

THE FREEDMEN'S BUREAU.

An order from General Howard, dated the 17th inst., announces the discontinuance of the Freedmen's Bureau, in accordance with the act of Congress of July 25, 1868, after December 31, excepting the educational department and agents for the collection and payment of such moneys as may be due those who were in the military service of the Government.

WASHINGTON special announce the receipt of the draft of the basis of a treaty for the settlement of the difficulties with England, agreed upon by Lord Stanley and Minister Johnson.

Preservation of Leather.

A contributor to the Shoe and Leather Review, gives some valuable hints in relation to the preservation of leather. The extreme heat to which most men and women expose their shoes during winter, deprives leather of its vitality, rendering it liable to break and crack.

NEWS ITEMS.

Reading has a fire company which was organized in 1772.

Seven secret societies live and grow happy in Hamburg, Berks county.

Bedford county has abolished corporal punishment in her public schools.

Berks county is rich in iron deposits. New discoveries of ore have been made lately in Colebrookdale and Washington townships.

Iron ore has been discovered in several parts of Montgomery county. The district will be tapped by the Colebrookdale Railroad.

More white fish have been taken in Lake Erie this year than ever before. Six tons were taken at one haul near Fairport last Friday.

There were slight evidences of an earthquake observed at Middleboro, Mass., a few days ago, according to a correspondent of the New Bedford Standard.

A Washington dispatch states that for the relief of merchants in St. Louis, the Secretary of the Treasury has authorized the Assistant Treasurer in that city to sell, not exceeding \$25,000 of gold per week, to importers for the payment of Custom duties.

The party of disguised men who hung William Smith, near Huntsville, Ala., a few nights since, affected friendship for him, received his confidence, and then asked him if there was any one in the neighborhood he would hang.

A Salt Lake despatch says that new and rich mines have been discovered on the White river. The ore taken out pays from \$5,000 to \$7,000 per ton, and assays have been made of ore yielding at the rate of \$10,000 to \$15,000 per ton.

The residence of Elisha Fiero, at West Davenport, Delaware county, N. Y., was the scene of a most brutal murder on the night of Monday last.

Gen. Michler, Superintendent of Public Buildings at Washington, in his annual report, asks that an appropriation be made for entirely refurnishing the White House at the commencement of the next Presidential term.

The first Alabama State Fair held since 1850 commenced at Montgomery on Wednesday, November 18. It was numerously attended, many visitors from other States being present.

The Bunker Hill (Illinois) Gazette states in substance that in a barn attached to a place where a tavern has been kept for years in the vicinity of that town, the remains of three human beings have been found beneath the barn floors.

A heavy shock of earthquake was felt at Milertown, Trencoe county, California, Nov. 5. The wall of the court-house was badly cracked, and the waters of San Joaquin river were disturbed.

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On making out an additional list of female clerks to be dismissed from the office of the Register of the Treasury, at Washington, General Jeffries has been careful to retain the widows and daughters of soldiers and others who have no means of support apart from employment in his bureau.

John Seiberling, postmaster at Lynville, Lehigh county, is eighty-five years old. He has held his present position for an unbroken period of forty eight years.

The Vesta Oil Works, located on Negley's Run, near Pittsburg, was destroyed by fire on Sunday afternoon, together with 600 barrels of oil. Loss about \$20,000.

Chief Justice Chase made an important decision Wednesday, in Court at Richmond. He ruled that the test oath, known as the "iron-clad oath," should not be administered to Grand Jurymen, on the ground that it hindered more than it furthered the ends of justice.

City elections in Dover and Portsmouth, N. H., took place Wednesday. In Dover, the Republican candidate, Mr. Brewster, the present Mayor, was elected, and in Portsmouth Mr. Francis Jones, candidate of the Democratic and Citizens parties, also the present Mayor of that city, was elected.

Some six weeks ago a man in Montreal deserted his wife and absconded with a widow, taking with him his wife's money, which she had deposited in bank, and leaving her entirely destitute.

Colonel J. Whitehead Byron, late of the 88th New York Volunteers, and now a prominent member of the Fenian Brotherhood, has been appointed a brigadier general in the United States Army by the President.

Mrs. Pattie B. Johnson has commenced suit against the Indianapolis and St. Louis Railroad Company for \$25,000 damages, for alleged carelessness on the part of the employees of the company, which resulted in the death of her husband, Thos. C. Johnson, on August 8, at Matton, Illinois.

An American backwoods clergyman having alluded to an anchor in his discourse, described its use in the following manner:—"An anchor is a large iron instrument that sailors carry to sea with them, and when a storm arises, they take it on shore and fasten it to a tree, and that holdsthe ship till the storm blows over."

The ablest of the European journals show an ignorance regarding American affairs which an American would be ashamed to confess in relation to European matters. Thus the Entendard in commenting on the late election, after stating that the triumph of the Republican party is a continuation of the victory over rebels, gravely asserts that General Grant has a difficult mission, as "He will find it necessary to oppose Congress."

INSANITY.

A striking case of insanity is thus related by Dr. Winslow: "A young gentleman having £10,000, undisposed of and unemployed, placed it for business purposes in the hands of his confidential brother. This sum he invested in a stock that had an unexpected, sudden, and enormous rise in value.

Insanity may manifest itself by great extravagance as well as by meanness. A medical acquaintance relates that, during the height of the petroleum excitement he was consulted by a gentleman who, by fortunate speculation, had suddenly become a millionaire.

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A Great Evil.

Our race groans under evils, and carries burdens heavy to be borne; some of these may be traced back to the first sin and are beyond our control, but most of them are of our own producing, and may be arrested by a resolute act of the will, or by aids which come from other sources.

Two evils now fill the land and world which are of human invention, and are sustained by human authority. One of these is alcoholic drinks and the other is tobacco—of the latter we wish to say a few words.

This has grown and overspread the nation of the earth till now it challenges observation, reprobation, and the exercise of enlightened conscience, while looking the facts in the face. Such is its present extent, that five and a half millions of acres are occupied in its growth, producing two millions of tons annually and costing the human race ten thousand millions of dollars, by far more than enough to pay the whole debt, in one year, of the United States and Great Britain, startling as the fact may seem.

Not only this, but it is an offensive, filthy habit, finding no place in the church, in the parlor, the ladies' saloon, or elsewhere, as a high order of society meets and indulges in exercises which the higher nature craves.

Multitudes, using it, are ashamed of the fruits of it, and would be glad to be rid of it if they knew how to break away from the enchantment. But this is not all, or even the worst of it. It is injurious to health; when taken to excess operates as of a poisonous nature, weakening the system, and leading to premature death.

Such evils, together with its enormous expenditure, ought to make sober, reflecting conscientious men consider whether it can be right to continue such a habit as this—ought it not to be overruled at all hazards, and thus promote health and cleanliness, and save the funds thus uselessly spent to provide for personal and family wants and build up the cause of truth and righteousness in the world.—E. change.

The Lost Pocket-Book.

Several years ago a gentleman residing in Courtland street went out early one morning for a walk, and to get the breeze from the river.

When near Greenwich street he saw a pocket book on the sidewalk, and of course picked it up.

No one was near of whom he could make inquiry, so he put it in his pocket, and on reaching home showed it to his wife, who, on examining the outside, said, "This belongs to some poor woman, who is a nice body, I know, by the way she has tied it up, so neat and so careful. What is in it?" "I don't know," said he.

On opening it they found \$45 in bills and two quarters, neatly rolled up and tied with a thread, also a thimble, a bodkin, and a pair of scissors. There, did I not tell you it was a woman's pocket-book?" said she; "now this must be advertised; the owner can call and describe everything in it and she must and shall get it."

So an advertisement was put in the evening paper. The next morning early a lady called in commendable distress having lost her pocket-book. When asked to describe it she gave a description of one so different that she was promptly told that this pocket-book was not hers. The next one could not describe hers, but she would know it if she saw it, and didn't want any unless it was her own.

The finder rang the bell, and his man Sam came wading into the room to see what was wanted.

Instead of directing him to hand around the wine (which was the fashion in those days) he was ordered to "show that lawyer, who is not a gentleman, to the front door, and off the front stoop, and if he don't go quickly, Sam, kick him out."

Early the third morning a middle-aged woman was seen in front of the house examining it, also a slip of paper which she held in her hand. "Ah! here is your woman," says the lady. "Sam open the door."

She came in, presented the advertisement, and said, "I lost my pocket-book the other morning, containing the quarter's rent—\$45.50, that I was going to pay to my landlord in Greenwich street; I had been to the market, and when I got to the place where I had to pay I found I had lost it, and I don't know what I shall do if this that you have found is not mine."

the dozens that have called, and you are welcome to it." The woman was much rejoiced and wanted to pay the expense of advertising. "No," said the lady, "we have had more than that worth of fun, besides finding out a little more of human nature than we knew before."—New York Citizen.

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