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CORRESPONDENCE, letters, contributions, generally of merit and interest to the reader, will be acceptable from friends from all quarters.

Political Reform.

We learn that in Philadelphia a reform club has been started as the nucleus of what is intended to be a movement for securing the correction of the abuses of legislation at Harrisburg. This movement is participated in by members of both parties, and bids fair to be formidable. The determination is expressed to return to Harrisburg no member of the House of 1869. Of this we highly approve, and would add that it will improve the character of the Senate very much if certain members of that body whose terms of office will expire in October, are not re-elected.

The Republican party has become so sickened and disgusted with the disreputable conduct of the last legislature, that a selection of honest, sober and competent men must be made, or *defeat* will be the result. The party to survive must be thoroughly purged of Thugs, Corruptionists, *and other saleable cattle.* The good and honest men of both Republican and Democratic parties must be chosen to retrieve the credit of our legislature and save the Treasury from being plundered. A new order of things must be introduced in the selection of our State Treasurer, who is not to be elected as heretofore, by the farming out of the public funds, and we demand the enactment of a law prohibiting the Treasurer preventing this, and him from buying up votes for re-election. Certainly, if the right means are not adopted to select free, independent, honest and good men, or if fraud shall as heretofore prevail by stuffing ballot-boxes, making intentional miscounts or other cheatery, there will be a remedy applied that will purify our atmosphere of all corruptionists and intriguing scallawags and redeem the country from the curse that has for years preyed upon and disgraced us. We mean business now. We know what we say, and we give notice to "sellers and buyers," that unless good, honest, sober, faithful and respectable men are selected, there will be trouble in the camp. Let no one think himself beyond reach. Fraud and dishonesty must and shall be put down. Stealing is at a discount, and thieves shall no longer pass for saints.

Sprague vs. Burnside.

The base attack of the millionaire Sprague, in the U. S. Senate on Gen. Burnside and the gallant Soldiers of Rhode Island, has not only brought out an indignant reply from Senator Anthony, but has called forth an address, which is being signified by the soldiers and citizens of that patriotic little State, inviting Gen. B. to name a day for meeting his friend who will by their exhibition of confidence, administer a *scathing rebuke to the insolent Senator.* The address is as follows:

"We, the undersigned, citizens of Rhode Island, have read with profound indignation the remarks of the Hon. William Sprague, in the Senate of the United States, in which you and the officers and soldiers of Rhode Island under your command in the first battle of the war, have been most wantonly and maliciously assailed before the whole country. We feel that a great wrong has been done to you and to the brave men, both the living and the dead, who served with you in the army of the Republic; and also that the military honor of Rhode Island has been deeply wounded and the fair fame of the state foully traduced in the national Senate at Washington by one who was bound to cherish and protect them. For the purpose, therefore, of rebuking these atrocious calumnies, and of renewing *both* to you and to those who served with you, the expression of our undiminished gratitude, confidence and respect, we hereby invite you to name a day at your own convenience, on which you will meet us and others of your fellow-citizens at a public reception in the city of Providence."

THERE is authority for asserting that the President has intimated to Secretary Borie that he fears the duties of the Navy Department are to onerous, and that Mr. Borie would only be doing justice to himself in retiring from the position. The real cause of the President's desire to have another Naval Secretary is suspected to be the inefficiency of the present one, who seems to have very little acquaintance with the duties of the office.

In view, also, of probable trouble about Cuba, the administration may want to have the navy on a war-footing before very long, and the President has no confidence that Secretary Borie would be equal to such an emergency. Another cause of dissatisfaction, is that the Secretary is an intense aristocrat; and therefore has no sympathy with the Cuban cause, in which other members of the Cabinet are deeply interested. The resignation of Mr. Borie is therefore looked for at an early day.

The cause of the insurgents in Cuba does not seem to be growing in strength with the Administration. It has come to the knowledge of the President, through the agents of the insurgents in Washington and New-York, that their only hope of success is in obtaining material aid from the United States Govern-ment. It is asserted, on pretty high authority, that unless such aid is rendered, the insurgents will not be able to hold out more than 60 days. This fact is also in the possession of not only the Spanish Minister, but the English and French Ministers. It can be stated, on the authority of the President and Secretary of State, that it is not the intention of our Government to interfere in the affairs of that Island beyond the protection of our citizens and their property.

A BAND of Spartan women, led by a Professor of Woman's rights, we suppose—appeared at the Registry, last week, in Washington, and called upon the Registrars to enroll their names on the list of voters. While the puzzled officials are considering the case, we hope next to hear of these public-spirited women calling upon the Road-Supervisors there to set them down for duty on the highways, the Court officials to give them a chance at the Jury Box, and the military authorities to enroll them in the militia, and call them out for the annual musters. While they are at it, they may as well assume all the duties of citizenship.

You will miss something by not reading the advertisements.

ASA PACKER denies the report that he has withdrawn from the Gubernatorial contest.

VOTES in the Pennsylvania Senate were $2,000 apiece when the Coal Tax bill was on its passage.

IT is but justice to state that the great wind-storm of the west is in no way attributable to George Francis Train.

THE public debt statement to be issued to-day will, according to present prospects, exhibit a decrease of probably $2,000,000.

IT is suggested that a good way to pay the National debt would be to impose a tax upon all persons who ventilate financial schemes.

THE Americans in Paris are anxious for an *American daily journal in that city,* and promise eight hundred subscribers to start with.

HON. HORACE GREELY has accepted an *appointment* as commissioner to examine the Pacific Railroads, which was tendered to him by the President last week.

RICHMOND has a horror of its own. The negroes have been discoverd collecting and selling to bone-burners the bones of Confederate and Union soldiers buried in the bloody battle-field of Fort Harrison.

THE newspapers have teemed, lately, with *lists of appointments* by President Grant. If the list of disappointments could be made out, they would be much more interesting and about a thousand times as long.

IF Italy can see so clearly as to abolish the Death Penalty, this new and vigorous country ought surely to do so. The wonder will be, *after a time,* how it was possible we could ever have been uncivilized as to hang men up by the neck.

A NEW polar expedition is being arranged, under command of Dr. Hayes, of former Arctic fame. It has been stated that a public-spirited citizen has offered the *Doctor a suitable steamer, and that at a* cost of $40,000 the entire exploring party could be kept at the rendezvous proposed for two years and a half.

DOCTOR CATCH-ALL volunteers to serve the people another term in the House of Representatives. Having learned the ropes he can do better than he did last winter. He was a strong advocate of the paster and folder swindle—voted to increase the members' pay from $1,000 to $1,500, and denounced things generally as humbug that interfered with the present mode of legislation.

THE Pickwickian difficulty between *Senators Sprague and Abbott has at last* been adjusted, and the parties have laid down their arms. The peace treaty was negotiated Tuesday; four of the leading Senators in Congress acting as commissioners. It appears that *overtures pointing to* a future negotiation, were quietly begun by the self-constituted commission on Saturday, and that several efforts at conciliation have since been made. The whole thing was merely "a slight misunderstanding," on the part of Abbott.

"Bad Taste."

The *World* considers it "in bad taste" for the Chaplain of the United States Senate to pray for the success of the Cubans, and then asks, "was there not something worse than bad taste in the bloodthirsty and vindictive, 'addresses to the Throne of Grace' which used to be made by 'chaplains' of a like sort during the recent civil war?" But anything not "Democratic" is in bad taste with the *World;* and, as the "ministers of the Gospel" of that persuasion during the rebellion never would have prayed for the success of the government had the government not compelled them to, it is not to be expected that they would even favor such an act in the case of struggling Cuba.

Dangers Ahead.

The Chicago *Tribune* asserts that "no previous legislative body has exhibited such unblushing disregard if all the requirements of common decency as the Legislature of Illinois, that is now in session. Taken as a whole, the Legislature of 1869 has been reckless beyond precedent."

We believe that it can be truthfully asserted that the complaint of Legislative folly and inefficiency is general all over the country. What is the reason? Clearly this, that the people will not take the trouble to govern themselves, but rather let the politicians govern them. Is there not cause to fear if things go on in this way, every year getting worse, that the croakings of the "Imperialist" about democracy being a failure may come to have too much truth? The evils of corrupt legislation have grown so intolerable in our own State, that it has been seriously proposed to abolish the Legislature; and it is notable that this proposition came from a political journal—the *Post.* When the political journals begin to talk about political corruption, it is surely time for the whole people, regardless of party, to look out for their rights and liberties.

Women in Office.

The war has commenced. Western women have tasted the apple of an office. They cry for more, and are determined to have it or perish in the attempt. Miss King wants the Post Office of Janesville, Wis., and is determined to oust the present incumbent, a poor fellow of the masculine gender. She writes to her "dear Mrs. Livermore," of the Chicago *Agitator,* as follows:

JANESVILLE, WIS., April 12, 1869.

MY DEAR MRS. LIVERMORE:—At present I do not feel at liberty to expose all the "wire-pulling" of the politicians in the case of the Janesville Post Office. But I assure you that "thereby hangs a tale" that I intend to relate if they do not "come down handsomely" with the "sugar plums." Truly yours, ANGIE KING.

Disgraceful as it is to see men scrambling for office and backbiting, slandering and lying about their competitors, how mortifying it is to see women dragging themselves into such a mire and talking glibly, like dance house *habitues,* about So-and-So "coming down handsomely with the sugar plums" or suffering the effects of some mysterious *expose!* If this is to be the natural result of the woman's rights movement the sooner sensible people set their faces against it the better for the cause of morality and sanctity and purity of the American domestic fireside.—*N. Y. Herald.*

[From the Daily SPY.]

Telegraphic Summary.

FRIDAY, April 23.

Before the Senate went into private session yesterday, Mr. Nye made a personal explanation in reply to some recent strictures of Senator Sprague, and sharply criticised *Sprague's course.* Mr. Sprague replied, and the debate was participated in by other Senators. Late at night the doors were reopened for a time, and Senator Abbott, of North Carolina, had read some remarks of Mr. Sprague, in which the latter used "a *mongrel puppy-dog,*" as an illustration. Mr. Abbott said he had intended to ask if the term "puppy" was applied to him, but as the Senator from Rhode Island had skulked out of the Chamber, he (Abbott) intended to "have satisfaction out of the Chamber." Mr. Sumner here *rose to a point of order,* and several Senators demanded that Mr. Abbott should explain *his remarks.* After an excited colloquy, Mr. Abbott said he was "not a duelist," and did "not mean that sort of thing," and the matter ended there.

General Canby issued an order yesterday requiring all persons elected to office in Virginia, who have not taken the oath, to do so now. It is *said this will vacate many* offices.

Nearly all the wholesale stock of whisky in New Orleans, about 19,000 barrels, was *seized on Wednesday,* and will be held by the revenue authorities, unless proof is given by the owners of the payment of the tax.

At Chambersburg, Pa., yesterday, Cain Morris, a young negro, convicted of atrociously assaulting three young ladies of the vicinity, was sentenced to thirty-five years' imprisonment in the Eastern Penitentiary.

SATURDAY, April 24.

A train was thrown from the track of the Long Island Railroad, near Queens, yesterday morning, and the rear car was smashed. Six persons were killed, and eleven injured, two of the latter perhaps fatally.

The floods continue in New England and Canada, but are beginning to subside, and are also abating in New York. Several streets in Hartford are inundated, and at Windsor Locks, Conn., a portion of the canal supplying the factories has been swept away, which throws several hundred *operatives out of employment. In Canada* two persons were drowned at St. Hyacinthe, two at Longuevil and two at Upton. The destruction of property is very great. In New York the trains are again running regularly on the Hudson River Railroad.

The gunboat Seminole has taken her crew at Boston, preparatory to going to Cuba.

A meeting of Cubans and their sympathizers was held in New Orleans last night, which was followed by a torchlight parade. A number of colored men participated. Dumas, the new Consul General to Liberia, was one of the signers of the call for the meeting.

Attorney General Hoar has given an opinion agreeing with that of Mr. Evarts, to the effect that the eight-hour law does not compel the payment of ten hours' wages *for eight hours' work, and the Secretary of* the Navy has instructed the commandants of the navy yards in accordance therewith.

The Republican Convention of Washington Territory met on Thursday, and nominated L. Garland for Delegate to Congress.

Leonard Huyck, late President of the Merchants' National Bank of Washington, D. C., who was convicted of the larceny of a portion of its funds, was sentenced yesterday to two years' imprisonment in the Albany *Penitentiary.*

M. C. Kilgore committed suicide by *jumping from a hotel window,* in Chicago, yesterday.

The proprietors of *Hearth and Home* offer a prize of one hundred dollars for the best *song* having for its theme "Hearth and Home"—suitable to be set to music.

MONDAY, April 26.

The steamer Uselda, having on board a number of discharged soldiers, struck a snag in the Missouri river, near Sioux City on Saturday morning, and sunk. While sinking her boiler exploded, killing and wounding a large number of persons. The number missing is reported at fifty.

Two boys, sons of different parents, committed suicide on their respective fathers' premises, at Vermont, Illinois, one day last week.

The body of Miss Sophia A. Howe, who disappeared from Springfield, Mass., last January, has been found in a pond near *that city.* As it showed no marks of violence, the belief is that she committed suicide.

A fire in the woods of Long Island, after burning for a week, was extinguished on Thursday night. Three miles of timber was destroyed.

The Fenians in Lawrence, Mass., had a parade on Saturday, on the occasion of placing a monument on the grave of Timothy O'Leary, who barbored Darcy, the Fenian, in Manchester, England, and was compelled therefor to fly to this country.

Wm. N. Boreman, colored, of New York, has been appointed a first class clerk in the Treasury department.

The General Assemblies of the Old and New School Presbyterian Church will meet at New York on May 20th, to settle the question of reunion.

A large number of Canadians are emigrating to Nebraska, to settle in that State.

The wheat crop in Southern Illinois is reported to be more promising than *at any* previous time.

Trains are again running regularly on the New York Central, Hudson River, and Grand Trunk Railroads in New York State, the floods having subsided.

TUESDAY, April 27.

It is stated from Washington that our Government has no intention of interfering in Cuban affairs beyond what is necessary *for the protection of American citizens and* their interests. An Associated Press despatch says that our squadron in Cuban waters will probably not number more than six vessels, two less than heretofore.

In reply to a note from Senator abbott, *Senator Sprague has explained that his* speech was not intended to reflect upon Abbott, and the latter has therefore retracted his remarks upon Sprague, made in the Senate.

Yesterday was celebrated throughout the *United States* as the fiftieth anniversary of Odd Fellowship. The principal demonstration took place in Philadelphia, and is detailed in our local columns. In Boston, New York and other cities there were imposing celebrations.

A dwelling house near Jamacia, Long Island, was burned yesterday, and a Mrs. Newman perished in the flames.

Adelaide Greenman, a doctress, has been appointed *examining* physician at St. Louis for a New York insurance company. It is believed to be the first appointment of a woman to such a position.

WEDNESDAY, April 28.

The President is expected to issue the order for the election in Virginia this week.

The junction of the Union and Central Pacific Railroads is expected to be effected near Promontory Point, Utah, this week.

A San Francisco despatch says it has been discovered that the crew of the bark John Bright, recently wrecked in Nootka Sound were murdered by the Indians.

De Lyre's distillery, in New York, was burned yesterday morning. The loss is about $100,000.

In the Gold Hill, Nevada, mines, the fire is still burning, and five hundred miners are kept out of employment.

E. G. Jewett, the long-missing banker of Skaneatles, N. Y., has returned home.

Gold closed yesterday at 133¾. Government securities were strong, at a further advance of ¼. The general stock market was active, closing strong.

THURSDAY, April 29.

The old depot of the Germantown and Norristown Railroad, at the S. W. corner of Ninth and Green streets, was destroyed by fire last night. It contained twenty-five or thirty loaded freight cars, which were consumed.

A suit against an insurance company *came up in the United States District Court* at Savannah yesterday, and the company's *counsel demanded that the jury take the* "iron-clad" oath of 1862. On the oath being read, all the jurors left the box, and the case thus fell through.

The War Department has issued an order directing the resumption of recruiting for the regular army.

Since March 4th, 122 internal revenue collectors and 119 assessors have been appointed. Of these Pennsylvania has had 18 assessors and 16 collectors.

Twenty clerks were dismissed from the Post-office Department yesterday.

The coal miners of Hyde Park, at Scranton, have voted to join a movement for a general strike in the anthracite regions.

At Rye Neck, Westchester county, N. Y., on Tuesday night, Gilbert Robinson; a *jeweller, was found murdered in his bed.* His head had been crushed in by a blow from a gun barrel. The murderer is unknown.

At Cambridge City, Ind.., yesterday, Judge Johnson was poisoned by swallowing tincture of aconite, in a mistake, and died within half an hour. He was on a visit to his father at the time.

The Grand Jury of Waldo County, Me., has found thirty-six indictments, mainly for violation of the liquor law.

The quarantine regulations at Baltimore go into effect on May 1st.

IT is understood that Mrs. Twitchell will *shortly de baptised in the Catholic faith.* She has been receiving religious instruction from the sisters of the convent at the corner of Broad street and Columbia avenue, Philadelphia.

THE extra session of the U. S. Senate having completed its duty on Friday, adjourned *sine die.* The trains from Washington took away a large number of disappointed office hunters who, no doubt, go home disgusted with every body but themselves.

Sad Case of Drowning.

At Harlem, New York, one day last week, *George W. Conklin fell* into a creek. His cries brought his wife to the scene. Obeying her husbands command, she procured a boat which was moored near by, and had nearly reached her husband, when he sank for the last time, and when recovered, a short time afterward, life was found to be extinct. Just before going down finally, Conklin raised his hands imploringly to his wife, and with his parting breath exclamed, "I'm going, Mary; take good care of the children. Good bye."

The Celebration.

The Odd Fellows' *celebration in Philadelphia,* Monday, was one of the largest popular demostrations ever held in that city. The weather was splendid, and the display very imposing. The city was *filled* to overflowing with visitors, the hotels were *turning people away. The aims of* Odd Fellowship are well understood even by those who are non-members. The great good done by the society is universally acknowledged, and *such a huge evidence of* its prosperity as Monday showed, will be gratifying to all people who believe in deeds of charity and good will.

Stolen Bonds Returned.

The officers of the Beneficial Saving Fund Society received by express, on Thursday, between four and five hundred thousand dollars in amount of the stolen bonds, chiefly in railroad, city and Government registered securities. The publication of the fact was withheld, lest it should interfere with the operations of the police. The package was sent from Boston, and it was marked thirty dollars in value, consequently it did not attract the attention of the clerk at the express office, and the bearer of it was not noticed so particularly as to enable the clerk to identify him. Up to this time the detective officers have not succeeded in getting upon the track of the robbers, nor in obtaining any information calculated to create a well-grounded hope of success in the recovery of the United States coupon bonds and the money stolen.—*Ledger.*

The "Sun" Slander—Mr. Dana Sued for Libel—The Damage Laid at $100,000.

NEW YORK, April 27th—John Russell Young, of *The Tribune,* made affidavit before Judge Tappan, of the Supreme Court, to-day, charging Charles A. Dana, of *The Sun,* with false, slanderous and malicious libel, laying damages at one hundred thousand dollars. Mr. Dana was arrested at his residence, and it is understood, held to bail *in ten thousand dollars.*

Mr. John Russell Young.

NEW YORK, April 27th.—The statement of *The Sun* of this morning that Mr. John Russell Young had resigned his position on *The Tribune,* that it was refused, and that Mr. Young was then dismissed by the stockholders, is untrue in every particular. Mr. Young holds his position as Managing Editor, and there is no intimation that Mr. Greeley or others concerned desire him to sever his connection with the paper.

Arrived at Home.

Mr. George W. Childs, of the Philadelphia *Public Ledger,* who has been traveling in Europe with his family, arrived *home a few days ago. Mr. Childs is to-day* the most popular, enterprising and liberal publisher in this country, and his safe arrival home with renewed health is a source of congratulation amongst his numerous friends everywhere. The other evening he was serenaded by Carneross & Dixey's Minstrels and band. "Home, Sweet Home," "I Thought of Thee," and several other appropriate solos were finely sung, and the programme concluded with the quartette, "Come where my Love lies Dreaming," which was exquisitely sung by Messrs. Carneross, Prestwitch, Stevens, and Lamont. The affair was nicely rounded off by a supper at Petrie's, at which speeches were made by Messrs. Dixey, *Jackson, and others, of the Ledger,* and entertaining songs sung by Messrs. Dixey, Simpson, Lamont, and Simmons. "Auld Lang Syne" wound up the festivities.

Shocking Casualty—Two Females Fatally Burned.

At *noon yesterday a shocking casualty* occurred at the dwelling, No. 1207 Alder street, in the Twentieth ward, Philadelphia, by which an elderly lady, named Bridget Brophy, and a young girl, named Johanna Roach, were burned almost to a crisp. Mr. Edward Brophy, the husband of Bridget, also sustained slight injuries about the hands. The house above mentioned is occupied by Mr. Brophy, wife and son, and a Mrs. Roach and her daughter, Johanna, aged fourteen years, the latter using the front room on the first floor as a kitchen.

It seems that Johanna was engaged in *kindling* a fire in the stove, but it not burning as brightly as she desired, she procured a can of coal oil and commenced pouring it on the wood. It ignited instantly and the flame communicated with the contents of the can, which exploded with a loud report. Her clothing was almost as quickly in flames, and she ran shrieking into the rear room, where Mr. and Mrs Brophy sat. Mrs. Brophy ran to her assistance and attempted to extinguish the flame, and she was also enveloped in flames. Mr. Brophy endeavored to put out the fire, but could not succeed, and both the burning women ran into the yard. Mrs. Brophy again entered the house, when her son threw a lot of carpet around her and she fell to the floor in an exhausted condition. The clothing on Miss Roach was burned completely off, and when the residents got into the yard she was lying on the pavement. She was removed into the dwelling and medical assistance summoned for both her and Mrs. Brophy.—*Post, April 29th.*

Editorial Brevities.

—Genial weather.

—*Sprague* is a nuisance.

—Wild pigeons are flitting.

—Western travel improves.

—The lumbermen are busy.

—This is the time for sodding.

—Bumble bees are on the wing.

—The sociables have disbanded.

—April showers commence late.

—Country people are gardening.

—Radishes are two cents a piece.

—Short gauze veils are reviving.

—Dan Rice's real name is Crum.

—Cuba is about as large as Ohio.

—Butter is fifty cents per pound.

—Shad fishing is going on briskly.

—The New York *Sun* is eclipsed.

—Fourth of July comes on Sunday.

—Morality in Newbern is on the mend.

—Shad are forty and fifty cents a piece.

—Chas. G. Leland is going to Germany.

—New potatoes $2.00 a quart in Augusta.

—Charlottesville, Va., wants a vagrant law.

—Washburn calls Fish a fossilized hunk head.

—Nine hundred Chicago dogs expire in a week.

—The ice has not broken in Lake Champlain.

—Mohawk flats west of Utica are under water.

—The Richmond whiskey trade is depressed.

—A square inch of lilac leaf has 130,000 mouths.

—Who is the best posted on handkerchief flirtation?

—The rush of northern travel to the south *continues.*

—The resignation of Secretary Borie is looked for.

—President Grant will visit Philadelphia next week.

—Columbia Odd Fellows did not attend the parade.

—Parlor croquet is transferred to the green lawns.

—Kellogg has already begun making farewell tours.

—*Pictures in wedding costume are the* bridal novelty.

—Another hotel is breaking out in the Leland family.

—Titusville looks forward to a track for velocipede races.

—A mad dog bit a policeman in Philadelphia on Tuesday.

—Camden wants a bridge to connect it with Philadelphia.

—Breckinridge will run for the Legislature in Kentucky.

—The Pope will be seventy-seven years old on May 13, 1869.

—The gas fixtures have been put up in the new market house.

—Senators Sprague and Abbott have kissed and made up.

—New York society has grown "disgust*ingly promiscuous.*"

—Bowery is blowing in—only sacred music must be sung.

—Many fine buildings are about to be put up in Greensburg, Pa.

—One span of the railroad bridge at Towanda has been raised.

—The exterior of the Columbia National Bank is being repaired.

—The Kutztown State Normal school has over two hundred students.

—The bridge across the Mississippi, at St. Louis, *is to be at once begun.*

—Paris has a paper published at half-past seven P. M., called *The Evening.*

—Velocipede neck ties are to be ordered off the sidewalks in Philadelphia.

—Several children were bitten by mad dogs, in Wilmington, Del., last week.

—White Pine has a daily paper "devoted to the expansion of moral principles."

—Several of our citizens are already preparing for an early visit to Cape May.

—A Houston girl horsewhiped her delinquent lover in the street a few days since.

—The favorite tune of the milkmen is said to be "Shall we gather at the river"?

—Advices from "White Pine," where the latest mining fever rages, indicate a reaction.

—John Morrissey's friends claim that he does not swear. *Bad* for a prize fighter, that.

—The committee on shows and circuses should be discharged for non-attendance to duty.

—The Boston *Post* thinks a good uniform for the letter carriers would be a "coat of mail."

—This is said to be the year for the appearance of the original seventeen year locusts.

—Huntingdon, Pa., has had a funeral every Sunday this year. Bad for Huntingdon.

—*The report of Cabinet changes* are vigorously renewed by the Washington correspondents.

—A Sunday paper in Reading is the last fresh *outrage* of some body who is overflowing with enterprise.

—*Among the distinguished foreigners in* New York is Major Hunsen, of Norway, eight feet high.

—A Cincinnati woman endorsed on her *tax return "taxation without representation* is tyranny."

—The New York *Express* thinks that city will have underground railways in half-a-dozen years.

—Horatio Seymour, according to a Western paper, has been buying extensive tracts of lands in Iowa.

—A company of English mechanics have been sent for to work on the extension of the Cornell University, at Ithica, N. Y.

—The general conference of the United Brethren in Christ will convene at Lebanon, Lebanon county, on the 20th of May next.

—A young man, out West, writes home: "The report of my marriage is groundless; and I shall continue to live on the European plan."

—A New York *merchant once* wealthy, but reduced to despair from constant losses by "playing policy," killed himself last week.

—A Kentucky editor, in announcing himself as candidate for city clerk, states that he will devote his fees to sustaining his paper.

—Isaac Snyder is turning out sets of elegant harness—all on account, we presume, of the number of students now at his command.

—California is said to be the greatest wine-growing country in the world, producing more grape juice to the acre than even Italy.

—A rumor comes from Berlin that Mrs. Abraham Lincoln is to marry Count Schmidstwill, Grand Chamberlain of the Duke of Baden.

—Ye smokers and chewers, if you want good tobacco and segars go to the store of Mrs. Booth, Locust street. She deserves your patronage.

—Sunday evening, the Western Union Telegraph office in Cincinnati was set on fire by electricity—the wires becoming heated by the excess of fluid.

LIFE OF JEFFERSON DAVIS, WITH A SECRET HISTORY OF THE SOUTHERN CONFEDERACY.—We have received from the National Publishing Company, of Philadelphia, advance sheets of the *Life of Jeff. Davis and the Southern Confederacy,* by Edward A. Pollard. It will prove a very interesting work, and give us some startling developments from "Behind the Scenes in Richmond;" also curious and extraordinary information of the principal Southern characters in the late war, in connection with President Davis, and in relation to the various intrigues of his administration. We here give a *synopsis of one of the chapters.*

The South Intoxicated by the Victory fo Manassas; Who was Responsible for not Pursuing the Enemy to Washington; A Larger and more Important Question than that; The True History of a Secret and Notable Council of War; President Davis Rejects the Advice of his Three Principal Generals; He Decides for the Policy *of Dispersion or Frontier Defence;* A Glance at the Character of General Johnson; President Davis's Quarrel with General Beauregard; An Interval of Infamous Intrigues at Richmond; How Mr. Hunter was Driven from the Cabinet; Conceit of the President; "Waiting for Europe;" Demoralization of Inactive Armies; Rapid Corruption of Society in Richmond; "The Wickedest City;" Mr. Davis at a Fancy Dress Ball; Unpopular Conduct of his Wife; Anecdote of the President; Criticism of a "Tar Heel;" Mr. Davis and the Faithful Sentinel of the Libby Prison; A Historical Parallel; Connubial Fondness of Mr. Davis; His Collection of Small and Mean Favorites; A Curious Sort of Obstinacy, and some Reflections thereon.

No doubt this book will have a very large sale as everybody, especially our soldiers, will be curious to see and read it. It will be sold only by subscription, and agents are wanted for every county. Address, National Publishing Company, No. 26 South 7th street, Philadelphia.

A Blind Printer.

The editor of the Greencastle *Banner* says he found a curiosity in a printing office at Gosport. One of the gentlemen connected with the establishment is a blind man, and sets up type remarkably well. He is the first blind printer we ever came across. He stated to us that his average day's work was 5,000 ems, and that on several occasions he set from 7,000 to 9,000. His letter is distributed for him, and his copy is read by his partner, his memory being so perfect that he can retain from four to six lines; when this is finished, he cries the last word "set," when another sentence is read, and thus continues during the day.

Self-Education.

It is surprising how much may be obtained *by devoting a few hour each day to study* during a series of years. Gibbon produced his great work, rather by the regularity than the protracted nature of daily studies. Franklin became the wisest and one of the best read of his cotemporaries, in the midst of most incessant labor. And if the work*man with his healthful mind, so well pre*pared for the reception of knowledge, will give two hours each day to careful study, he may in a few years, surpass in general information the great body of college graduates, who so often obtain a diploma without deserving it, or who have laid aside their learning the moment they left their preceptors. He may elevate his own intellect by coming into communion with the eminent intellects of the past.

The Newspaper Scandal.

The publication made yesterday by the New York *Sun,* concerning Mr. John Russel Young, and his management of certain *newspapers, has created a great sensation* among the public generally, but especially among newspaper men. The documentary evidence furnised by the various letters is very strong. To effect this we have a statement from Mr. John D. Stockton, of the *Morning Post,* which we copy to-day. Further developments are hinted from the other side, *and as legal proceedings have been* begun in New York concerning the business the public is likely to hear enough of it. As the matter now stands, the whole of the independent press of the country must look *upon the developments as scandalous and* disgraceful to the last degree.—Phila. *Bulletin.*

A Pithy Sermon to Young Men.

You are the architects of your own fortunes. Rely upon your own strength of body and soul. Take for your motto self-reliance, honesty and industry; for your star, faith, perseverance and pluck, and inscribe on your banner, "*Be just and fear* not." Don't take too much advice; keep at the helm and steer your own ship. Strike out. Think well of yourself. Fire above the mark you intend to hit. Assume your position. Don't practice excessive humility; you can't get above your level, as water don't run up hill—put potatoes in a cart over a rough road and the small potatoes will go to the bottom. Energy, invincible determination, with a right motive, are the levers that rule the world. The *great art of commanding* is to take a fair share of the work. Civility costs nothing and buys everything. Don't drink; don't smoke; don't swear; don't gamble; don't steal; don't deceive; don't tattle. Be polite; be generous; be kind. Study hard, play hard. Be in earnest. Be self-reliant. Read good books. Love your fellow-men as your God; love your country and obey the laws; love truth; love virtue. Always do what your conscience tells you to be a duty, and leave the consequence with God.

Not Too Particular.

We observe at the time that *Sprague was* startling the country with his eloquence that his oratory was a little mixed in its ideas; but we did not know it was so bad as it has proved. He now says to Abbott: "The paragraph of my speech referred to was written and in manuscript some time before it was delivered in the Senate and before you participated in the debate, and therefore was not intended to apply to you." Yet this obnoxious paragraph, begins thus: "In answer to the tirade of the Senator from Nevada and the Senator from North Carolina I am reminded of a little illustration." Then comes the puppy. Evidently Abbott was eager to be satisfied.

A RESIDENT of Long Branch has a colonial shinplaster inscribed as follows:—"This bill of three shillings' proclamation is emitted by a law of the colony of New Jersey. To counterfeit is death."

If the same qualification was attached to the currency of the present day, it would be better *for the country.*

SIR SAMUEL BAKER, who is helping Wales to shoot crocodiles on the Nile, has promised the Viceroy of Egypt to return and command an expedition to suppress the slave trade in that country.

Literary Notices.

"MECHANICS' ADVOCATE."—This is the name of a new paper just started in Lancaster, and published by Snyder, Wylie & Snyder at $1.00 per annum. It is of the quarto form very neatly printed and edited with ability. It is devoted to the interests of the American Mechanics—every one of whom should not fail to take the paper.

SHARP SHOOTER.—Rev. Dr. Landis, editor of *Sharp Shooter* preaches every other week at N. W. Cor. 13th & Girard Avenue, Philadelphia. Send for a copy of his paper. He says what he thinks, does his own preaching, edits his own paper, advertises his own medicines, cures his own patients, and is a terror to all evil doers.

FARMERS, LOOK HERE!—An offer of valuable information free. The Veterinary Surgeon of the American Stock *Journal* answers all questions relating to diseased or injured animals belonging to the subscribers free. Send stamp for a specimen copy of this valuable monthly. A ddress *N. P. Boyer & Co., Parksburg, Chester Co.,* Penn'a.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS for May has the following attractive contents: The story of a Bad Boy, chapters IX and X, telling of a Boy's Club and Fight, by T. B. Aldrich; The William Henry Letters, Eleventh Packet, by Mrs. A. M. Diaz; Lillies of the Valley, by Mary B. C. Slade; Lawrence's Journey to the Coal Region, by J. T. Trowbridge; Carl, by Lily Nelson; Candy-Making, by Mrs. Jane G. Austin; Canary Islands and Canary Birds, by James Parton; Gardening for Girls, chapters III. and IV, by the author of "Six Hundred Dollars a Year;" Dr. Trotty, by E. Stuart Phelps; Cinderella, by Mrs. A. M. Wells; Sixty-two Little Tadpoles, by the author of "Seven Little Sisters;" Little Nannie, by Lucy Larcom; Round the Evening Lamp, and Our Letter Box. Fields, Osgood & Co., publishers, Boston.

MARVELOUS INDUSTRY.—It is scarcely necessary at this day to say anything in praise of *Webster's Unabridged Quarto Dictionary,* 1840 pages, and 3000 engravings. Having come into possession of a copy of the latest edition, we cannot refrain from expressing our admiration at the *marvelous industry and learning* which such a book must have called into demand. In the book line, this Dictionary deserves a place amongst the triumphs of the century. The publishers' part of this ponderous volume has been done with a beauty and substantialness which also deserve special commendation. "Reading the Dictionary," with this edition of Webster before you, is exceedingly interesting pastime. A copy of it must certainly be considered to belong to the appointments of every intelligent family. Its cost is $12, but it is cheap at that price.

HOWE'S MUSICAL MONTHLY.—*No. 2, of* Howe's Musical Monthly is out with its usual *freight of new* and excellent music. This *number presents* some rare pieces heretofore unknown. This is the greatest music book yet published, and all our pianists should have it. *Sold* by all periodical dealers. Published by Elias Howe, 103 Court street, Boston. Issued monthly, Price 35 cents.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE PAIN KILLER
Is both an Internal and External Remedy.
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Should be used at the first manifestations of Cold or Cough.
THE PAIN KILLER—
Don't fail to keep it in the house ready for use.
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Is an almost certain cure for CHOLERA, and has without doubt, been more succesful in curing this terrible disease than any other known remedy, or even the most Eminent and Skillful Physicians. In India, Africa and China, where this dreadful disease is ever more or less prevalent, the PAIN KILLER is considered by the natives as well as by European residents in those climates, A SURE CURE.
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Each Bottle is wrapped with full directions for its use.
THE PAIN KILLER
Is sold by all Druggists and Dealers in Family Medicines.
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QUANTITY *vs.* QUALITY. Helmbold's Extract Sarsaparilla. The dose is small. Those who desire a large quantity and large doses of medicine ER R.

WITHOUT A GOOD DIGESTION.
All other temporal blessings are comparatively worthless. The dyspeptic millionaire who has tried all the portions of the medical profession in vain, and believes his complaint to be incurable, would give half his fortune to be freed from the horrors of indigestion, and thus enabled to enjoy the other half. *Of course he would.*

Perhaps HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS has been recommended to such a sufferer. Possibly *he has turned from the friend who made the suggestion with a sneer, intimating that he has no faith* in any "patent medicine." If this has been the case *so much the worse for him.* His incredulity dooms him to a life of misery. All the luxuries which wealth can purchase are at his command. Not one of them can give him pleasure. His own irrational obstinacy is his bane.

The *masses,* happily for themselves, are less skeptical. There is such a thing as *bigoted unbelief,* as well as *bigoted credulity,* and a golden mean between the two, which men and women who are gifted with common sense adopt and profit by. These are the class that patronize and recommend HOSTETTER'S BITTERS. Why do they approve this famous anti-dyspeptic and anti-bilious preparation? Simply because they have not been too much the slaves of senseless prejudice to give it a fair trial, and have found that when all other tonics, stimulants and stomachics failed, it produced the desired effect.

"Strike, but hear," said the Roman sage, when his ignorant enemies were assailing him. "Doubt, but try," says the man who has been cured of indigestion, or biliousness, or intermittent fever, by the Bitters, as he relates his experience of the medi*cine to his invalid friends. Whoever is so wedded* to his own foregone theoretical conclusions, as to decline to test the testimony of intelligent men in every walk of life, and approved by the people at large, *deserves to suffer.* may1-1mw.]

SPECIAL NOTICE.
SCHENCK'S PULMONIC SYRUP,
Seaweed Tonic and Mandrake Pills, will cure Consumption, Liver Complaint and Dyspepsia, if taken according to directions. They are all three to be taken at the same time. They cleanse the stomach, relax the liver, and put it to work; then the appetite becomes good; the food digests and makes good blood; the patient begins to grow in flesh; the diseased matter ripens in the lungs, and the patient outgrows the disease and gets well. This is the only way to cure consumption.

To these three medicines Dr. J. H. Schenck, of Philadelphia, owes his unrivalled success in the treatment of pulmonary consumption. The Pulmonic Syrup ripens the morbid matter in the lungs, nature proves it off in an easy expectoration, for when the phlegm or matter is ripe, a slight cough will throw it off, and the patient has rest and the lungs begin to heal.

To do this, the Seaweed Tonic and Mand