

Intelligence.

SATURDAY EVENING, MAY 21, 1881.

The Mory Letter.

The publishers and editors of Truth, who were indicted for publishing the Mory letter, have just been discharged, the prosecution confessing its inability to show that they were parties to the alleged forgery of the letter, or that they even had any knowledge that it was forged.

People are at liberty to suspect what they please as to the origin of the Mory letter; and they may even decline to believe it a forgery. It has never been shown to be; and public judgment has been suspended concerning it awaiting the elucidation that would come from a trial of the forgers.

Faxon Practices.

The Philadelphia judges do not always talk very respectfully to the supreme court; and the supreme court does not always deserve to be very respectfully talked to. Judge Briggs had a passage with the august tribunal not long ago; and lately Judge Finletter has had occasion to make some pertinent remarks concerning certain decisions of the supreme court.

The supreme court was induced to discharge the defendants from prison upon their mere ex parte allegation that error had been committed at the trial, and this without notice to the district attorney, and when there was no exception sealed and no evidence that the papers presented were authentic or that any matter alleged was at all true.

THOMAS A. SCOTT has died when he should have been in his prime, and the generally accredited cause is the excessive mental strain which he had upon him, during the years of financial depression, in saving his great railroad interests from impending ruin.

he certainly did not see that it called upon him to respect any public interest that was in apparent conflict to the private interests in his keeping.

MINOR TOPICS.

The Philadelphia Evening Bulletin wants a copy of the new Scriptures presented to Ingersoll.

The First Moravian church social union of Philadelphia will have an excursion to Lehigh in June.

In England the Baptists last year, in proportion to their membership, made an increase of more than double the percentage of any other denomination.

When the Southern Baptist convention was held at Columbus, Miss., the Jewish synagogue was given up on Sunday to a Christian clergyman to preach in.

The first part of a valuable review of the revision of the New Testament will be found on the first page to-day; and on our fourth is a full account of a brilliant celebration of the Diognothian literary society last night.

The strict professional etiquette of the East does not entirely prevail among the physicians of Arkansas, and Dr. J. W. Price took occasion to read in the convention of the State Medical society, a paper taking strong ground against "the practice of doctors elbowing and buttonholing people to secure patronage."

THE Second Adventists, who used to hold that the end of the world was so imminent that a general church organization was unnecessary and improper, have changed their minds of late years.

In the Southern Presbyterian General Assembly, at Staunton, Virginia, yesterday, Dr. Edgar, of South Carolina, moved that the assembly authorize the committee on foreign correspondence, of which he is chairman, to send a telegram of fraternal salutation to the Northern Presbyterian assembly in session at Buffalo.

Of the Presbyterian theological seminaries—Princeton has buildings valued at \$274,000, and funds amounting to nearly \$700,000. The Union seminary of New York holds real estate worth \$150,000, and funds worth \$700,000.

In one of the Southern presbyteries, composed of colored members, there was a lively canvass for the choice of an elder to go to Buffalo to the General Assembly. Several candidates were urged on the ground that they were lawyers and able speakers.

NEW YORK Herald: Apparently the new version will drift into common use without eventful observation that it is different from the old one.

It is significant that these errors are not alleged in the bill of exceptions presented to me for settlement. Doubtless having performed their office in misreading the provisions of the act, it was prudent to suppress them when detection was reasonably certain.

MISS CLARA LOUISE KELLOGG is engaged to be married to a Mr. Andrews. SENOR ZAMORA, the Mexican minister to Washington, sent his resignation to the State of Mexico on April 5th, and up to the 5th inst. it had not been accepted by the Mexican government.

A MYSTERY OF THE SEA.

At intervals during the past two months large quantities of wreckage and other things have been washed ashore on Rockaway Beach, between the new hotel and Long Tom's Point.

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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

Near and Across the County Lines.

The Pennsylvania Millers' association will meet in Reading while the state fair is in progress.

In Potstown, a lot of gamblers, accompanying Batcheller & Doris' circus, were arrested and fined to the utmost extent of the law.

On Friday a premature explosion of powder in a blast in Jones & Co.'s quarry, Harford county, Md., killed a mile and a half from Delta, killed George Hooper and killed William Morris.

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TILDEN AND THE "STAR ROUTE."

What Might Have Been Done by T. G. Case the Other Way.

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