevation that faces the centre of the main avenue stands the point of attraction—the capitol with the Legislature in session. I entered the vast rotunda, and passed on to the legislative hall, to witness the deliberations of the novel Legislature of reconstructed South Carolina.

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