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THE SITUATION IN FRANCE.

The reports from France indicate the steady and rapid advance of the Prussians upon Paris, and it is not at all unlikely that we shall have, to-day, information of their arrival and of the beginning of the siege. It is believed that the efforts of the Provisional Government to negotiate peace have been unsuccessful, probably for the reason that the demands of the Prussians have been too great, or, it may be because Bismarck will not consider propositions of a kind until his triumph is completed by capture of the enemy's capital. In Paris there is the calmness of intense excitement mingled with anxious suspense. The best preparations that are possible have been made for defence, and the people seem to have determined resolutely to dispute with the invader for the possession of the capital. Red republicans, imperialists and Orleanists have, for the moment, forgotten their differences and united their efforts to save Paris from the last, last, last disgrace. It is a brave resolution, but the task is a hopeless one, and we cannot resist the conviction that the government which this crisis has called into existence and which has tried, in the supreme hour of peril, to give France freedom and protection, will have but a short life. When the Prussians enter Paris the days of the republic probably will be numbered, and another monarchy will be imposed upon the people. The recognition of the new government by the United States was a generous deed which has earned for us the warm gratitude of the French people, but it cannot save the republic from the Prussian enemy, nor is it likely that our influence, even if it were exerted, could procure peace upon terms more favorable than those already determined upon. There is a remote possibility that there is some hope for France in the rumor that an alliance is to be made with Russia, for offensive purposes. We believe Russia is ready at this moment to protect against any attempt on the part of Prussia at territorial aggrandizement; and there are some indications of a design on her part to assume a hostile attitude toward Prussia; but there is at least room for doubt whether the Czar has agreed to help France in this present crisis, when Prussia is at the very gates of Paris. Probably Russia may interfere in behalf of France and of the republic when the time comes for settlement of the Prussian claims. In that event, there will be more trouble and probably another war. It is to be hoped that such a calamity may be averted. If France can secure terms that are at all reasonable, she will do better to accept them, and decline the interference of such a friend as Russia. The French people need allies who will give them peace, not those that will keep them from coming to a definite and horrible contest.

THE SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

Our readers may have seen in the BULLETIN yesterday the proceedings which have been had in the contest urged by Mr. Creely against the nomination of Mr. O'Neill. We have before recorded our conviction that Mr. O'Neill is the regular candidate of the party, fairly nominated by the proper convention, and that the State Central Committee has no jurisdiction in the premise. What has since transpired has ripened these convictions into certainties, and we can only express our regret at the irregular proceedings which have since taken place, and which can only tend to prolong a hopeless struggle and bring dissension into the ranks of the party.

That the matter may be fairly understood we briefly recapitulate it. When Mr. Creely first contested Mr. O'Neill's nomination, the City Executive Committee, as the recognized court of appeal, investigated the matter and acknowledged Mr. O'Neill as the nominee, although Mr. Creely is one of its members. The latter then appealed to the State Central Committee, an irregular proceeding which we condemned at the time, as that body has nothing to do with local questions of the kind. The State Committee referred the matter to its Executive Committee, which duly met, debated the question and decided that it could take no action in the premises, as the question had already been decided by the appropriate tribunal, the City Committee, and this decision is authoritatively published as the final action of the State Committee by its chairman, the Hon. John Covode. To the ordinary mind this would seem to settle the business, but the parties concerned had not yet exhausted their efforts, for in the meantime another body, a committee of the State Committee, appointed last year to collect funds, and which does not explain how it comes to have any jurisdiction in the premises, at a day before the Executive Committee, and adopted a resolution recommending the Congressional Convention and throwing open the subject of the nomination as though it were a matter to be reconsidered from the beginning. This action has been repudiated by the City Committee, which lost no time in meeting and again unanimously endorsing Mr. O'Neill as the candidate of the party.

We trust that, under these circumstances, and for the sake of preserving harmony of action between the two Executive Committees, and in the Republican party at large, there will be no effort to go through the forms of again holding this Convention, which has exhausted its powers and is *functus officio*. Though there can be no doubt that a fair meeting of the Convention would again result in the triumphant nomination of Mr. O'Neill, still even such action would be to recognize an authority which has no power in the premises. We therefore trust that Mr. O'Neill's delegates will hold themselves aloof and abstain from countenancing this movement by their presence.

Any other action would be to establish a precedent through which, in the future, disappointed aspirants for office will be able to keep the party in hot water and bring confusion to the canvass.

THE BITRAILLEUSE.

If a tithe of the French reports were to be believed, there would be very little left of the German armies by this time. There has not been a battle, a sortie, a skirmish, in which huge bodies of Prussian troops, ranging in numbers from a corps of infantry to a squadron of Uhlans, have not been annihilated by that terrible bug-bear, the mitrailleur. Every bullet from that miraculous weapon kills, not its man, but its several men. It does not decimate; it has not the very inferior cunning for the mitrailleur. It destroys, it sweeps away, it mows down, it cuts clean lanes through the serried columns of the enemy with its Mantalinian "Grind, Grind, Grind," until "the grindery cease because they are few" and mortal arm cannot turn a crank forever.

Habit, however, familiarizes the human mind with almost everything, and it is said that even cells accustom themselves to the unpleasant process which prepares them for the market and the frying-pan. And so these stolid Germans, who ought to know,—if the much talked-of universal education of Prussia amounts to anything,—that they have been swept into destruction, mind it no more than if the bullets of the mitrailleur were so many aconitballs, and still go marching on, with their faces turned Paris-ward, demanding a satisfactory answer to that yet unanswered conundrum, "Was ist das Teutschen Vaterland?"

These prodigious performances of the mitrailleur are beginning to excite the suspicion of the French Government, and as they increase in magnitude with every new battle, the Ministry begins to give the results to the people "with reserve" and a very sagacious reserve it is. Thus the mitrailleur has been at its old tricks at Strasbourg, and the French Ministry tell the good people of Paris all about it, "with reserve." For the story reduces a huge amount of reserve. The Prussians were crossing the moat which surrounds Metz, on two pontoon bridges, and the garrison just waited until both pontoons were filled with troops, and then they sallied out with the inevitable and irrepressible mitrailleur, and swept *eight or ten thousand* of the enemy into the moat, pell-mell, killed outright, every man of them, while "the rest they ran away." No wonder that the Ministry told this superb story "with reserve." For if the moat at Strasbourg be a hundred feet wide, it is a very wide moat; and if the Prussians crowded five hundred men on their two pontoon bridges, they must have been very close together; which accounts for the Ministerial reserve on the subject. Ten thousand men killed on two short pontoon bridges was a large exploit, even for their mitrailleur, and it will probably form the grand climacteric of these wondrous achievements, so that we may hope soon to see a gradual modification of these Munchausenisms, until we get down to something approaching the truth.

THE GREAT MASONIC TEMPLE.

This remarkable structure is now sufficiently advanced in its erection to give some idea of what it is intended to be, and its effect is undoubtedly exceedingly fine. There is an air of solidity about it which most of our city edifices can constructions lack and which it possesses more than almost any edifice which we have seen in any part of the world. The material, granite, is the only one that is fitted for such cyclopean architecture, and the Masonic fraternity may well be proud of the liberality and good taste which has called such a Temple into existence.

The only view of this building which takes in the *front ensemble* will be that from the southwest, viz., from the opposite side of Broad street, at the intersection of Market. If the new public buildings are erected at this intersection there will be no point from which the Masonic Temple can be properly seen; it will be masked entirely from the south as well as dwarfed by the greater size of the municipal buildings. Our city has not such a superfluity of handsome buildings that we can afford to see them heaped against each other in such a way as to block each other up.

The Germans are hard upon Napoleon. Not only have they capitulated and dethroned him, and imprisoned him in the heart of Germany, but now they are going to torture him. The cable announces that Queen Augusta has actually sent her chief cook to take charge of the diet of the ex-Emperor.

This is hard. Napoleon is getting to be an old man, and his health is bad. It is not likely that he would ever, under any circumstances, attempt to escape from his captors and regain his lost empire. And why should his French stomach be vexed with a German cook? Why should this cruel attempt to denationalize the unhappy man be made? It is melancholy to think of the helpless captive in the clutches of his German cook. It raises the indignation of every benevolent heart to contemplate the miserable Napoleon, fresh from the scenes of Compiègne and the Tuileries, sitting down to an elaborate repast of suppenkuchen, bratwurst, karoffelklos, fleischsuckers, cavalsauerkraut, Schweitzer and Limburger kese. But the demands of the Prussians upon the vanquished Emperor have no bounds. In the name of outraged civilization we repeat that this ingenious torture cannot last long. Death must soon release him.

We call especial attention to the article of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Minnesota Railroad Company which will be found on the second page of to-day's paper. It is a very clear statement of the prospects of this important road, now nearly completed, traversing the States of Iowa and Minnesota, and forming a great air-line connection between St. Paul and St. Louis and Chicago. Its securities are now offered upon very favorable terms.

Public Sale of Stocks and Real Estate.—Messrs. Thomas & Sons' sale at the Exchange, Tuesday next, includes 1000 shares Oil Creek and Allegheny River Railroad Stock, Enterprise Insurance, West Jersey Railroad, Philadelphia Library, Central Transportation Co., valuable Mill, southwest corner Bloomsday and Twenty-first streets, Twenty-second and Wharton streets, Twenty-second and Wharton streets, Wash street, modern residences, Germantown Road, No. 2216 Main street, No. 4127 Chestnut street, 224 North Main street, Mt. Airy, 3259 Chestnut street, 224 North Twenty-second street, Twenty-fourth and Brown streets, two-story brick buildings, 1000 feet of the Delaware River, Twenty-second and Ridge avenue, Order of the Orphans' Court, Debts and estate. See catalogues.

WATCHES THAT HAVE HITHERTO failed to give satisfaction, yet in good order, Particular attention paid to Watches, Clocks, Chronometers, etc., by skilled workmen. Musical Boxes repaired. PARR & BRIDGHAM, Importers of Watches, Musical Boxes, etc., 22 Chestnut street, below Fourth.

CLOTHING.

THE PHILADELPHIA Clothing Directory.

☞ We propose to give daily at the head of this column directions as to where various kinds of Men's and Boys' Clothing can best be obtained.

SEPTEMBER 9th, 1870.

FOR FALL OVERCOATS, Durable, stylish and cheap, you must go to Oak Hall, S. E. cor. Sixth and Market Sts.

But for ALL-WOOL $12 SUITS, Most fashionable this fall, you must go to WANAMAKER & BROWN'S.

They cannot be had elsewhere. While for BOYS' CLOTHING, If you want the best, you will have to go to The Largest Clothing House, On Sixth Street, from Market to Minor.

THE FALL FALL FALL FALL of Louis Napoleon, late Emperor of the French, will not affect THE FALL TRADE AT THE GREAT3BROWN HALL OF ROCKHILL & WILSON

Notwithstanding the furious weather we have in September, Rockhill & Wilson have made every provision that the wants of masculine humanity can suggest.

We have yet on hand a few lots of our Summer stock of fine Clothes. It is a splendid opportunity now for gentlemen who want to lay in a stock for next Summer.

Our list of prices for the Early Fall Goods is worthy of your attention.

Our styles of make-up of the Early Fall Goods surpass description.

Our varied assortment of Early Fall Goods compels admiration.

Come and admire the Early Fall Goods. Come and see the prices of the Early Fall Goods. Come and examine the quality of the Early Fall Goods. Come and Buy, Buy, Buy, BUY the Early Fall Goods.

ROCKHILL & WILSON, 603 AND 605 CHESTNUT STREET

HABILLEMENTS 824 CHESTNUT ST. CHARLES STOKES & CO. UNDER THE CONTINENTAL HOTEL PHILADELPHIA PA.

FALL OVERCOATS, $10 00
FALL OVERCOATS, $12 00
FALL OVERCOATS, $15 00
FALL OVERCOATS, Silk Fronts, $18 00

JONES' CRESCENT ONE-PRICE CLOTHING HOUSE 604 MARKET STREET.

FINE READY-MADE GARMENTS. Fall and Winter Styles. GEO. W. NIEMANS.

☞ Custom Work made to order at Short Notice. mh14 w f m rp

STORAGE.

STORAGE OF FURNITURE

For families temporarily declining housekeeping. May be had in separate rooms or collectively of TRUMAN & SHAW, NO. 838 MARKET STREET.

Having a private warehouse and an experienced resident on the premises, will greatly lessen risks of fire and robbery. 2m 17 mwf

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CARRIAGES.

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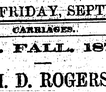
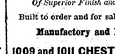


CARRIAGE BUILDER.

Phaetons, Drags and Light Wagons FOR ROAD AND PARK DRIVING, *Of Superior Finish and Newest Styles.* Built to order and for sale. Manufactory and Repository, 1009 and 1011 CHESTNUT STREET. mh10 w f m 1m rp

THE TURF.



Philadelphia Races AT POINT BREEZE PARK, On September 6, 7, 8 and 9, 1870. Best horses in the country. First day, twenty-two horses. Second day, fourteen horses. Third day, thirteen horses. Fourth day, sixteen horses. See bills and programmes. Admission, $1. ep 6 3t

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GEORGE STECK & CO.'S PIANOS, Grand, Square and Upright. ALSO, Mason and Hamlin's Cabinet Organs. *An Elegant Stock at Greatly Reduced Prices.* J. E. GOULD, No. 923 Chestnut Street. m 9 2t rp

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ELEGANT TEN CENT Honey Bee Cigars, THREE FOR A QUARTER. SOLD IN THIS CITY BY J. T. FLAHERTY, N. E. corner Eighth and Chestnut Streets. sep 6 2m rp

FURNITURE, &C.

CONGRESS CHAIRS, $3 50 PER DOZEN. Warerooms, 1301 and 1303 CHESTNUT Street. A fine assortment at the Lowest Possible Prices. 1316 CHESTNUT STREET. 1316 JOHN M. GARDNER. Offers an Entire New Stock of SPLENDID FURNITURE AND UPHOLSTERY NEW IN DESIGN, RICH IN QUALITY, FINE IN FINISH, AND LOWER IN PRICE. The above points being well appreciated, induce me to hope for a share of the patronage. I shall continue to receive their patronage, promising prompt attention to all orders entrusted to me. Please call and see. sep 6 3m rp

FOR SALE.

BROWN STONE RESIDENCE FOR SALE, No. 1922 ARCH STREET. Modern conveniences, Gas, Bath, Furnace, Marble mantels, Gilt cornices, furnished with every modern convenience, and built in a very superior and substantial manner. Lot 50 feet front by 150 feet deep to Wharton street. Possession can be given at Christmas. Stable and Coach House. J. M. GUMMEY & SONS, 701 WALNUT Street. mh 9 6t rp

FOR SALE—TWO DESIRABLE Dwellings, S. E. corner Fifteenth and North streets. These dwellings have modern improvements, gas fixtures, and are substantially arranged for comfort and convenience. Also, the centrally located and desirable dwelling, No. 1107 Spring Garden street. Will be sold at a low price, if desired, and has every modern improvement. Apply on premises, FINN & BRIEL, 520 Walnut st. ep 6 1m rp

TO RENT.

FOR RENT, No. 1304 North Broad Street, 20 feet wide. Marble Front Residence and large lot. 15 large rooms, hot and cold water, Gas, Bath, Furnace, Grounds, walnut finish wide centre. In thorough repair. Rich and tasteful. Only $700. FRED. FRALEY, 308 South Fourth street. ap 5 tf m w f

FOR RENT—DWELLING 2013 Walnut street, containing 20 rooms, Gas, Bath, Furnace, Hot and Cold Water, &c. Apply on premises. No. 2015 Walnut street. mh 29 tf

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