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Editorial Mention.

Concordance meets us at Monday.

The reduction of the public debt during November is estimated at about \$5,500,000.

The Congressional returns not yet received by the State Department at Harrisburg, are those from Lancaster, Lehigh and Lackawanna counties.

The Supreme Court have decided that when married women transact business under the Act of April 8th, 1872, they are liable for debts as "feme sole" without joinder of their husbands.

It has been decided by the Post-Office Department to admit to the mails a fourth class matter "dried prunes, compressed tongue, boned turkey, and other canned meats, put up in soldered cans, not to weigh over one pounds."

The total eclipse of May 6th will constitute the important astronomical event of 1883. At the point of greatest duration this eclipse will be total for nearly six minutes, but unfortunately for observers the central line falls entirely over the South Pacific and touches land only in a small coral island in 160° 25' west longitude and 9° 57' south latitude.

The production of gold in the United States during the year ending November 1 was \$13,359,021, and the net amount exported from the country was \$38,129,535, an increase of \$7,236,485 during the year. Of this amount \$2,700,000 was used in the arts and \$1,530,483 was added to the gold stock of the country. On November 1 the amount of coin and currency in circulation was \$507,105,155 gold, \$210,321,335 silver, \$346,681,016 legal tender notes, and \$392,727,747 in national bank notes. The total amount of standard silver dollars coined up to November 1 has been \$128,329,880, of which amount \$62,414,077 was in the Treasury, only \$35,914,803 being in circulation. Of the amount in the Treasury \$6,820,450 is represented by silver certificates in circulation, making the net amount belonging to the Treasury \$26,794,527.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue, it is said, will probably recommend Congress to reduce the internal taxation by about \$80,000,000. A Washington telegram states that he does not believe, however, that a majority of the people favor the repeal of the tax on distilled spirits and tobacco. It is probable that the Commissioner, in his forthcoming report, will repeat in substance the recommendation in his last report, which was, "whenever the wants of the Government will allow reduction of internal taxation, my opinion is it will be wise to confine these taxes to distilled spirits, malt liquors, tobacco and its products, and to special taxes upon manufacturers and dealers in those articles, and such rates as will yield the amount of revenue necessary to be raised from these sources." As he favors a reduction of revenue to the extent of \$80,000,000, it is believed he will recommend a reduction of tax on distilled spirits, malt liquors, tobacco and special licenses, and the rest of the other internal taxes.

Anna DICKINSON has withdrawn from the stage, and is living with her sister and aged mother at Honesdale, Pa. "She and her family," says a friendly writer to the Philadelphia "Press," "are poor, but proud as ever. Anna has been importuned by her friends to return to the rostrum, but she will not listen to anything of the kind. The temperance people are especially anxious to enlist her services. Her disastrous theatrical adventure took "her last dollar. She looks careworn and somewhat sad. Her large, expressive eyes are as eloquent as ever, but it is impossible to feel, after a glance at her face, that disappointment has embittered her life. She had conducted much the success of her "Hamlet," and studied hard to make it such, but finally retired from the field, broken in health and financially ruined. What she will do next is a mystery."

"They are just the ones we wanted," said the reporter. "You must know that our business depends mainly on the patronage of the ladies. Now supposing we had had several genuine beauties, none of the shade American Mrs. Langtry, that are being carted about, but genuine beauties no man, what would have been the result? Would the women have come to look at them? Not much. Their visits might have given rise to comparisons, which, as you know, are editions. As it was, there was not a woman who came here, who did not leave with the firm conviction that if she were willing to compete she would have a practical walk over for first prize. The consequence was that the shade again and brought her friends with her, and it must not be forgotten that each of them voted for some particular candidate. This was five cents each trip. "I know it is vicious, my boy."

And now, as a fitting climax Starr has hung a new photograph of Mrs. Langtry in the main window of the Museum. Undoubtedly it is the legend: "The \$100 cash prize winner to be seen inside." Talk about genius, the show business money-diggers are appalled by it. "A person of weak nerves," says a correspondent, "should not bravo the ordeal by descending the Pittsfield shaft. The machinery works as smoothly as a hotel elevator, but the speed is so terrific that one seems falling through the air. The knees after a few seconds become weak and tremulous, the ears ring as the drums of these organs are forced inward by the air pressure, and the eyes that involuntarily as the beams of the shaft seem to dash upward only a foot or two away. As one leaves the light of the upper day the transition to darkness is fantastic. The light does not pass into gloom in the same fashion as our day merges into night, but there is a kind of phosphorescent glow, gradually becoming dimmer and dimmer. Half way down you pass, with a roar and sudden crash, the ascending car; and at last, after what seems several minutes, but is only a fraction of that time, the platform begins to slow up, halts at a gate, and through it you step into a crowd of creatures with the shapes of men, but with the blackened faces, the glaring eyes and wild physiognomy of fiends."

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there is no danger that the party will follow after strange and misleading gods. He is one of the true counselors and one of those who will help, and has helped, to elevate the party out of the slough of despond in which it has rested for a good number of years. During the late contest Mr. Gordon was one of the most valiant soldiers in the cause of Reform, and to him, as much as any other man, is the revolution against Boss Authorism due. For his self-sacrificing and heroic struggle, for the good cause during the campaign, the party owes him much gratitude and preference. Mr. Gordon has already made his mark of honesty and force of character, and it will only be a matter of time when he will occupy a front seat in the bright galaxy of Democratic statesmen and leaders. To such as he, must the party in the future look for the maintenance of its supremacy which it gained in 1862 over the organized force of Boss Machinery. In the bringing of such principles as he enunciates, and the fulfillment of our pledges to the people lies the safety and permanent deliverance of our party. More Gordonians to the front and the likes of Billy McMillin to the rear.

Our New York Letter.

Regular correspondence of ADVOCATE.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25, 1882.

The first snow which made its appearance on Sunday, kept stalmen busy until late at night, getting cutters and in every imaginable vehicle that moves on runners, ready for the demand. Unfortunately the makes though coming and fast soon melted away, and thus the white covering which overlaid the ground, but not that durable texture necessary to create perfect sport. The past few winter have been anything but favorable to sleighing, but should there be plenty of snow this year, the sleighing carnival will eclipse everything ever seen in New York. There are literally thousands of people this city who will set up sleighing traps, who a year ago could not afford it. All the brokers and dashing youngsters who drove dog carts and village carts at the waterings places last summer, have sold these instruments of torture and invested in cutters. The "skidoo brigade," as the abominable owners of fast horses are termed, will be largely augmented by people to whom the trotter was known only as a tool, wherewith you induced your best friend to bet all his money on your horse and then you sold out to your competitor. The fact is an immense amount of money has been made in this blessed town of Gotham, and people are spending it in an after-the-deluge style.

The deluge of course will come, and according to such prophets as Uncle Rufus Hatch, very soon. Things looked really panicky last week in the Stock Exchange. Conservative and shrewd people who watch the signs of the times say that this was the first mutter of the coming storm. The Beauty Show, or to put it more elegantly the exhibition of feminine loveliness at Bunnell's Museum, closed last Saturday, and a little girl who used to earn five dollars a week at the ribbon counter in a Sixth Avenue dry goods store, gained the first prize \$100. Now that the show is over, there is no harm in telling how ingenious George Starr, Bunnell's invaluable manager, "worked" the scheme. I was in the Museum one evening, and after laughing heartily over the collection of would-be beauties, and making a mental note of the care and thoroughness with which two rural deacons were examining the limbs of the tattooed girl, I ran across Starr just as he was urging the fat woman to laugh more and eat more farinaeous food, since she was fast getting too thin for exhibition purposes.

"What do you think of the beauties?" he asked. "I think that they all have a great deal of beauty to get. How in the world did you manage in this city, which is full of pretty girls and women, to secure such indifferent samples?"

"They are just the ones we wanted," said the reporter. "You must know that our business depends mainly on the patronage of the ladies. Now supposing we had had several genuine beauties, none of the shade American Mrs. Langtry, that are being carted about, but genuine beauties no man, what would have been the result?"

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reason I think it ought to live longer than they did. The setting was simply gorgeous, and I am told that it cost over \$8,000 to fix the stage for the initial performances.

With the advent of genuine winter, everybody rushes to buy furs and warm wraps, and consequently prices are advancing. For fixed circulars are falling into disfavor with the lovers of exclusiveness since everybody now wears them. They are sold for as low as ten dollars, and thus "every shop-girl" goes to work now in a circular. The result is that madame who has a husband to draw upon, or madam who can put the screws on paper declare they cannot be seen with one of those pretty and comfortable garments.

French satin is no longer used for black-trotters, in consequence of the many cheap and inferior imitations which have been made of it. The materials now commonly used are silk, cotton and taffeta, satin, muslin, ottoman and silk brocade.

A charming new costume has made its appearance. It is called the "Sportswoman." It may be made of any goods. I have seen it in vogue, with a plaited skirt and a small draped tunic, the vest being trimmed with wooden galon. The small "Ortodox" cap with which it is provided is also of cloth with strings and a cockade of wooden ribbons. The too, I have seen it made of a soft, rich dove-colored cloth, with a band of velours piping on the border of the flounce. The coat is of velvet of the same color, cut out on the border of the basque. A platform four feet high has been built against the latter, and many valuable pictures lent for the occasion have been resting on this with their backs turned to the spectator. This is the appearance the Capitol has presented during these days of bustle and fixing. This will be the fourth time that the national house of legislation has been utilized for social purposes. The Centennial Tea Party, in December, 1876, under the auspices of ladies interested in the great exposition at Philadelphia a year and a half later, was the first occasion. In November of 1879 the society of the Army of the Cumberland, whose tent had blown down during their annual reunion, were permitted to hold their ball, with which it closed, in the rotunda, on one of the coldest and windiest nights I ever saw. The Garfield Hospital managers held a fair there in May last, and now comes this exhibit, on a larger scale than any of the preceding.

To ladies in search of something to make for a Christmas present, it is respectfully suggested that a handsome piece of mantel-piece drapery may be made of terra-cotta Japanese canvas. The two ends are heavily scalloped. The center is a piece of crimson velvet upon which a design of a sumac blossom may be worked in arsenic. Another pretty thing to make is a transparency. The material used is a new one called miller's muslin. Exquisite designs can be worked upon it in long stitch. These transparencies are framed in ebony or ebony wood and placed where they can transmit the light.

Our Washington Letter.

[From Our SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25, 1882.

The Patent Office is receiving numerous complaints for its long and tedious delays in deciding and acting upon applications for patents. Every man is entitled to the protection of a law as quickly as it can be administered, and in the case of an inventor, where important contracts, vital to his interests and those of the public are pending, to allow his application to sleep months on an examiner's desk seems an injustice well worth the trouble of a hearing. The President still resides at the Soldiers' Home and will remain there until after the assembling of Congress, as the changes in the White House will not be completed until the early part of December. The fresco artists have possession at present. The ceiling of the central corridor and the ceiling and walls of the state dining room, red parlor, and blue parlor are being covered with very rich designs in color. The people's gold is being laid on these areas by the square foot—beaten gold, of course.

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