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WE PRINT on the inside pages of this morning's GAZETTE—Second page: Epitaphs, Miscellaneous. Third and Fourth pages: Commercial, Financial, Mercantile and River News, Markets, Imports. Seventh page: General Miscellany of Interesting Reading Matter.

U. S. BONDS at Frankfurt, 62.

PETROLEUM at Antwerp, 58 1/2.

Gold closed in New York yesterday at 135.

Spain continues to move. The people of Madrid insist on a freedom in religious worship, and their will in that respect cannot be much longer be set aside.

MR. PAUL BAGLEY, missionary, is about to leave New York for England, to advocate the immediate discharge of American citizens held as prisoners by that Government.

MEXICAN PRISONERS and Indian slaves are said still to survive in New Mexico to such an extent that over 2,000 persons are supposed to be still held in bondage.

THE Northern Pacific Railway, from Lake Superior to Puget's Sound, having already a land grant twice as liberal as that given to the Union Pacific, is to be built with the proceeds of its own mortgage bonds, the lands being the real basis of credit.

CONGRESS stands in effect committed to the policy of an early completion of an enlarged canal at Louisville. Voting \$450,000 for this work, with \$150,000 for the assumed debt of the present company, the General Government will complete the canal in its own hands, complete it without delay, and in due time will surrender it to a free navigation.

THE SUFFRAGE restriction articles have gone to a Committee of Conference, with the probabilities strongly favoring the ultimate adoption of the original House proposition, or something nearly akin to it.

QUEEN VICTORIA, in her speech at the formal opening of the English Parliament yesterday, congratulated herself and subjects on the pacific state of affairs throughout her kingdom.

A NEW YORK JOURNAL, remarking that nothing will be done with the Alabama treaty until after March, adds: "This result will be due not so much to the conviction that the provisions of the treaty are bad in themselves, as to the inclination in sundry influential quarters not to settle those differences at all, but to keep them open for such uses as may offer hereafter."

IN the meantime, public sentiment on either side of the Atlantic is to be amused and occupied with a clamor on non-essentialia. Here, the treaty is decreed because it does not expressly embody the English renunciation of their doctrine as to the recognition of belligerent rights, and in England its terms are objected to because these apparently submit a doctrine so sound as any foreign arbitration whatever.

A REMARKABLE SUCCESS has attended the efforts of the friends of Natural Science in Philadelphia. Their Academy has a membership of six hundred persons; a library of more than twenty thousand volumes is freely at the service of all applicants, for study or reference; its museum embraces, through the labors and contributions of its members, and other individuals during the past half century, the largest and most valuable collection

TWO LAWFUL CURRENCIES.

The Supreme Court of the United States decides, but one Judge dissenting, 1st. That there are two kinds of lawful money in circulation; 2d. that both are legal tenders; 3d. that contracts for payment in either—specifically, are valid and must be enforced; 4th. that, when either is not specified, the judgment must be without specification. Such are substantially the points of the synopsis, by telegraph, of the decision rendered on Monday in the case of Bronson vs. Rodes. That suit was brought on a contract made anterior to the suspension of specie payments, but which nevertheless specified a payment in coin. The synopsis before us does not, however, confine the effect of the decision to contracts of that date, but its terms are generally applicable, to all contracts dated then or since paper was made legally a tender for the payment of debts.

THE OHIO RIVER DISASTER.

THROUGH the kindness of Mr. SAMUEL WALKER, of the Local Board of U. S. Inspectors for this Port, we have received advance copies of the result of the protracted investigation into the terrible calamity by which seventy-four lives were lost on the Ohio river last December, from the collision and burning of the steamers United States and America, made by the Board of Inspectors of Cincinnati. Inasmuch as the heart-rending particulars of that awful calamity are still fresh in the memories of our readers, we feel that it is unnecessary to reiterate the testimony adduced by the Inspectors, or to publish in full their clear and comprehensive report. It appears that the ill-fated steamers were perfect in all their appointments, and were equipped in strict compliance with the law, some of said equipments being in excess of those legally prescribed. The pilots and commanding officers had for many years previous to the accident sustained high reputations as careful and skilled officers. In view of the strong testimony showing that the rules established by the Board of Supervising Inspectors for the government of pilots had not been violated by both pilots, thus causing a collision which might have been avoided, the Inspectors revoke the license of those officers.

CHARLES R. BUCKALEW.

On the fourth day of next month this gentleman will vacate the seat he has occupied in the Senate of the United States during six eventful years, and go into that graceful and studious retirement which is congenial with his tastes and culture, and in accordance with the determination of the Democratic party, to which he belongs, concerning him.

That he possesses unusual breadth and solidity of understanding, is conceded by his political opponents as freely as was ever asserted by his associates and supporters. To this natural endowment, he has superadded a training more exact and elegant than that which has fallen to the lot of most public men in this country. His bearing, moreover, is frank, manly, courteous and dignified, such as well become the high place he fills in the national councils. He is above pretensions and duplicity, caring to be rated only for what he is, and conscious that such a measurement is sufficient to grade a reasonable ambition.

Not is the mental side of his character the only one meriting special consideration and respect. He is uniformly under the influence of strong convictions, with which he never trifles, but always follows wherever they may lead. True, his convictions have often been at variance with our own; but he has always borne himself so as to command the confidence and inspire the esteem of even the most radical and uncompromising of the Republican Senators.

Viewing him on both the mental and the moral side of his character, he is certainly the most conspicuous and able of the Democratic members of the Senate. On the Republican side he is surpassed for general grasp and power only by Mr. FESSENDEN, and for special accomplishments only by Mr. SUMNER.

Under this aspect of the case, it may seem strange to the uninformed that the members of his party in the Legislature of this State, at the late Senatorial caucus and election, refused him the honor of a complimentary vote. They chose rather to indicate a decided preference for Mr. W. A. WALLACE as his successor. The fact is, Mr. BUCKALEW is too broad a statesman to elicit the admiration of the Democrats of Pennsylvania.

Entering the Senate during the Rebellion, his thought and purpose were to do as to be true to himself—that is, to exhibit his own principles and decisions instead of the passions and prejudices of his party. This was a task of difficulty and delicacy; for his co-partisans, almost without exception, had taken ground which the impartial verdict of ultimate history will pronounce deeply discredited.

THE SUPREMACY OF THE CONSTITUTION.

The report of the Alaska investigation will be made to the House during the present session. The main facts developed are already well known. The Committee will report, in substance, that beyond the one instance of attorney's fees, and two or three small instances of newspaper corruption, the charges of general or wholesale corruption are not sustained. The Reconstruction Committee at their next meeting will take up the cases of Georgia and Virginia. Respecting the former State, it is understood that the majority of the Committee are in favor of reporting against the admission of her representatives to Congress until she has complied with the reconstruction acts.

THE SEEDS OF SICKNESS.

One of the most accurate ways of determining whether the lungs are in a healthy or diseased condition, is by means of listening to the respirations. To those experienced in this practice it becomes as plain an index to the state of the lungs, as is well known to the operator as the voices of his most intimate acquaintances. The belief that such standing coughs, and diseases of the lungs upon which they are dependent, are incurable, are not becoming obsolete. One great advantage to be gained from this advance in medical knowledge is an earlier application of those who become afflicted with those diseases to some one competent to afford relief. The error which has taken hold of the public mind in regard to the curability of consumption, or rather non-curability, is fast becoming obliterated, and it will be but a matter of time when the ignorant delusion that salutary fear which would make them apply for a timely remedy, but that all might be induced to use remedies which they may hope. It is the duty in these cases that fills us with apprehension and alarm, for if every one would make timely application of DR. KEYBER'S LUNG CURE, the beating of a soldier's drum, few cases would go so far as to become irreparable.

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WASHINGTON ITEMS.

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BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

A law has been passed by the Missouri Legislature prohibiting prize fighting in that State. John Devlin, convicted of whiskey frauds over a year ago, has been pardoned by the President. A man in Patterson, N. J., who was bitten by his dog New Year's Day, died of hydrophobia on Monday.

The assassin Booth's remains reached Baltimore Monday night and were interred there by the side of those of his father in Green Mount Cemetery. Rev. Hart L. Stewart, whose divorce suit with his wife created intense excitement in Chicago a year ago, died in Evanston, near Chicago, on Monday.

At Troy, N. Y., Joel B. Thompson, convicted of the murder of Thomas H. Bailey, has been sentenced to twenty years and three months imprisonment. At Augusta, Me., yesterday, the most severe storm prevailed that had visited that vicinity for years. Hundreds of trees were completely ruined and the roads made almost impassable.

Charles Befford and James Quick, charged with murder, were taken from the jail at Hillsboro, Jefferson county, Mo., at two o'clock Tuesday morning, by a large crowd of men, and a noose.

A report is circulating among well-informed circles in St. Louis that two leading eastern railroad companies, one of them said to be the New York and Erie, have concluded to take the remaining stock in the St. Louis and Illinois Bridge Company, and that the work will be pushed forward with renewed energy.

Charles Van Hauer, of St. Louis, while on the Cincinnati Express train en route for New York, on Sunday, made several attempts to jump off the cars, and was finally secured and confined in a police station in New Jersey. He was on his way to Germany to take possession of a large fortune lately left him. His wife and family are in St. Louis.

GEORGIA IN CONGRESS.

The miscellaneous results, of that series of blunders by which Congress has involved the Georgian question in a threadless maze of difficulties, are attracting the attention of thoughtful men everywhere. For example, the Ulta Herald says: In seeking to dodge the unpleasant duty of a positive decision upon the status of Georgia, it has simply made itself ridiculous, while accomplishing by indirection what it sought to avoid.

The Albany Evening Journal says: The real mischief in the present Georgia case—for such it is—the practical effect of the course taken. If Georgia was not entitled to vote, her vote would place in Congress. And the petty quibbling of counting in both ways does not change the admission that there was a legal election. For this, the Senate—which has refused seats to Messrs. Hill and Miller—is responsible.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

MEETING OF SOLDIERS' MONUMENT ASSOCIATION. A meeting of the members of the Soldiers' Monument Association will be held at the residence of NATURAL APTEER, No. 211 York St., at 8 o'clock, at the residence of the Young Men's Christian Association, Fifth Avenue. A full attendance of the members is urgently requested. By order, J. H. ...

PHOTECHNICON, Brilliant Chromophote Views of Scenic and Incidents. Also of Palestine and the Holy Land. By REV. ALFRED TAYLOR, OF PHILADELPHIA. For the BENEFIT OF THE HOWARD MONUMENT BUILDING SCHOOL, at the SECOND EPISCOPAL CHURCH, corner of Penn and Arch Streets, on FRIDAY EVENING, February 19th, at 7 o'clock. Tickets may be purchased at the door, or of C. O. Meier, H. Kleber & Bro., O. McClintock & Co., and H. S. Davis & Co., dealers.

ARTHUR'S HOME MAGAZINE. CONTENTS: Most-Home of my Childhood, The Grapes and the Armistice, Chapters VIII, IX, X, XI; By T. B. Arnold, Illustrations by George C. G. ...

ONCE A MONTH. CONTENTS: The Mills of Turvey, Chapters V and VI, (Continued), (Illustrations), LIG in Japan (Letters Home), Those in London (Original), ...

THE CHILDREN'S HOUR. CONTENTS: A Pleasant Scene (Illustrated), A True Story; By Ada M. Kenyon, The Story of Little Red Riding Hood, ...

LARGE SALE OF FURNITURE, Carpets and Household Goods.

On THURSDAY, February 19th, at 10 A. M., at MARION HALL AUCTION ROOM, No. 131 Arch Street, will be sold without reserve, a large assortment of Furniture, embracing in part, Gun metal, brasses and Riches chairs, Sofa, Card, Dining, ...

NOTICE. Letters of Administration.

On the estate of GEORGE McHENRY, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, the Register of Allegheny County, Pa., all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims against said estate are requested to make known the same to the undersigned, without delay to N. McHENRY, No. 239 Penn Street.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION. On the estate of DR. JOHN B. BAILEY, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, the Register of Allegheny County, Pa., all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims against said estate are requested to make known the same to the undersigned, without delay to JAMES H. MAPPET, Administrator.

WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA. Notice is hereby given of the appointment as executor of ISAAC BROOK, of the City and County of Allegheny, and State of Pennsylvania, within said District, who has been appointed to administer the estate of the said ISAAC BROOK, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are requested to make known the same to the undersigned, without delay to JOHN B. BAILEY, Attorney-at-Law, by Grant.

DIAMOND OIL WORKS. H. M. LONG & CO., Office, DAZZELL BUILDING, 101 Duquesne Way, Pittsburgh, Pa. BLOATERS—Just received, a lot of choice BLOATER HERRING.

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