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VERY LATEST NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

THE GREAT FLOOD AT OIL CITY.

BRIDGES AT OIL CITY AND FRANKLIN SWEPT AWAY.

MILES OF RAILROAD TRACK DESTROYED.

River Covered with Houses, Tanks, Barrels, &c.

LOSS ESTIMATED BY THE MILLION.

&c., &c., &c., &c.

FRANKLIN, March 17.—We are having the greatest flood ever known in this region. The bridge at Oil City, and the French Creek bridge at Franklin, were swept away, miles of railroad track gone, and the telegraph lines on Oil Creek washed away. Houses, tanks, barrels full and empty cover the river. The loss is estimated by the million. The river is still rising. The water in this vicinity is three feet higher than ever before.

THE FLOOD AT BUFFALO.

Gas Works Effectually Stopped.

IRON RAILROAD BRIDGE CARRIED AWAY.

Two Miles of Telegraph Wire Down

BUFFALO, March 17.—The gas works are effectually stopped, and the fires are out. No gas can be furnished to our citizens for days to come.

The iron bridge across the river, built by the Utica and Buffalo Railroad Company, was carried away about one o'clock.

Little Falls is the farthest point that has been reached to-day.

There are about two miles of telegraph poles and wires down this side of Little Falls.

The extent of the damage east of Little Falls is unknown.

THE FLOOD AT ROCHESTER.

WATER SEVERAL FEET DEEP ON THE STREETS.

EASTERN RAILROAD TRAINS STOPPED.

MANY OF THE PRINCIPAL STORES FLOODED.

ROCHESTER, March 17.—There is the greatest flood in Rochester that ever was known. The water in the river fills all the arches under the aqueduct and overflows the railroad bridge. It is several feet deep on Exchange street, and flows across Buffalo street, near Arcade, filling the cellars and covering the ground floors of many of the principal stores.

No trains have left this city eastward on the Central or Genessee Valley since yesterday at o'clock.

The water is still rising; but as it has subsided in the river at Mt. Morris, it is hoped that no great damage will result.

THE BATTLE NEAR KINGSTON.

Union and Rebel Losses.

SHERMAN SOUTHEAST OF GOLDSBORO.

NEW YORK, March 17.—The *Herald's* Newbern correspondent, of the 15th, says General Cox's total loss in three days will not exceed 1,000. The rebels lost double that in one day. A rebel surgeon reports Sherman southwest of Goldsboro.

From California.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 16.—The steamship Sierra Nevada, from Portland and Victoria, brings near $70,000 in gold.

A large emigration of Chinese is flowing into British Columbia.

An expedition for cod fisheries off the coast of Alaska, had sailed from Victoria, and other vessels are preparing to follow.

The coasting trade of Victoria is thrown open to foreign vessels on equal terms.

Severe weather still checks the mining operations in the north.

The ship Archer, from Boston on the 30th ult., has arrived.

New York Gold and Stock Report.

BUFFALO, March 17.—The following gold and stock reports have been obtained from parties who received telegraphic messages from New York:

Montreal, March 17.—Gold opened at 167¼, fell to 163½, reached 168¾, and closed at 165½ at p. m. Five-twenties, 103; Ten-forties, 94; Cumberland, 48¾; N. Y. C., 105; Erie, 64¾; Reading, 108¼; M. C., 101; M. S., 106¾; I. C., 98¾; Erie Preferred, 96¼.

St. Patrick's Day in New York.

NEW YORK, March 17.—St. Patrick's Day was finely celebrated to-day. The procession of the Irish societies was five or six miles in length, and of a very imposing character.

Telegrams.

The storm and flood prevailing last night and this morning, will account for the meagre amount of news by telegraph furnished our readers to-day. We have accounts of miles of telegraph poles and wires being down in some places.

An American gentleman lately saved the Emperor Napoleon and the Empress Eugenie from an accident on the road by warning them of a way from a dangerous spot. The Emperor immediately took the Empress to the carriage, and with them escaped the accident which happened a few minutes later to an English gentleman and his daughter, who, regardless of the manifestation of the lake, although they heard the warning given to the imperial party, would take "one more," and were thus suddenly plunged up to their waists in water. The young lady showed an English plack, and quietly walked till a pole could be procured, by which she was drawn out.

GENERAL LEE mentions the presence of Generals Hoke and Hill, in the fight at Kingston, North Carolina, and our Western braves of the 20th Corps recognized in their front their old acquaintance, Hood's army, whom they had met many times in the neighborhood of Nashville, and at Atlanta. Put these facts together, and we find the rebels concentrated nearly their whole force south of Lee's lines to fall upon Sherman's columns. After the painful existence of rebels for a month about Sherman, it was highly profane in General Lee to drop Hood's army so much information in a brief dispatch.—*N. Com.*

PROF. PECK, of Oberlin, who has been for a year or more connected with the Freedmen's Bureau, has been appointed Consul General at Cairo, with a salary of $7,500. His former associate, Prof James Monroe, is still Consul at San Janeiro, with a salary of $5,000. Both are competent and excellent men, and are entitled to promotion from hard work on very small salaries at Oberlin to responsible service under the government with good pay.—*Ohio State Jour.*

NEWSPAPERS IN PERSIA.—There are only two newspapers published in Persia, the Ross Nameh Iskijah (scientific journal) published in Teheran, and the Journal of the Nation published in Tiflis. Both papers are lithographed, letter-press printing not being practiced in Persia. The Persians fancy their style of printing the best in the world, and prefer it to the pure Arabic characters from which it is derived.

In the case of R. C. Kennedy alias Stanton, who was recently tried as a spy and an incendiary, the court has rendered a verdict of guilty, with charge and specification. The sentence is not made, and although the day is not definitely mentioned, it is probable that Kennedy will be hung on Friday week.—*New York Paper.*

BROTHER IGNATIUS is quietly spreading his monastic doctrines in England. The English order of St. Benedict has now a monastery at Norwich and branches of the "third order" at Belsize, Newcastle, and other places.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

The Freshet—Nearly all the Houses on Both River Banks Inundated—Floating Houses, Lumber, &c.

The great flood in the rivers—an early account of which we gave in our evening edition yesterday—is much more of an inundation than was anticipated from the beginning. It was thought to be confined principally to the Allegheny river; but the Monongahela commenced rising rapidly yesterday morning, and at six o'clock was twenty-seven feet by pier-mark. Much of this, of course, is to be attributed to backwater, but we learn that at Brownsville the river had risen about four feet up to noon. The damage done up the Monongahela must necessarily be large, but we have no means at present of knowing it, and must wait for the facts. Yet it is but a fraction compared to the immence losses sustained on the shores of the Allegheny and along its whole length.

At a late hour last night the water was surging up the mouth of Penn street. At the "Point" the houses were deluged, and from there along Duquesne Way to St. Clair street, nothing could be seen last night but a glistening sea of water, covering street and pavement, and deluging cellars and basements. Lanterns were displayed here during the night, and their flashes of light lent a weird appearance to the watery expanse. Above the bridge in some places, the water had made similar encroachments. Here the bank is piled up with barrels of oil gathered from localities where they were in danger of being carried off, and men were working industriously in the afternoon loading and unloading.

In Allegheny, nearly the whole length of the city along the river bank is submerged. Some of the families moved out of their houses; but, in most cases, where the upper stories were tenable, the household effects were moved up stairs, and the families remained.

We apprehend that there was many a sleepless eye in our sister city during the night; and many a fearful heart watched in suspense the "gathering of the waters" that was closing like a wall around the family group. Federal street, in the slope or hollow in front of Gen. Robinson's house, was inundated to the depth of two or three feet; and so were several of the streets running parallel with it, thus effectually "cutting off the communication" between the two cities. The street cars were the only means of crossing this new stream last night, except by the desperate extremity resorted to by some persons in wading it.

From Lacock street to the river east of Federal, everything is flooded.

The scene on the river was one of grandeur. The moving material that was floating thickly down the stream, attracted crowds of watchers from the bridges. It included all kinds of property. We heard of two houses—one shingle-roofed, and the other roofed with clapboards, that had passed this point. A great many oil barrels passed down. A party of gentlemen who stood on the St. Clair street bridge, counted, in ten minutes, no less than forty. We saw a number of hay stacks and straw-stacks, broken fragments of houses, fence rails, and a variety of articles which we could not make out. The amount of logs in rafts, and disjointed fragments of rafts, was enormous. Lumber, of various kinds, floated down in great quantities. A few of the legs and some rafts were caught by men in skiffs, and brought to shore, but the number which floated down would amount to many thousands of dollars.

There was no opportunity of learning the full extent of the damage occasioned last night, and it would be impossible to give an estimate. At the time of our going to press, the rivers continued swelling without any apparent abatement, and it is probable they will continue rising all night. From all appearances, this freshet will fully equal that of 1839, and may, perhaps, eclipse it altogether.

Effects of the Freshet at Oil City—Lower Part of the Town Swept off—Houses with Inmates Afloat, &c.

A telegram from Franklin, by the United States Telegraph Company, dated last night at 6 P. M., says: The river has risen since Thursday night fourteen feet. Most of the bridges are swept away, and there is no communication with any place by rail.

The whole of the lower part of the city is swept away. Houses, with their inmates, are floating on the river. It is impossible to estimate the loss and distress occasioned by the freshet. The river is filled with everything pertaining to the oil trade.

The railroad to Meadville cannot be repaired for several days. The Oil City railroad is under water, and the damage is very great. The oldest inhabitant says the river is higher than ever known before.

LATER.—The river ceased rising at 8 o'clock.

The Alleged Infanticide.

Coroner Clawson yesterday investigated the facts connected with the alleged infanticide in Reserve township. The body of the child was disinterred, and a post mortem examination made by Dr. Hardtwerger. The doctor gave it as his opinion that the child had died from natural causes. There was no evidence of violence, and no testimony to cast suspicion upon the mother or reputed father. Michael Jacobs, the party who buried the child, gave as a reason for not having it interred in the cemetery, that it had not been baptized. The mother of the child is an unmarried woman, and sister-in-law of Jacobs, the man with whom she has been living, and the reputed father of the child. The parties are of a disputable character, and Jacobs is the same man who was tried for arson, in setting fire to the property of Mr. Hill, some months since. The jury found a verdict of death from natural causes.

Fallon's Stereopticon.

This remarkable exhibition, which is announced to open at Concert Hall on Monday next, seems to have a merit that few exhibitions of a public character possess—it is an instructive entertainment, and will be diverting to all who appreciate the beautiful in art and the wonderful and sublime in nature. It is a succession of stereoscopic pictures—a tour of the world, representing mountains, valleys, lakes, river and forest scenery, public buildings, monuments, panoramas of cities, &c., together with fine specimens of ancient and modern statuary. In addition, it is proposed to exhibit each evening interesting local views, portraits of American statesmen and heroes, instantaneous sea views, &c. It has received the most flattering testimonials from the press and public, as an exhibition of a most pleasing nature.

Railroad Casualties.

George Craig, of Ten-mile Bottom, Venango county, was run over by the express train going east on Thursday morning, in the lower part of the town. He is supposed to have been asleep on the track, and was not discovered by the engineer until the engine was just on him, and was killed instantly. He was horribly mangled. He was seen the evening before in a state of intoxication. A coroner's jury returned a verdict in accordance with the facts.

On Monday of last week, just after the arrival of the morning train at Franklin, an employee at that station was killed. He was working between two of the cars, and not observing the signal when the train was shifting its position, was thrown on the track and the cars passed over him, nearly severing his body at the waist. We did not learn his name.

Murdoch has Arrived,

And will deliver one of his great elocutionary entertainments to-night at Lafayette Hall. He was delayed on account of an accident on the Pennsylvania Railroad. His selections will be principally from Shakspeare, Dickens, Hood, and the modern authors. Those who have heard the distinguished elocutionist need no reminder of his excellence. A full house may be expected.

BODY FOUND.—On Sunday morning the body of a female child was found in the river just above the bridge at Monongahela City. It had been placed in a muddy bag, and thrown into the river by its inhuman mother about ten days ago, (supposed) and bore the marks of violent death upon its person. There were also marks upon its breast and legs as if some animal had been gnawing it. No clue was reached by the coroner's jury, and it is a matter of speculation whether or not the body came there and by whose hands.

VERTIGO, Ravel, Cushman, Western, Henriques, Cordocki, Setchell and all the theatrical generals and noted people—copies painted in colors and plain, at Headquarters, Pittock's.

Ladies' Tract Society of Allegheny.

The anniversary of this Society was observed on Monday the 13th, in the lecture room of the First Presbyterian church, Allegheny. Rev. Wm. Orr presided; Mr. A. J. Caldwell, Secretary. After prayer, the reports of the Secretary of the Treasury were read and adopted. Appropriate addresses were made by the Rev. Wm. Orr, and Mr. Potter. An appeal was made for the Soldiers' aid Society, which was started at a similar meeting two years ago, and had received $2,500 cash, and as much more in stores and clothing, which had been appropriated to the use of soldiers in hospitals, &c., through the Sanitary Commission. The meeting dismissed with benediction by the Rev. C. Dickey.

Officers and managers elected for the ensuing year:

President—Mrs. F. R. Brunot.
Vice President—Miss M. Herron.
Secretary—Mrs R. S. Hays.
Treasurer.—Miss A. Fleming.
Managers—Mrs. Breading, Mrs. E. C. Cochrane, Mrs. Forrest, Mrs. Orr, Mrs. Dunlap, Mrs. J. Patterson; Mrs. A. Patterson, Mrs. W. Bryant, Mrs. A. T. Robinson, Mrs. Ondry, Miss M. Bryan, Miss Tassey, Miss Blackstock, Miss Copley, Miss Beck, Miss Pattinson.

The following is the

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT.

The anniversary of this Society calls for renewed gratitude to God for the privilege of laboring in this cause which He has blessed and prospered for years past, and graciously permitted to continue its operations without interruption, in harmony and love. The Lord Jesus said "I work"—"The servant is not greater than his Lord;" bids us follow Him, and the Apostle records, "He went about doing good." Jesus sympathized with the afflicted and sorrowful; wept with the bereaved; blessed little children; instructed the ignorant; helped the weak and tempted; reproved the wicked; reclaimed the erring, and preached the gospel to the poor. By Jacob's Well, in the heat of the day, the weary, way-worn traveler taught the Woman of Samaria of the living water. At meat, in Simon the Pharisee's house, the weeping penitent washed his feet with tears, and loving much was much forgiven. Zaccheus the Publican, came down from the tree and received joyfully the self-invited Christ with salvation, to his home. To the fishermen on the shore of Galilee's Sea—to the multitudes on the grassy mountain side or in the desert place—among sinners in the bustling mart of trade, at eventide—in the sunny noon—in the early morn—at all times, in all places, Jesus preached the great salvation and sought to bring the wandering and lost into the fold. He has given us these examples and teachings to discover to us various ways in which we may follow Him, according to our ability and opportunity. In this Society the Christian will find a wide field and frequent opportunity to do even as He has done, while pursuing the humble vocation of Tract Visitor.

Its aim is to place evangelical reading in each family once a month, accompanied by personal visitation, conversation and prayer.

During the year we have circulated 40,000 English and 21,000 German Tracts; 23,900 English and 61,000 German Messengers. Large numbers have been sent to our soldiers in hospitals. Seventy-two voluntary visitors have engaged in visiting over five thousand families monthly, in this city, Manchester and Troy Hill, distributing Evangelical Tracts and Messengers. The giving or leaving a Tract or Messenger seems a small thing; and is so; but, when persevered in through all seasons, in fatiguing, disagreeable localities, and to such various classes of people, it becomes a labor, requiring the true motive power of love to Christ, and for His sake to our neighbor, to prevent the visitor growing weary in her work. Those who are not acquainted with the by-places of our city, will scarcely realize the amount of error and ignorance and great destitution of religious influences existing in hundreds of families, who, as of old, have to be sought out and entreated to hear the Gospel. *These*, the Tract visitor can reach. She enters their homes, interests herself in their cares, privations, sorrows, and children—the key to their hearts. Often they pour out their inmost feelings to her, glad to find a sympathizing listener and kind adviser. The visitor points, with mingling sympathy and counsel, to Jesus as the Helper, the Comforter, the Friend, the Saviour, just such as they need. There are also Christians prevented from enjoying sanctuary privileges and Christian fellowship—the aged, afflicted, sick, the stranger, and "God's poor." To these the Tract visitor brings comfort and assistance. Her return is anxiously looked for. She cheers and brightens their loneliness, leaves a blessing with them, and takes a greater with her.

We cannot often follow individual cases, but many cheering incidents are met with. A visitor asked a young man if he would receive a tract. "Oh, yes," he replied, "I love the tracts; one given me by a visitor of your Society, a few years ago, awakened me to a sense of sin, and now I am a member of the church and a Sunday school teacher." A pastor accosted one of our number on the street, and said, "Madam, you gives satisfactory evidence of conversion, and I baptized him last Sabbath; he said you were the first person ever spoke to him about his soul; and dates his religious interest from that time." (He had been a very profane, careless man and was first visited in sickness and poverty.) Were these the only results of life toil, anxiety, labor and money expended in the twenty-one years life of this Society, we should "thank God and take courage." A soul (is) saved! the whole world is light in the balance with the soul; it is ransomed with the life of the Son of God; there is joy in Heaven over one sinner that repenteth; there is joy on earth; and the instrumentality is owned of God. Need we say more to enlist Christian friends in our cause? We depend on them for means and helpers to carry on the work, which is hindered for want of persevering, faithful visitors. Earnest Christian women, zealous to serve their Lord, are here for work to do, and the reward of the blessedness of giving. We invite ministers to attend our meetings, and co-operate with us, by commending this field to the members of their churches, as they have opportunity. We urge on all to unite in beseeching the power of the Holy Spirit upon those who give and those who receive these messengers of truth, so that the seed sown may take root and many be converted, to the praise of God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Annabella Fleming, Treasurer, in account with the Allegheny Ladies' Tract Society, March 13, 1865.

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1864. March 14.—	Balance on hand at last account	$ 67,10
"	Monthly collections	291,72
"	Subscriptions	161,97
"	Donations	7,00—$518,29
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1864. August 6.—	By cash paid freight and drayage	$ 9,75
" 20.—	By cash remitted to Philadelphia	220,00
1865. Feb. 15.—	By cash remitted to Philadelphia	226,17
" "	Freight and drayage	11,06
March 13.—	Balance in hands of the Treasurer	41,31—$518,29

Graduated

At this week's examination in Duff's Mercantile College, Pittsburgh:

Henry Paine, Limaville, O.
E. D. Williams, Sharpsburg, Pa.
G. M. Gilliford, Tarentum, Pa.
Matthew H. Page, Parkersburg, W. Va.
Charles K. Reppert, Allegheny City.
G. W. Reich, Mayton, Lancaster Co., Pa.
William Clark, Pittsburgh.
H. Tendam, Pittsburgh.
James K. Fender, Rochester, Pa.
John E. White, Jr., Dresden, O.
David Baird, Sharpsburg, Pa.
Otto H. Lappe, Allegheny City.
H. J. Speyer, Rochester, Pa.
David Park, Jr., Martin's Ferry, O.
C. V. Shallenberger, Rochester, Pa.
Harry O'Neil, Birmingham, Pa.
David Early, Palmyra, Pa.
J. Samuel Dutweiler, Harrisburg.

All of whom passed the usual searching examination of the College satisfactorily, and who will no doubt, hereafter add their names to the long list of graduates of this Institution who have honorably distinguished themselves by their superior attainments in business. Each graduate was awarded the diploma of the College, which may be regarded as a passport to the confidence of business men in all quarters, as it is never granted to any but those who pass the prescribed examination satisfactorily.

Book Notices.

SYZELLA: or the Grave on the Sands. New York, American News Co.

This is No. 2 of the Fireside series of novels, published in cheap form (25 cents,) in handsomely illuminated paper covers. It is a very interesting story, but with a little too much of the sensation style in it. It is, however, far superior to the sensation novels of the day, and will interest all novel readers.

For sale by John P. Hunt, Masonic Hall, Fifth street.

MILITARY MATTERS.—Captain Frank McDonald, we understand, has authority from the War Department to recruit a new company in Allegheny. This will afford a splendid chance to those desiring to enlist under an experienced and competent commander.

Captain John Dorrington proposes to raise a company in Temperanceville, that borough to furnish him with forty men, (the amount of his quota,) and he to furnish the balance.

TYTHERLE'S VARIETIES.—The usual "great bill for Saturday night" is announced at this popular theatre. The grand military drama of the "French Spy," with Mlle Ravel as the "Spy," draws crowded houses every night. This evening, doubtless, hundreds will be unable to find standing room. Go in good time.

ALMOST GIVEN AWAY—Photographs at the exceedingly low price of 50 cents per dozen, at Pittock's.

Oil Prospects in Crawford County.

We are informed that the Heydrick Farm was sold last week for $600,000. This farm contains over three hundred acres, and lies on the west side of French Creek between Cochranton and Utica. It was purchased by New York capitalists who are preparing to develop its value as oil territory. This is the largest sale yet made on French Creek, and the fact of its selling at such enormous figures, shows the high estimation placed on territory on the creek. The splendid strike made by the Sugar Creek Oil Company on the Homan Farm, has demonstrated that oil of the best quality in paying quantities may be procured in the surrounding country. French Creek lands and the lands along Little Sugar Creek are in great demand, and are selling rapidly at figures quite as high as lands on Oil Creek.

There is reason to believe that the operations of the present spring will develop profitable oil wells all along French creek, on Little Sugar creek, the Cussewago, Woodcock, Muddy creek, Conneaut marsh, and on many of the upper tributaries of Oil creek, and the small branches of French creek. Experienced oil men are so well satisfied on this point that they are putting down wells on several of these streams, and pronounce the indications quite as favorable as any ever found on many of the most famous oil farms of Venango. Among those we may mention Mr. James Tarr, of the celebrated Tarr Farm. He is engaging extensively in developing oil on Woodcock and elsewhere in Crawford county, and is confident of success. Other gentlemen of large experience share his opinion and are investing largely.

Last fall when the territory along French creek and Sugar creek begun to attract the attention of oil seekers and speculators, it was generally supposed the rage for those lands would only last a short time, to pass away and be laughed at as a visionary speculation. But all this has given place to something far more substantial, and the excitement is greater now than at any former period. Lands are eagerly sought for at fabulous prices. The stupid idea that the Venango county line marks the limits of the profitable oil territory has been completely exploded.

Tennyson Club.

Owing to some detention on the railway, James E. Murdoch, Esq., failed to reach the city in time last evening to give his readings in Lafayette Hall according to announcement. The committee confidently expected that Mr. Murdoch would arrive about half-past eight o'clock, and at their earnest solicitation William Herries, Esq., editor of the *Leader*, consented to entertain the audience until the distinguished elocutionist would make his appearance. Mr. Herries delivered a very able and well written lecture on the "History of Religious Progress in English Literature," limiting his observations to Chaucer and Spencer. We felt sorry that he did not give his lecture *in extenso*, for it really possessed literary merit.

It is to be regretted that the Club have been disappointed so often, but for this they are not in any sense to blame. The loss falls heaviest on themselves. Public lecturers should be very careful to fulfill their engagements.

Mr. Herries announced that he was instructed by the committee to say that Mr. Murdoch would read positively this evening.

REMEMBER, that this is the last week to get photographs at 50 cents per dozen, at Pittock's.

SOLDIERS get the patent stamp safe; it is the best thing out for that purpose. Pittock has it.

MOODY, Black, Hays, Rippey, Hall—photographs of these martyrs at Pittock's.

GOOD FELLOWS, follos, diaries, pocket albums, pocket books, &c., at Pittock's.

ALBUMS, the largest and cheapest assortment in the city, at Pittock's.

THE *National Petroleum Times*, No. 3, for this week, is out to-day.

CHEAPER THAN THE CHEAPEST—Albums, at Pittock's.

Go to Pittock's for the new books.

OIL MAPS, at Pittock's.

Present Condition of the Siamese Twins.

The Siamese Twins have been lost from public view for the last few years. It was well known of them that they had married two sisters, and settled down near Salisbury, in North Carolina, on a well stocked plantation. In addition to this, they have ample funds invested through their agent in New York. Through a North Carolina medical gentleman now within our lines, we had the other day an opportunity of minute and full particulars in regard to them. Ever since the war began, they have continued to reside on their plantation, and lived in the quiet and harmony so rare of late years. Of course no one ever thought of drafting *them*, and their negroes prospered, except that when out of temper from any cause, they used to work itself off in striking the first one that came to hand, from which the best escape was to keep out of the way. The brothers probably never would have had any difficulty, but that their wives, though sisters, turned away their hearts, and children were the cause of this estrangement.

Up to the period that each had five children, all prospered well enough, but one of them had a twin, and this awoke envy and jealousy to such a degree that the two sisters, not being bound together like the twin brothers, would no longer live under the same roof, though, we believe, still in different houses on the same plantation. The brothers are now it seems, about fifty years of age, but one, we believe, the smaller and feebler of the two, looks, it is said, now fully ten years older than the other. They can turn back to back or face to face, but that is as far as the remarkable bond that unites them permits. It is almost certain that should either die the survivor could not survive the former than a few minutes, as there is an artery as large as the femoral artery that connects them.

A few years since they corresponded with some of the leading surgical operators in London, as to the possibility of the umbilicus which unites them being cut, so that in case of the death of one, the life of the other might be saved. At the request of the London Surgeon, they visited that city, and many experiments were tried to determine the safety of such an operation. Among other things, a ligature was tied firmly for a few minutes round the connexion between them, so as to prevent the circulation of blood through the artery. But it seemed as if each would expire if this were longer persisted in.

The smaller of the two fainted away and lost all consciousness, and there were symptoms that the same effect would follow to the other, but that the process could not be continued long enough without endangering the life of him who was first to faint. Should the smaller and feebler die, it might be worth while making the experiment of operating, but the prospects of prolonging the life of the other would be very small. Should, however, the larger and more healthy of the twin brothers die, there would seem absolutely no hope of saving the feebler of the two.

From all this it is evident, that though the connection between these two brothers is very remarkable and perfectly unique, it is yet not so absolute as has been usually supposed. In the American Cyclopædia, for instance, it is said that "their respiration and circulation are generally synchronous in the calm state, and their hours of sleeping and waking, their joys and sorrows, anger and pain, *ideas* and desires, are the same. They realize the idea of perfect friendship, the two being one in feeling, one in thought and act." As to *ideas* being the same, this is by no means more necessarily so than their similar education and habits would occasion.

Each one can hold a conversation with a different person at the same time. One does not necessarily know, therefore, what may be nommunicated to the other, although their feelings and passions are generally similar, owing to the same causes operating upon both. Even this is not necessarily the case, we suppose, as to the direct effect of feelings. Since the breaking out of the rebellion, they have both dressed in the Confederate gray, and they are both members of the same church, having united with a small Baptist church in their neighborhood, at which they have been considered very worthy members, though born Siamese.—*Phila. Ledger.*

A BRILLIANT Washington writer attributes "the absence of Count Giorgi, the Austrian minister, from the inaugural ceremonies" to the imminent prospect of difficulties between our Government and that of Mexico. To common minds the fact that Count Giorgi died about six months ago would seem an ample excuse for his non-attendance at the inauguration. His duly accredited successor was present.

A STATEMENT comes from Naples to the effect that on the 16th of last month an English tourist (name not given) was killed on the cone of Vesuvius in his effort to avoid an enormous rock shot up from the crater. He rolled down the steep declivity and was picked up at the spot called Pellegrini, ribs fractured and backbone broken.

He who goes through a land and scatters blown roses, may be tracked next day by their withered petals that strew the ground; but he that goes through it and scatters rose seed, a hundred years after leaves behind him a land full of fragrance and beauty for his monument and as a heritage for his daughters and sons.

THE *Independent* says: "The beginning of war saw Fort Sumter standing on a foundation of New England granite; the end of the war shall see South Carolina standing on a foundation of New England ideas.

NEWS AND MISCELLANY.

DR. LIVINGSTONE proposes to make another expedition to Africa. A private friend has contributed £1,000 to the cause, the Royal Geographical Society £500, and the Foreign Office £500. Dr. Livingstone also receives a yearly salary of £500, as consul to the Eastern races in Africa.

A CALIFORNIA correspondent of the Missouri *Republican* tells of seeing on exhibition in the Sanitary Fair in San Francisco forty-eight Bartlett pears on a single stem eight inches long. They were of average Bartlett size and stood out at right angles to the stem, completely enveloping it.

THERE have been but three judges in the District Court of Massachusetts since its organization, seventy-six years ago. John Lowell, appointed in 1789, resigned in 1801; John Davis, appointed in 1801, resigned in 1841; and Peleg Sprague, appointed in 1841, has just resigned.

THE late Chief Justice Taney lived and died a Roman Catholic. His wife was a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. His only son died in infancy, and his five daughters followed the faith of the mother, who is spoken of as a woman of great excellence of character.

A PHILADELPHIA paper of Thursday, says: "The first Rio de Janeiro coffee which has arrived at this port since Jan. 26, 1864, was brought here on Wednesday, on board the brig Emma. The cargo consisted of 3,000 bags.

JUDGE CARTER, of the United States Court for the District of Columbia, has decided that sales of gold for merely speculative purposes are prejudicial to the interests of the country and illegal in point of law.

THE committee appointed by the Chamber of Stuttgardt to examine the motion for the abolition of the punishment of death, has decided, with only one dissentient voice, in favor of the abolition.

THE rebels in the Southwest believe that the great Federal expedition organizing at New Orleans is destined for Galveston instead of Mobile, as given out.

THE *Ord* gives the following as Mr. Gladstone's definition of "deputation." A noun of multitude which signifies many but does not signify much."

MR. MOORE, who derived his pedigree from Noah, explained it in this manner: "Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham and one *more*."

A MAN in Illinois sold posts from a few acres of locusts 11 years old to the Central Illinois Railroad to the amount of $16,000.

A MAN behind the times is apt to speak ill of them. Probably they don't look well from behind.

THE population of Paris this year is 1,667,841 souls, exclusive of a garrison of 28,000 men.

GEN. SHERMAN, though a strictly moral man himself, has deprecated the rebels awfully.

THE New York distilleries have stopped work and milk has gone up.

EIGHTY-NINE days of good sleighing in Maine this winter.

BLACK INK is manufactured from petroleum.

NAPOLEON has shaved off his imperial.

DIED:

NEESON—On Thursday afternoon, March 16th at four o'clock, PATRICK NEESON, in the 67th year of his age.

The funeral will take place from his late residence, Morton street, near Iron City Hotel, Ninth Ward, on SATURDAY MORNING, at half-past eight o'clock, to proceed to St. Patrick's church, and from thence to St. Mary's Cemetery.

RODGERS—In the 22d year of his age, at Annapolis Hospital, Md., March 1st, 1865, JOHN H. RODGERS, of Co. K, 190th Reg't, Pennsylvania Volunteers.

The funeral will take place from the residence of his parents, No. 84 Washington street, on SATURDAY, the 18th inst., at 2½ o'clock. Religious services at 2 o'clock. The friends of the family, and members of the late 9th and 190th Reg'ts, Pennsylvania Reserves Vols., are respectfully invited to attend.

HILL—On Friday afternoon, March 17th, 1865, Capt. PHILIP R. HILL, aged 36 years.

Notice of the funeral will be given in the evening papers.

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