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WE PRINT on the inside pages of this morning's GAZETTE—Second page: Epigrams, Miscellaneous. Third page: Markets by Telegraph, River News, Financial and Mercantile Matters. Seventh page: Local News.

Gold closed in New York on Saturday at 184.

OFFICIAL MAJORITIES FOR GRANT: Vermont, 32,122; Indiana, 10,148; Ohio, 41,100; West Virginia, 4,701.

The latest report from Illinois is that the people have given 973 majority for the call of a Constitutional Convention, the issue being upon Impartial Suffrage.

IN ORDER to supply a special order for copies of the GAZETTE containing the complete report of the Freedmen's meeting last night, we to-day print three thousand extra, for circulation throughout the State and country.

THE PRESIDENT of the State Agricultural College has been conferred upon Hon. THOMAS H. BURROWS, of Lancaster, whose qualifications are said to be such as will secure public confidence in the success of the institution.

ALL PERSONS holding claims for bounties and back-pay, under the act of 1866, are advised to forward the necessary receipts at once to the Pay Department, at Washington. The revision of the lists is understood to be very nearly completed.

DELAWARE, which did not vote for GRANT, maintains the barbarous penalty of the whipping-post, scourging men like dogs for petty offenses. We rejoice that this is not Republicanism, and trust it may not remain as Democracy much longer.

WE ARE under obligation to Mr. GEORGE W. DRYDEN, of this city, one of the ablest masters of the science of phonography in the country, for the full report of the proceedings of last evening's meeting in behalf of the Freedmen. Mr. D. is thoroughly at home in reporting, and faithful to a nicety, securing every word or fragment of word uttered by the speaker; but he has mastered phonography as an accomplishment, and we presume will never abandon manual pursuits to adopt it as a profession.

THE MEETING held last night at the new Third Presbyterian Church, in behalf of the Freedmen, was largely attended, and much interest manifested by all present.

The learned, patriotic and eloquent speakers of the occasion, whose remarks were elsewhere published in full, were listened to with marked attention, and no doubt inspired in the helpless Freedmen in this community. We speak for the report of the proceedings, elsewhere published, a careful perusal on the part of our readers.

THE COUNTRY awaits advice from GENERAL McCLELLAN, in the Indian country, with considerable anxiety. With less than three thousand men, he is pitted against full eight thousand of the enemy, and under the peculiar disadvantages, as well of the season, as of a warfare novel to a considerable part of his command. Great apprehensions are expressed, by those most familiar with Indian affairs, that GENERAL McCLELLAN has taken a contract which he will be unable to fulfill. We think, however, that we can trust his discretion not less than his integrity, and that the results of the present campaign will not detract from his laurels won on other fields.

TWO STATES have been lost to GRANT and the friends of the Union by the gigantic frauds of one great city. The Democratic politicians of New York have manufactured and polled enough of illegal votes to carry not only their own State, but New Jersey—and they could have done it in no other way. As to the former State, the facts are now known to all men, while the full returns from New Jersey prove clearly that the vote of a legal majority of her people was overborne by the fraudulent vote in one county. Hudson—separated only by the North River from the great city of which it is merely a suburb. This county gave SETON to a net gain, over GRANT, of 2,700, or nearly 1,000 more than his entire majority in the State. How often shall the repetition of such villainies be permitted?

WHILE THE CABLE affords almost daily, with prompt regularity, the latest details transpiring in London of the agreement made by our Minister for the adjustment of the Alabama claims, not a word, or even a

hint has been given, by our own authorities at Washington, revealing the nature of their own official advice from our Legation. It is not to be doubted that our government has, ere this, full dispatches from the Minister, but their tenor is carefully reserved from the public knowledge. We are now informed by English telegrams, that the proposed Commission is to sit at Washington, that point having been conceded by Lord STANLEY. There would be a very reasonable propriety in this, since the evidence to be submitted by claimants is most accessible on this side of the Atlantic. But, neither on this point nor on any other feature of the reported adjustment, have the public any information, except the meagre unofficial reports which have time and time again been made. It is evident that the State Department will make no showing at all in this case, until two weeks hence, its comprehensive statements, including all the correspondence, may be submitted in regular course to Congress, at the opening of the session.

THE PARAGUAYAN QUESTION.

Our late Minister in Paraguay, Mr. WASHINGTON, will reach Washington in a few days, his arrival at St. Thomas being already reported. Before the close of the present week, we may hope to receive, upon his personal authority, a clear statement of the events which, so complicated and so serious, our relations with that country, may, nevertheless, be presumed to be but imperfectly known in all their important details. The returning Envoy will find his countrymen profoundly interested in an affair which, so far as we now know, was an unprovoked and unjustifiable invasion of National Rights. He will find our people united in the demand for an equally decisive National vindication. He will also find generally prevalent an impression that his own official action in the premises, while resident in Paraguay, has fallen short in fidelity and vigor, of the necessities of the case. His personal and official reputation hangs completely upon the promptitude and satisfactory clearness with which he shall prove, to his government and to the people, that he has not failed, in the minutest particular, to assert the honor of the flag which he represented.

We have carefully forborne any participation in the almost universal cry with which the American press have accepted the imperfect accounts yet at hand, as justifying the severest censures upon Mr. WASHINGTON. For we have found, upon the face of all the statements thus far made, so palpable a case of official neglect and personal unworthiness for this mission, and in this emergency, that it has seemed to be only simple justice to any man, much more so to one who, like him, has been long and favorably known to his countrymen at home as a judicious and capable citizen, to forbear a harsh judgment until he could himself be fairly heard. And this forbearance has been the more commended by the fact that this measure, by our own people, has not been shared by any of the diplomatists representing other nations in South America, nor by our own Minister to Brazil, Mr. WAIN, whose faithful and fearless devotion to the National interests and honor is universally recognized. We have thought it our duty, therefore, to abstain from the severe censures with which, we believe as we hope, Mr. WASHINGTON's diplomatic conduct has been very unjustly visited at home. We await those explanations which he will soon make, with a very considerable confidence in his ability to redeem his conduct in the recent emergency from a too hasty general condemnation.

Upon the graver point—that the ruler of Paraguay has insulted our flag, trampled upon all international law, and that he has most tyrannically and cruelly outraged not only American citizens, but our own public servants, the attacks of the legation, sending his soldiers to drag them from under the protection of the Republic; and afterward visiting them with tortures, and, it is feared, even death—upon this state of facts there, it seems to be possible, no dispute whatever. Nor are there, at home or abroad, two sentiments as to the necessity for a prompt and ample punishment upon the offender. In the interests of the violated law of nations, leading European powers join cordially with our government in the measures to secure reparation. Our small squadron of five vessels, with some fifty guns, has already gone to the Paraguayan waters, bearing our new Minister, Gen. McCLELLAN. The fleets of England and France sail with them, and will go to Ancon in spite of all obstacles, commanding and obtaining redress at whatever cost. Additional force will be sent forward, if necessary, from the United States, and the affair will not rest until the flag has been completely vindicated and an unparalleled outrage justly punished.

A LETTER FROM MRS. SWISHELM.

A Home for the Friendless—A Fair to be Held for the Object—What the Charitable are Expected to do. EDITORS GAZETTE: During a visit to New York, last summer, a gentleman, well posted in city matters, gave me a history of the celebrated "Cooper Institute." It is generally thought that Peter Cooper woke up one morning, found he had so much money he did not know what to do with it, and so concluded to build an institute; but the facts are, that when Peter Cooper was a young man, and a poor one at that, he was talking with a traveler, who described some institutions in Paris, where poor boys received a liberal education, free of cost. He was greatly interested, and resolved to build such an institute, and donate it to the City of New York. For twenty-five years he labored, and saved, with this object in view; and at the end of that time, felt able to accomplish his purpose, and did it, at a cost of four hundred thousand dollars in gold. During all of that time he and his wife worked and lived plainly, accumulated and accumulated, that poor boys and girls might find the means of preparing themselves for the higher walks of useful labor, and that poor men and women might have a quiet reading room, where they can become acquainted with the current literature of the civilized world. This appears so great a wonder that many

people are unable to believe it; but he did this because he was a follower of Christ, and believed that He came into the world, and lived and died in it, not only as an atonement, but also as an example. He had a just conception of Christian duty, and while thousands who labored, at his side, and with money and spent it on their own selfish wants—some said prayers and cushioned pews, and thanked God that they were not as other men—while these thought they had lived for little lives, and their little gains had little value, yet Peter Cooper, having died their little death, and filled their little graves, his grand old Peter Cooper, working in his glue factory and his iron works, has towered up into a colossal monument of Christ-like life and labor.

James Kelly, one of our plain, slow-going, old citizens, who cannot afford to say his money and spend it on their own selfish wants—some said prayers and cushioned pews, and thanked God that they were not as other men—while these thought they had lived for little lives, and their little gains had little value, yet Peter Cooper, having died their little death, and filled their little graves, his grand old Peter Cooper, working in his glue factory and his iron works, has towered up into a colossal monument of Christ-like life and labor.

It would be difficult to conceive of a more Christ-like work. A small society of ladies began it, and have had a home, for some time past. They are now in the midst of their little gains, and their little gains have little value, yet Peter Cooper, having died their little death, and filled their little graves, his grand old Peter Cooper, working in his glue factory and his iron works, has towered up into a colossal monument of Christ-like life and labor.

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THE CAPITAL.

Annual Report of Commissioner Capron—Naval Monument—Cattle Disease—Delmar's Report a Budget of "Distinguished Absurdities"—Assignment of Officers—Fractional Currency—The Government Satisfied with Minister Johnson's Official Conduct—Letter from Minister Washburne.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22, 1868. The annual report of the Agricultural Department for 1867, is going through the press, and will be ready for distribution about Christmas. Congress has ordered 225,000 copies of it, and it makes a volume of 640 pages, with 37 full page illustrations. The report is a very interesting one, and when Commissioner Capron came into office, he was very anxious to get it printed, and the preparation of it was hardly begun, when the report of the Agricultural Department for 1867, is going through the press, and will be ready for distribution about Christmas. Congress has ordered 225,000 copies of it, and it makes a volume of 640 pages, with 37 full page illustrations.

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The Art of Glass Staining.

Of all the arts brought into requisition by mankind for the adornment of public and private residences, perhaps none is less understood than the art of Glass Staining. The true history of the origin of the art, like the origin of Glass making, is unknown. For years the world has accepted the story of the shipwrecked sailors of Tyre, and received unquestioned the tale told of Venetian Glass Staining; but modern research has destroyed the last fragment upon which they rested. Various specimens of stained and enamelled glass are to be found in the art cabinets and museums of Europe that, up to the present day, date from the time of the shipwrecked sailors. One of the most curious specimens of stained glass is the "Dog Soldiers." Among the various steps in the transformation of the molten glass into a beautiful product in the art, the nicety of the color depends upon the length of time the sheets are subjected to the heat, and in different degrees of its intensity, since the color obtained in the glass is burned into, and in reality, becomes a part of the glass itself. The stained glass in the famous cathedrals of Europe retains precisely the same color to-day that pleased the eye of those who worshipped in them five hundred years ago. It will be seen from this that the difference between stained and clear glass is as different as any two things that can be conceived. A single firm in this city has devoted their attention to the task of revolutionizing the business as it has been conducted in this country. Up to a recent date glass staining in America has been limited to the operations of parties whose facilities were necessarily limited. They obtained their material from the manufacturer, and were unable to produce any color but the ordinary one. The manufacturer, on the other hand, has provided for his hand extraordinary facilities for producing an article equally as good as that produced by the small dealer, if not superior. Messrs. Page, Zellers & Duff, the firm in question, have been engaged in glass staining, including one of the most successful glass manufacturing and enameling with glass making. Their works were constructed with extraordinary care; their fastening system being built upon a method that insures perfect work, while the process of flattening adopted by them is such as to produce a perfectly level, clear, crystal sheet, exhibiting a high polish. Here then they have a basis for a superior article of stained, enamelled or ground glass. The outer surface of the stained glass manufactured by this firm, unlike the greater portion of the stained glass we have examined, is perfectly smooth, retaining the high polish secured in the flattening oven. Their facilities enable them to furnish new and rare designs to order upon short notice. Stained windows of every sort, plain or elaborate, furnished to parties interested in church buildings, halls, school-houses and all kinds of public buildings. The work produced by the firm requires no endorsement; it speaks for itself.

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