THE ONONDAGA GIANT.

Scientific Examination by the Board of Regents.

[From the Syracuse Evening Journal of Nov. 5.]

At about nine o'clock this morning the party of scientific visitors to the wonderful discovery in Cardiff left the Vanderbilt, for Stone, accompanied by the proprietors. The distinguished persons invited consisted of Chancellor J. V. L. Pruyn, Dr. S. B. Woolworth, Professor James Hall, Dr. Robinson (of Auburn), Judge Clinton (of Buffalo), Judge A. S. Johnson, Hon. George Geddes, E. W. Leavenworth, Jr., R. W. Pilsbury, Dr. Stone, Dr. Gadfield, Rev. G. M. Hills, James Geddes, President White, H. E. White, Dr. Dallas, Dr. Hitchcock (of Binghamton), Dr. Boynton, and many others.

Every facility was afforded by the proprietors for a satisfactory examination of the great wonder. The tent was given up solely to their use, and the party could be trusted to avail themselves of all appliances of the chemist and the geologist to determine the interesting questions pertaining to the origin and nature of the stone giant. The definite and official decisions of the scientists will be made known in due time. We can only gather up a few of the incidents of the occasion and the expressions dropped in familiar conversation over this gigantic wonder of a former age.

THE REALITY TO BE RAPPED OUT.

The locality is being surveyed to-day by Messrs. Griffin and Sweet, so that a correct map will soon be made of the entire ground in the vicinity.

EXAMINATION OF THE WONDER.

About half-past eleven o'clock the scientific party arrived and spent an hour or more in an inspection of the giant. The color of the figure has changed somewhat by exposure to the air, and gradually hardens. The conference continued in session nearly two hours, during which period the gentlemen invited by the Board of Regents to prosecute this inquiry were allowed the fullest opportunities of investigation.

Professor Hall and Dr. Woolworth went down into the pit to prosecute the examination. Professor Hall first tested the amount of carbonic acid in the water of the pit in order to discover whether the water could dissolve the material of the statue so rapidly as the advocates of the genuineness of the figure claim. He also filled a demijohn with the water, to subject it hereafter to tests to ascertain the amount of solid matter it contains.

Dr. Wolworth at the same time carefully examined the joints and unanimously pronounced it to be formed of gypsum. The interior of the left leg, which has been disintegrated, was even softer than the outer surface.

Chancellor Pruyn also went down and examined the figure carefully. He thought the substance harder than the representations which still decidedly gypsum. He carefully looked for marks of the sculptor's chisel, but could not definitely determine whether there were any or not. The surface in this respect is peculiar and not easily accounted for.

Judge Johnson and Dr. Boynton then examined the figure and the soil beneath. The remains of the roots of the trees and a brush, which are found upon both sides of the pit, were carefully inspected.

Others also examined the statue with great care, among them Dr. Robinson, of Auburn; President White, Dr. Wilbur and Mr. George Geddes.

THE GENERAL OPINION.

The interest and, we may say, excitement increased every moment. Every one who came up from the excavation pronounced it a wonder and a marvel. The idea of petrefaction was abandoned by all present who held it. The general admission of all the scientific observers now is that it is a marvellous work of sculpture, and $1,850 laid down for gypsum. Yet no quarries of gypsum are known to exist in Onondaga county that would furnish a block of gypsum resembling the peculiar features shown by the material of this statue.

The tools used to the statue was examined by feeling of its parts with the hands, and by the use of reflectors, which were placed in those parts to the various. A number of pieces of carbonized wood, bits of branches and twigs, of alder, hemlock and beech, as decided by those examining Dolmen, were taken out from beneath the statue. It seemed to be quite satisfactorily determined, although this will be better shown when the statue is raised—that it lies directly upon the clay which underlies the alluvial of the valley. This being so, the gravel deposit of four or five inches would appear to have been washed in about the figure.

It was announced that Professor Hall would remain here during the present week and continue his investigations; that he would be present, together with a committee of citizens, when the statue was raised, and that every facility would be furnished him to render his investigations complete.

It is deemed important that a sculptor of experience and standing shall examine the statue. Many fine marks, resembling the work of a very delicate instrument, were revealed on the right side, which may lead to a determination of the kind of implements used by the artist. These are evidences of a great deal of patient and time-consuming labor. The action of the water has effected these marks on other parts of the figure. It is hoped that the sculptor Palmer will visit the statue soon.

After a thorough examination of the immediate locality of the discovery, and of the surroundings, the visiting party of scientists returned to the village. The results of their examinations will be embodied in such forms as the individuals choose to present them. The public may expect, at a day not distant, a statement of the conclusions reached by Professor Hall and his conferees, after they shall have gathered all the evidences relating to the wonderful discovery, and have had an opportunity to compare them with other data upon the subject.

How they Get Spliced in Auld Scotia.

Among the peasantry betrothals were conducted in a singular fashion. The fond swain, who had resolved to make proposals, sent for the object of his affections to the village alehouse, previously informing the handmaidy of his intentions. The damsel, who knew the purpose of the message, walked herself in her best attire, and waited on her admirer. She was entertained with a glass of ale; then the swain proceeded with his tale of love. A dialogue like the following ensued: "I'm gaun to speir whether ye will take me, Jenny?" "Deed, Jock, I thocht ye micht have had kan sense." "They say I'm richer nae refuse me, lassie." "Then they're liers, Jock." "An' so ye'll no refuse me, lassie?" "I've telt ye that twice already, Jock." Then came the formal act of betrothal. The parties pressed the thumbs of their right hands, which they licked, together and vowed fidelity. The ceremony possessed the solemnity of an oath, the violator of such an engagement being considered guilty of perjury. In allusion to this practice, a favorite Scottish song commences:

"There's my thumb, I'll ne'er beguile thee."

The pressure of moistened thumbs, as the solemn ratification of an agreement, was used in other contexts. The practice, as confirmatory of an agreement, existed both among the Celts and Goths. The records of the Scottish courts contain examples of sales being confirmed by the judges on the production of evidence that the parties had licked and pressed their thumbs on the bible, or other pledge. The Highlander and the Lowland schoolboy still lick their thumbs in confirmation of bargains, of the eighteenth century another method of betrothal was adopted. When the damsel had accepted her lover's offer the pair proceeded to the nearest stream, and there washing their hands in the current, vowed eternal love, which hands clasped across the brook. A ceremony of this description took place between Beau and Fidelia, when the latter, in the fashion, had mutually betrothed themselves they proceeded diligently to revise their acquaintance. At the church catechism, for every clergyman insisted that candidates for matrimony should be able to repeat the Creed, the Commandments and the Lord's Prayer. A marriage was stopped by the Kirksession of Glasgow, in 1642, until the bridegroom should inform himself of these religious fundamentals. Latterly, the church has permitted persons to enter into the nuptial bonds without any inquiry as to their scriptural knowledge. Between the first Sunday of the proclamation of banns and the day of marriage, forty days were allowed to elapse. The reason of the delay has not been explained. On the evening before the wedding the bride was attended by her maidens, who proceeded to wash her feet. Much diversion was a concomitant of the ceremonial; it ended with festivities, etc.

CITY BULLETIN.

—The alarm of fire last night, about half-past 10 o'clock, was caused by the burning of a box of waste and spoods in the basement of Porter & Dickey's mill, at the corner of Hope and Norris streets. The damage was trifling.

—The Order of Cadets of Honor and Temperance paraded last evening through a number of streets, and afterwards attended a mass meeting at the National Hall, held under the auspices of the Grand Section. W. W. Moore, G. Gov., presided. A number of speeches on the subject of temperance were made.

—Nicholas Nolte and Edward Boehm, who were committed by Ald. Kerr to await the result of the injuries of Julius Gross, who was stabbed in North Second street about a week ago, were admitted to bail in $1,000 each upon testimony of Dr. Theodore Demme, that he considered Gross out of danger.

—The amount realized at the recent Sunday School Jubilee, at the Academy of Music, was $1,200 42, which has been paid over to the Treasurer of the Home for the Aged and Infirm members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. This amount, added to what was realized at the two former jubilees, will make a total aggregate of $3,500 raised by the efforts of the Sabbath-school children.

—John O'Kane and John Brady were arrested yesterday on the charge of being concerned in the stabbing of Alderman Kerr, on Monday afternoon last, in front of a tavern at Eighth and Shippen streets. Margaret Grines, the wife of John, testified before Alderman Kerr, at a hearing in the afternoon, that her husband is in a very critical condition as a result of the stab received in his side. The accused were committed for a further hearing.

—James alias Joseph Nealy was arraigned before Alderman Kerr, yesterday afternoon, charged with perjury. Detective Levy testified he was present when the defendant appeared before the magistrate and swore that he owned the property No. 1011 Columbia avenue, and was accepted and bail for William Woods, who was arrested upon the charge of entering the Eagle Hotel with intent to commit a felony. Mr. Joseph M. Nealey testified that he resided at No. 1014 Columbia avenue; that Mrs. Bailey owned the premises No. 1011, and that he boarded there a year; he knew the defendant. The Alderman committed the accused in default of $5,000 bail.

—The Indian Hope Association held its anniversary meeting last evening in St. Luke's Church. Bishop Howe, President of the Association, delivered an address, giving a very favorable account of the workings of the Mission among the Indians, and stating that one white missionary and more female teachers are required, as the neighboring tribes are urgently pressing for Christian instruction. The missions are located among the Santee Sioux Indians, in Nebraska, and are being extended to the Sioux Indians of Point Pleasant, Minnesota. The Bishop said the official financial report shows that, before the year commenced, $4,850 had been received, the amount there has been appropriated for the Chapel and Hospital of the Santee Mission $2,424, of which $2,400 have been paid on the buildings that are now being erected; $1,210 have been sent to the station at Yankton, and New York for the excess of the current expenses of the Mission not specially contributed for it; $650 have been paid for the Bishop's house and Chapel of the Yankton Mission. Balance on hand, $570. Addresses were also made by Bishop Clarkson, Rev. Dr. Watson, Wm. Welsh, Esq., and others.

NEW JERSEY MATTERS.

"J. M. S." the defunct "Mountain Partridge," is out in a card defying the "World, the Flesh and the Devil." Jerseyites, it is rumored that he is preparing to run on an independent ticket for Vice President of the—Riverside Institute.

An attempt was made to see fire to the workshop of Mr. Yuman, on Cooper's Point, a night or two since, but Officer Elder fortunately discovered it in time to prevent the object contemplated.

The different fire companies of Camden are gradually disposing of their engines and apparatus, in view of going permanently out of service when the Paid Department gets fully organized.

By the official count of the vote cast in South Ward on Tuesday last, the Republican ticket had a majority of fourteen, instead of eighteen for the Democrats, as previously reported. The changes in the county are slight.

A few drunken and disorderly cases make up all the incidents of police business in Camden during the past week or ten days.

Persons who are engaged in raising hogs by the small, in Camden complain bitterly of the law prohibiting them to sell on election days. It takes away from their receipts and also from Democratic majorities.

Improvements of various descriptions are more numerous and progressing more rapidly in Camden at the present time than for ten years previous. Nobody is idle who is disposed to work.

Notwithstanding the severe penalties attached to the law prohibiting the shooting of harmless inoxtensive birds, juveniles and others indulge in a little quiet carnivalry in the vicinity of Camden. A few examples and applications of the law would exercise a wholesome effect.

A new steam flouring-mill is to be erected in Camden, adjoining the First National Bank, on Front street, on a very extensive scale.

Simickson Chew, Esq., president of West Jersey Press, has purchased the lot at the N. E. corner of Front and Market streets, on which he purposes erecting a fine printing office.

An old lady in Camden has that Dr. B. Snow, of Hammonton, is about to purchase the proprietorship of the New Republic.

Among the dealers in stolen or plundering stolen property in Camden is one the effect that the more conservative of the conservative Democrats are designing to establish a new party organ, with all modern improvements, &c.

Newton township, Camden county, once boasted of having a lawyer there, but it is now destitute of even the humblest shyster.

About 500 lots are to be sold at Stockton, for taxes, in December. The amount due on some is only thirty cents. The owners, or reputed owners, can that up in tobacco every week.

The City Council of Camden adjourned an afternoon, to take action relative to the organization of the Paid Fire Department.

It is said that as soon as the necessary legislation is obtained, the work of bulbing the proposed bridge over the Delaware will be commenced.

How Metternich's Duel is regarded at Vienna.

The Vienna journal, *Neue Freie Presse*, terminates an article on the duel which has taken place between the Austrian Ambassador to the Court of the Tuileries and the husband of Madame de Beaumont, with some observations not devoid of asperity. "We fear," says the Austrian journal, "that Prince Metternich's latest adventure will not be the best possible recommendation he could have in Vienna, and that the question will be raised, whether it would not be opportune to remove him out of the dust-bringing atmosphere of Paris, where his valuable life might be a second time exposed to great peril. This last consideration would even induce us to acquiesce in his recall, though we are perfectly conscious what an irreparable loss his departure from Paris would be. We should console ourselves with the reflection that the loss would fall less heavily on us than on the Tuileries. It would not be easy, we grant, to find a man possessing all the brilliant talents which have made Prince Metternich so great a favorite in society, but it would be a much less difficult task to replace him by a successor of vastly superior political discrimination."

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2 Oval Covered Vegetable Dishes.
2 Uncovered Vegetable Dishes.
2 Pickle Dishes, Assorted Sizes.
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