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WE PRINT on the inside pages of this morning's GAZETTE—Second page: Poetry, "How the Strike was Ended,"

U. S. BONDS at Frankfurt, 86.

PETROLEUM at Antwerp, 51 3/4.

GOLD closed in New York yesterday at 152.

BOONTA inclined to reconsider its rejection of the CUNNINGHAM treaty.

WE HEAR encouraging accounts, from our horticultural friends, of the comparative exemption of the fruit-germs from injury by the recent cold nights.

THIRTEEN of the western railroads earned, in the three months ending with March, a total sum of \$14,618,943, or nearly two millions more than in the same period of 1868.

THE COMMITTEE on Foreign Relations will not go to see their foreign relations in San Domingo as has been announced—reason, no money provided for the trip out of the national treasury.

THE NATIONAL BANKS of New York exhibit a very healthy statement, and the fact that their reserve is seven millions in excess of the requirements, proves a more than ordinary adherence to the provisions of the law under which they operate.

BROOKLINE is to have a paid fire department, similar in every respect to that proposed recently in our Councils. Nearly every city of any importance in the country will soon have their machines in the hands of hired laborers.

A CONGRESS of the Cuban revolutionists has formally declared that they are fighting Spain first, for their independence, and next for annexation to the United States.

BARON GENOVI, who has so ably and creditably represented at our National Capital the Prussian Government during the past twenty-two years, left for his native country on a visit yesterday.

AN ABSTENT member of the Cleveland Board of Education opposed the employment of fair maidens as teachers on the ground that "they are continually looking out for a chance of getting married."

HERBERT, soldiers, or their heirs bounty-claimants from the government, will receive their funds directly from the Pay Department at Washington, the attorney handling no funds whatever except his own fees, which the Government transmits to him directly.

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TWENTY-ONE HUNDRED fraudulent votes have so far been proved to have been cast for the Democratic ticket in Philadelphia last October.

It is understood that Mr. J. S. CARLISLE has returned to West Virginia, somewhat disgusted with his failure to secure the Swedish mission.

may prove to have been a failure. There are contradictory reports relative to the Brazilian mission; which was supposed to have been offered to Mr. Blow.

The new State Treasurer, R. W. MACKAY, Esq., entered upon the duties of his office on Monday last. General W. W. LAWRENCE, his predecessor, retired, leaving the finances of the Commonwealth in a position which reflects a higher credit upon his official capacity.

The American cotton crop averaged, from 1858 to 1861, about 3,742,351 bales per year. The three years since the war show a production, respectively, of 2,523,694 bales for '65-6, 2,171,716 bales for '66-7, and 2,391,601 bales for '67-8.

The act of 1863 gave discretionary power to the Secretary of the Treasury to establish a sinking-fund for the gradual liquidation of the public debt.

The St. Louis merchants seem to have taken a fresh stock of business enterprise, and are arousing themselves from the lethargy which permitted other cities to draw to themselves advantages which the place enjoyed.

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The Wheeling Intelligencer says: "It is again reported from Washington that Mr. Carlisle is to be reappointed to the Stockholm mission."

PLACE FOR THE CHILDREN: The greatest sufferers by the late war are the orphans of those men who fell victims to it, the adopted children of the nation.

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THE new railroad-law which the Ohio Legislature has just enacted for the benefit of Cincinnati is so remarkable in its provisions as to justify a brief synopsis for our columns.

Whenever a majority of the elected members of a City Council shall adopt a

resolution declaring that a line of railway, to be specified in the resolution, and between designated termini, is essential to the interest of the city, the Court of Common Pleas, upon the petition of the City Solicitor, may appoint a board of five trustees.

They feel that it is unfair to attribute this decline, in the strength of the party here, to those war-issues which, by the common Democratic consent, are now exploded.

NOT MUCH OF A CONFLICT. The Louisville Express, a new journal which represents, with a good deal of pertinacity, the reluctance of a portion of the people of Kentucky to permit their inclinations to wait upon a better judgment, discovered, in the appeal of a negro criminal to the Federal Court, a picture terrible in its portentous and ominous outlines.

A FRANK APPEAL. It is evident that our Democratic friends, who think they have a right to support the claims of Judge Packer for the gubernatorial nomination, are a little restive under the ill-disguised efforts of some of the indiscreet friends of our own candidate, General Cass, to crowd them off the track.

How to make Sweet Breath. Food, to be perfectly digested, must be taken only in such quantities as the system demands, and if we take only natural food, in which is the appropriate mixture of necessary elements, the appetite can always be trusted to interpret the demands of the system.

A Reminiscence of the Rebellion. The Hampton Roads Conference. While in Marion, Smyth county, a few days ago, I had the pleasure of several days' chat with Hon. Fayette McKelven, Mr. McMullin says that since the war, he has been in the President's house in Washington, conversing with Hon. S. Blair, Sr. Mr. Blair told him that soon after Lincoln's "peace resolutions" had been introduced into the Confederate Congress, Mr. Lincoln being extremely anxious to bring about a peace, honorable alike to both sections of the country, and foreseeing, and wishing to avoid, the political consequences of the military subjugation of the South, sent him (Mr. Blair) to Richmond to confer with Mr. Davis and learn what arrangements of the difficulties could be made.

THE city authorities of Boston have purchased several scores of Iron birds' nests, which are to be attached to the trunks, used exclusively for sparrows in form, and are so constructed that the birds can hatch their young, be protected from the weather, and also be safe from all intruders. They are attached to the limb of a tree by a wire, and are ventilated from the bottom.

THE potato speculators of the West are reported to be suffering from their attempts to obtain extravagant prices by holding back their crops. The Michigan papers assert that the farmers in that State are obliged to sell for fifteen cents a bushel potatoes for which last fall they received one and a half dollars.

NEW YORK LETTER.

Mendelssohn's "Messe Solenne" at the Academy of Music—Critical notice by a Home Artist—Kelllogg's Reputation—Genius of Rossini—Secrets to be Brought to Pittsburgh, and "Paris to be Rendered by Home Amateurs."

New York, May 1, 1869. Messrs. Editors: This is one of those rainy days, dark and dreary, which wash off the beauty of landscapes and cities, and make New York itself not much pleasanter a place than our dear dirty Pittsburgh, under similar circumstances.

The mere announcement had drawn to the Academy of Music one of the largest and most fashionable audiences that ever assembled in that temple of music. Whispers of great expectation were everywhere heard at the door. Some long faces could be seen inside, before the singers and musicians had made their appearance.

Whether from annoyance at this fact, or from a predilection that I ever heard of, Miss Kelllogg sang to very little advantage, and proved once more that her reputation rests on very unsubstantial grounds.

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Few players have the remotest conception of the vast amount of labor expended upon a single piano; of the hundreds of blocks, screws, pins, wedges, and hammers called into requisition; of the piles of timber, fathoms of wire, gallons of glue, and the hides of leather employed by the building thereof, yes, building, for the instrument must pass through many hands ere it attains completion.

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