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The gallant Colonel from Peanvillle should read the court proceedings of his (Lehigh) county, before alighting again to the Cleveland scandal—it's always best to sweep before one's own door first, you know, Colonel!

N Y SUS "There were several hundred ladies in the Kirk," at Brooklyn, N. Y., Monday night, at the great Cleveland meeting, and yet we fail to hear that any of them blushed on beholding the "large Cleveland and Hendricks banner," the me-est assertion of the gallant Colonel from Peanvillle, last Saturday night, to the contrary notwithstanding.

"Give them some bloody shirt, Eddie!" exclaimed an office holder from March Chunk during McElhearn's speech in Lehighton, last Saturday night. The gallant don't seem to realize that the intelligent citizens of this borough have buried that obnoxious garment so deep that it is past resurrection—he should read the papers; the war ceased in 1865, and the people of Lehighton are progressive!

A SCRANTON despatch of the 17th inst., says: "The Democratic conference of the Eleventh Congressional district met here to-night and resumed balloting for a candidate for Congress. Fourteen ballots were taken, making fifty-six in all, without reaching a decision, after which the meeting adjourned until Thursday morning. Mr. Cassidy, of Carbon, received seven votes, that being the highest number cast for any candidate, and Beaman, Chaffant, Pierie and Stover received as high as six votes each. The candidates are all on the ground, attended by a number of statesmen and men of influence, and unless the matter is fixed to-night there will doubtless be a protracted contest. It takes eleven votes to make a nomination. The Montour men will go to Stover as their a-candidate choice, and it is said that the Carbon and Columbia county conference favor Beaman. Combinations are the order of the night, but they are not likely to accomplish much, as each candidate is determined to succeed, if possible.

SENATOR BAYARD IN BROOKLYN.

Ben Butler's organ—the New York SUS—of the 16th inst., gives a synopsis of the proceedings of the grand Cleveland meeting held in the Brooklyn (N. Y.) Rink on Monday evening. The report says: "An audience that filled the Brooklyn Rink assembled Monday night to hear Senator Bayard, Gov. Abbott of New Jersey, and the other Democratic speakers on the programme. An overflow meeting went on outside. Fireworks and a brass band enlivened the scene outdoors until 8 o'clock, when they went in and played patriotic air in the gallery during the forty minutes which elapsed before the meeting began. There were several hundred ladies in the Rink. The stage was decorated with large American flags, smaller clusters of American, German and Irish flags, and a large Cleveland and Hendricks banner, which stretched across the front of the platform at the rear of the platform."

Senator Bayard, of Delaware, being introduced, said at the outset that he should avoid local questions, which he thought it improper to introduce into a national platform, and directed his attention against raising an issue between the laboring men and the owners of capital who employ them. This was a false Am. iron, and wholly inadmissible basis to be raised. If such an issue were made, and such a struggle precipitated, it must end in a civil war, and that would be unquenched, and what would the Senator, "would wish to see any portion of the American people vanquished?" The speaker next, and with much earnestness of manner, discussed what he termed the "increasing" in politics, and which seemed to be the idea that a chosen position was not public, but a position for private profit. He related how once when he was a boy he was conducted by a plain private soldier as a guide through the Government arsenal at Harper's Ferry. He had often tried in vain to get a bullet perfectly round to fit his rifle, and when he saw the bullet-making machine loaded bullets in the arsenal he longed for one. He said to the soldier: "Can I have one of those bullets to take home?" "No, sir," said the soldier, handing him up the military cartridges; "they are Government property."

"That man," continued the speaker, "summed up the keynote in which the powers and the distribution of the property of the United States ought to be administered. Disregard of public property leads to the wholesale abuse and corruption which we see in the party now in power." The speaker illustrated this by citing the case of the Government vessels for pleasure yachts, and of the naval reviews got up as spectacles for the idle and luxurious. He spoke of the first Napoleon early in the present century and is one of the many evidences found throughout Western Europe of the genius of that mighty conqueror. It was his intention to have terminated the route to Milan, and to that end he commenced the erection of a grand triumphal arch in that city; but this plan was never carried out, and the arch was not completed until 1823. The road is broad and well made, and in many places as it winds up the mountain, tunnels and galleries have been cut in the solid rock to protect the travelers from avalanches and glacial streams. The summit of the pass is 6,694 feet above the sea and from this point the descent to Brig, which is only 15 miles distant, is very rapid. At many points on the road we could climb the mountain side, views of the valley can be obtained, and the little village of Brig seems almost near enough so that we could pitch a stone into its streets; but it is late at night when we reach our hotel and we were not unwilling to accept the rest and shelter it with its fragrant mosses.

From Brig we take the railway the next morning for Martigny, about 50 miles distant and after a few hours stay at the latter we secure a carriage for the trip over the Tete Noire pass to Chamonix. This is at the intersection of three of the great Alpine passes with the valley of the Rhone. The Simplon, over which we have just traveled, the Great St. Bernard to Turin and the Tete Noire which we now ascend all terminate here. For several hours we zigzag along up the side of the mountain, endeavoring to the utmost the varied views of valleys and lofty peaks which are presented to us, until we reach the summit, 6,600 feet above sea level. A new more wide brings us down the range to the mountain guarded valley of Chamonix, through which flows the milky Arve, fed by the great glaciers which flank the spurs of the range. The triumph was worthy of even a greater effort.

The inventory of the personal estate of the late Bishop Matthew Simpson places the valuation at \$25,000. Included in the appraisement are \$10,000 New York, Chicago and St. Louis Railroad company, valued at \$14,000; 168 shares West Laurel Hill Cemetery company, at \$12,000; 100 shares Union Trust Company, at \$12,000; and 25 shares New York and Cleveland Gas and Coal Company, at \$1,000.

In Foreign Lands.

From our own Correspondent.

GENEVA, Sept. 4, 1884.

The city of Milan bears the impress of the nineteenth century more than any other spot in Italy except perhaps Turin; and yet it is one of the oldest cities of this historic land. It was founded 500 years before Christ, but has been repeatedly destroyed by the conquering armies which have so often swept over this part of Italy. Its manufacturing interests are very large and its population of 220,000 is second only to that of Naples. For ladies in particular history should be especially interesting, as early in the 16th century it established and controlled the fashions of Europe, a fact which we have preserved in the derivation of our modern word, milliner. The broad plain of Lombardy in which Milan is situated has in modern times the area where French, Austrians and Italians have often fought. The battle fields of Marengo and Lodi, famous in the history of the great Napoleon, as well as Magna, the glory of the last of the Bonapartes, are all near the city.

Of the many churches of Italy, the cathedral of Milan ranks next to St. Peter's at Rome in point of magnificence and interest, with the added advantage of being Gothic in its architecture. It was commenced nearly 500 years ago and is not yet completed. The facade, although marred by the severely classical doors, is one of the finest in Europe. The entire structure consists of two and one half acres of ground, being nearly 500 feet in length and about 200 feet wide. The vaulting of the nave rises 155 feet above the marble mosaic of the pavement, and is supported by massive pillars from eight to twelve feet in diameter, surmounted by statues in niches instead of capitals. But it is in the wonderful decorations of its exterior rather than in the beauty of its interior that the principal interest of the Cathedral lies. Here is composed of blocks of marble and from it rises a perfect labyrinth of turrets and pinnacles, with thousands of statues and statuary ornaments of every kind. From the platform of the spire which surmounts the dome the view is the finest in northern Italy. The Alps rising far away on the north, with Mont Blanc, and Monte Rosa standing out bold relief, circle around to the east and west and form almost a semicircle; while to the south, beyond the plains, the Apennines, those "mighty mountains dim and gray," fill nearly half of the remaining horizon.

Near the cathedral is the Gallery of Vic Emmanuel, a beautiful glass covered arcade erected at a cost of over \$1,500,000 and occupied with shops. The La Scala theatre, one of the largest in the world, is also in this central part of the city. It is immense, stage, 150 feet deep and over 100 feet wide is alone as large as many theatres, while its vast auditorium, with its seven tiers of boxes rising up to the roof gives accommodation to many thousands of pleasure seekers.

The Italian Lakes, Maggiore, Como and Lugano, lie nearly north of Milan and only about thirty miles distant. As our time was somewhat limited we did not make an extended stay in this beautiful region, but contented ourselves with a view of Maggiore, which we reached by rail from Milan, and passed thence by steamer to Intra. This lake possesses some very lovely scenery, but is not to be compared to Lake Lucerne in Switzerland, and is also proportionately inferior to Lake Como by those who have seen the latter. It is about 45 miles in length and has an average width of three miles. The shore is studded with many Italian villages, in which some writer has said, "the charm of many an exquisite bit of Italian village scenery is dissolved as soon as you get within smelling distance of it." The famous Baromonti lake on the southeast side of the lake near Pallanza, and are noted for their mirrormy beauty as well as for their having given birth to Cardinal Charles Borromeo.

At Intra we took "diligence," for a ride of about seventy miles over the great Simplon road from Italy to Switzerland. The diligence is a singular type of mountain coach. Besides the driver's seat it is divided into three parts; the interior, which corresponds to the inside of an ordinary stage coach, the coupe, under the driver's seat with glass front, and the banquette, a seat perched high up in the rear with a carriage top to protect it from the weather. They are run by the government and a sufficient amount of fast and well leathered red tape is connected with their management to start an army; but a Rocky Mountain stage driver who had been dead ten years, would have risen to his grave and held his ribs together to laugh at some of the impractical and almost impossible methods used in running them. Fairly good horses are supplied, but the time is very slow, it requiring over thirteen hours to accomplish the distance from Intra to Brig.

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The little village of Chamonix, composed

almost entirely of hotels, is located at the very foot of Mt. Blanc, which is not in Switzerland as is usually supposed but a few miles over the border, in France. It was late in the evening when we arrived here but the next morning dawned bright and clear and the views of the mountain ranges on either side of the valley were most inspiring. The lofty summit of Mt. Blanc presented a temptation which we resisted for a time, but all in vain, long before noon we yielded to its attractions, and disregarding the counsel of old residents who advised us to go into training before attempting so difficult and dangerous afeat we secured the services of two bold young mountaineers as guides, provided, we trust, with a stout steel shot aspencos, warm leggings, mittens, etc., and like the young man who "had a baner with that strange device, Escalier," we started for the top.

The first ascent of Mt. Blanc was made in 1786 by Balmat and De Saussure, and since that time ascents have been occasionally made, attended, not infrequently with accident and loss of life. At times even in the summer, heavy snow storms cover the mountain, and dense fog which envelope the mountain for weeks render the ascent absolutely impossible, and under the most favorable circumstances there is enough of difficulty and danger to give spires and excitement to the trip.

We left Chamonix shortly before noon and a brisk walk of half an hour brought us to the base of the mountain at a point alongside the great glacier "des Bossons," a frozen flood from a half mile to two miles in width, and of unknown depth, which, fed from the snows of the summit valleys of the range, pours down an immense gulf in the mountain side with an over motion of about one foot a day. For nearly two hours we raged up the side of the mountain, crossing occasionally the track of recent avalanches which have swept down great trees like ferns from their path, until we reached the cabin of "Pierre Pointue," the first station of the ascent and an elevation of over 6,000 feet. Here we stop for lunch, and to enjoy the fine view of the valley of Chamonix and the mountains beyond which is here obtained. Shortly after leaving Pierre Pointue, we reach the "snow line," and go up onto the treacherous surface of the glacier. For greater protection against a possible slip or fall, a rope of perhaps 40 feet in length is now brought into requisition and the members of the party are attached to each other, and our guide in chief need, himself, in the middle and our cordon guide or porter behind us go on, avoiding as best we can the threatening crevasses which overhang from the cliffs above, as well as the deep crevasses which open far down into the glacier in every direction. Sures of the crevasses while extending downward into the glacier for fifty or seventy five feet are so narrow that one can leap across the top while others are so wide that ladders are brought into use, upon which we cross from the town to the south, the bridge of the Grand Muleys, over 19,000 feet above tide water. It is built on a rock that rises in the centre of the glacier and around which the broken stream of snow and ice presses its way. This point is frequently visited by parties who do not propose to go farther; while many who start for the summit never pass this cabin. Refreshments are here supplied at prices which would astonish even the swell restaurants of Paris or New York. It is far above the timber line and everything used here must be brought over the glacier on the backs of men. Even the wood used for cooking is estimated to cost a half a franc, or about ten cents in our money per pound.

Here we passed the night, or rather a portion of it, as at midnight we were awakened by the voice of our guide calling us to breakfast; and at 1:00 a. m. guides and tourist were again lashed together and went out into the night, hoping to reach the top before the heat of the sun should soften the snow. The men had just appeared above the horizon and its cold rays lighting up the vast snow fields around us, with the silvered summit for above, and the dark valley far below, gave a ghastly beauty and splendor to the scene which words cannot describe. The silence was unbroken, save by the harsh crunch of the frozen snow under our feet as we strode onward, or the dull thunders of some mighty avalanche hurling itself from the dizzy heights of the glacier into the depths below. We made our way onward and upward as best might, now making long detours to avoid open crevasses, now working along steep slopes whose icy surface necessitated the cutting of steps in order to obtain a hold, until at about 2,000 feet above the foot of Mount Pisgah. Here the cable is attached and the car with its load of human freight is pulled quickly up an inclined plane at an angle of about forty-five degrees. Were the machinery to break, one feels that his life would hardly be worth looking after, and in this way the ride is mighty "exhilarating." But great as the danger of this part of it at first appears it is nothing compared to the greater danger of the ride which follows down a steep grade and around sharp curves over a rough track and at a speed which makes one's hair stand on end. There is no engine and no power of any kind attached—notching the brakes, and these were, apparently, not made to use, for the car is allowed to run mad, increasing its velocity every rod. After a run of eight miles, in which the breath has been taken from every passenger on board, there is another ascent of an inclined plane to the summit of Mount Jérusalem by means of the stationary engine and cable, as before. Then after a halt of twenty-five minutes at the "Summit Hall" station, the return is made down around the side of the mountain nine miles to the place of starting. After one has passed safely over this road he can better enjoy its excitement in retrospect, but while in transit the excitement is almost too intense for most people. And after all it is a question whether it is not flying in the face of danger to pay one dollar for such a ride.

Two or three hundred yards from Summit Hall station is what is known as the Hunting mine, and a dozen or more small boys hang around the station to offer themselves as guides. This hunting mine is recently exciting considerable alarm in Summit Hall. It is hard to tell the town is doomed. The coal beds covering an area of many acres are on fire and gradually burning nearer and nearer. These subterranean fires have been raging for fifty years, had thou-

sands of dollars have been expended in the endeavor to extinguish them. Smoke comes out of the ground and crevices of the rocks at various places, and at some points the heat is intense. The ground sinks in from time to time as the coal is consumed, revealing the effects of a tremendous earthquake. Whether or no any other harm ever comes from it, these fires will destroy millions of dollars worth of coal.

The return trip was accomplished much easier than the ascent, although in some places quite difficult. But when we viewed by the bright light of day some of the places over which we had passed by moonlight, it would, to say the least, have caused a shudder had we been given to that mode of expression. We reached our hotel in safety, however, and received the hearty congratulations of a crowd of tourists who had been anxiously watching our progress with a powerful glass since early morning.

The next day being the Sabbath we rested; and on Monday visited the Mer de Glace, a glacier whose surface for a long distance is nearly flat and whose hillocks and ridges have been likened to a stormy sea suddenly frozen. Crossing this we descend by the Mauvin Pass to the valley, a point from which is obtained a magnificent view of the Mont Blanc range, with three mountain peaks each over two miles high and five great glaciers descending to the valley.

The hops have been many, but the garden party at the Grand Union Hotel has of course been the chief social event of the week. Preparations for this began last Saturday, when the dancing floor, as large as that of many a good sized ball room, was laid near the center of the lawn, and the platform (a little elevated above it) for the musicians placed beside it.

The invitations to the garden party, which were of a different design from any heretofore used for these events at the same hotel, and very finely engraved, named the hours, which have been the same for all given in the Grand Union garden since the first of these fêtes were occurred.

The children were invited from 4 to 7, and the dancing floor was reserved for them during these hours in the afternoon, while the grown folks were asked from 9 to midnight. The decorations, as heretofore, consisted of flags among the trees and Chinese lanterns of different sizes, shapes and colors, hanging between the trees in the garden in groups representing different designs, the favorite device being that which symbolized chandeliers, by means of hanging the lanterns on hoops of graduated sizes, one above the other, in pyramid form. This produced an especially fine effect at night. There were many electric lights in the garden this time than ever before, three hanging in a line over the dancing floor and one over the music platform, while several others were scattered through the grounds, and one hung just in front of the large central door of the hotel leading to the garden. Over this door is a balcony, which was draped with red, white and blue silk finished with gold fringe. The children were invited from 4 to 7, and the dancing floor was reserved for them during these hours in the afternoon, while the grown folks were asked from 9 to midnight. The decorations, as heretofore, consisted of flags among the trees and Chinese lanterns of different sizes, shapes and colors, hanging between the trees in the garden in groups representing different designs, the favorite device being that which symbolized chandeliers, by means of hanging the lanterns on hoops of graduated sizes, one above the other, in pyramid form. This produced an especially fine effect at night. There were many electric lights in the garden this time than ever before, three hanging in a line over the dancing floor and one over the music platform, while several others were scattered through the grounds, and one hung just in front of the large central door of the hotel leading to the garden. Over this door is a balcony, which was draped with red, white and blue silk finished with gold fringe.

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