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WE are indebted to MAJ. W. M. DALGLEISH, Assistant Postmaster of Congress, for important public documents.

IT IS settled that the Alabama negotiations, when renewed, will be conducted at Washington, and that the radical principle involved in a long disputed maxim, that a "free ship makes free goods," will enter, by the consent of both nations, into the discussion and, if possible, the ultimate adjustment. No decisive steps have yet been taken, on either side, to re-open these questions.

THE appointment and unusually prompt confirmation by the Senate, of Hon. EDWIN M. STANTON as successor to Judge GRIER to the United States Supreme Court, was a befitting and worthy honor paid a loyal, distinguished and patriotic citizen, whose eminent services in the cause of the Union during the late rebellion will never be forgotten by a grateful people.

THE SOLDIERS' ORPHANS.

It is understood that the coming Message of Gov. GEARY will recommend the establishment of a reasonable limit, to the duration of the existing scheme for the public education of these children in blue. A Harrisburg letter says:

The present law provides for the care of the orphans of Pennsylvania soldiers who died "in the war," and this law has been liberally construed to include the cases of soldiers dying, from wounds or disease contracted in the service, after the close of the war. It is now proposed to establish a fixed period after the close of the war,—say the 1st of May, 1866,—as the latest period of orphanage to be recognized by the State unless the parent died, undischarged from the service, after that period. This will somewhat reduce the number of applicants yet to be received, and will fix a definite point for the expiration of the system.

COVODE VS. FOSTER.

We have before us the report of JAMES A. LOGAN, Esq., attorney for Hon. JOHN COVODE in the Congressional election contest of Covode vs. Foster, arising out of certain alleged frauds committed at the ballot boxes at the October, 1868, election in the XXIst Pennsylvania District. The evidence is voluminous, and necessarily so, inasmuch as some three hundred questions of fact are involved. It is clearly apparent that frauds were perpetrated, but it is not our province to declare judgment either from partisan motives or from information derived from the *ex parte* report before us. The matter will be examined into thoroughly by Congress, and a proper verdict based on the evidence will be awarded. The following points are made in behalf of Mr. COVODE's claims by his attorney:

1st. Giving Mr. Foster his return vote and deducting the excess, pauper, illegal assessment, imported and alien votes, and giving Mr. Covode his return vote, adding rejected vote and deducting individual illegal votes, Mr. Covode has a majority of 55.

2d. Upon a consideration of the returns and individual illegal votes alone, not including any of previous classes, Mr. Covode has a majority of 47.

3d. That the exclusion of the polls of Youngstown alone from the returns leaves Mr. Covode a majority of 129.

4th. That of Dunbar a majority of 219.

5th. The exclusion of all claimed will result in a majority of 449 for Mr. Covode.

SAMANA.

The San Dominican mystery is solved. With the return of the Albany, bringing back the Commissioners whose hasty departure left no time for explanations to satisfy the public, we now learn that the Bay and peninsula of Samana have been leased from the Dominican authorities to the United States, for the term of fifty years, at a rental of $15,000 gold per annum. The yearly payment represents a fee simple value of $250,000. We thus secure a naval station of inestimable importance to our political and commercial interests in the Caribbean Sea, in effect giving to us beyond any dispute our proper predominance as a naval, commercial and political power in all the West Indian archipelago.

The money price paid is cheap as dirt. We presume that Congress will not hesitate in conceding the approval of the transaction, without which neither party can be legally bound. The assent of the Dominicans is already pledged by the Baez party temporarily in control of that Republic, and is less likely to be disputed by any rival factions, since an annual income will always be more of an object to whichever faction may at any time be uppermost, than would a sale out and out, the purchase money for which would all have been "gobbled" by the Baez party, to the exclusion of all the claimants.

It looks like a small business to make any objection to a transaction involving so trivial a sum of money. But, on principle, this lease of the Samana Bay is open to the full force of the same objections which assailed, and very properly, the contracts of Secretary Seward with Russia and Denmark. If the Senate ratifies this lease, and rejects the St. Thomas purchase, we shall be open to the pungent criticisms of the world, for our alacrity in distinguishing between these various contracts, strictly according to the degree of our expected profits in completing a bargain, rather in consonance with an invariable good faith in upholding the engagements of our responsible representatives. The point is clear, but its application just now may be unpopular.

SANDS AND FOGS.

The latest advices from the Suez Canal speak of the difficulties in its navigation arising from the drifting sands of the desert and from fogs. True, these reports come through English channels, and may be exaggerated; for the English have ever regarded that great enterprise with a jealous eye. Still, making all due allowance for that, these things do certainly occasion serious difficulty.

At a very early day in the world's history some of the powerful monarchs of Egypt did make a canal from the Nile to the Red Sea, some traces of which are still to be seen. But the drifting sands were then an overmatch for human power, and its existence as a commercial channel was not of long continuance. The same thing may or may not occur again.

When Bishop Berkley said, "Westward the star of empire takes its way," he only declared what every close observer of the world's progress for the last two thousand years knows to be true, and probably ever will be true. Commercial men in Europe are turning their attention to another ship canal—"wider, and less subject to fog and sand drifts," as the London *Times* expresses it, than that across the Isthmus of Suez, in some of the Central American States—that would be putting that "star" on its old track, westward, once more. The construction of the Suez Canal looked like an attempt to reverse its course.

Whether there be some occult law forbidding the march of progressive civilization eastward we know not, and shall not assert; but there is something very remarkable in all the past phenomena of human progress. The centre of political power in the world has for many centuries been slowly and steadily shifting westward. An intervening ocean counts nothing in the mysterious track of this "star;" and now, after long hovering over Western Europe, it seems to be settling itself in our skies, whence, perhaps, in time it may move on to Asia, its place of beginning. Who knows? Should the sands and fogs of the isthmus of Suez render the attempt to turn the commerce of the world in that direction abortive, and compel the opening of another great avenue of navigation through the western continent, then may the world regard this strange and mysterious law as established.

AN EXPENSIVE SUPERFLUITY.

A fifth wheel to a coach really exists after all, and has its uses. Such a contrivance is no figure of speech, but a material fact. To be sure, it is an unknown and immaterial quantity, when the question is only one of going ahead in a right line. The fifth wheel comes in play, only when a deflection is to be made in the direction of the course. That is all that it serves for. In that sense, we are permitted to understand why that very curiously contrived fifth wheel to the financial machine of the country, which is called a Special Commissionership of the Revenue, and which is animated by Mr. WELLS, occasionally betrays its existence and claims its appropriate function.

The Commissioner's Report, to be laid before Congress and the country this week, insists that a turning point has come in our financial policy, and proceeds to indicate the direction of the new departure. He wants taxation reduced by some fifty or sixty millions of dollars at once, a reduction which he considers to be justified by the financial situation. Considering how partial the free-trading school, which lives and moves and has its being under the inspiration and nurture of the foreign importing interest, has always been to the peculiar views of the Commissioner, it is really a singular circumstance that, while his recommendations have uniformly jumped with their wishes, it has at the same time been always stoutly denied by his friends, and by the free-trade organs, that anything like a friendly understanding exists between them.

Here then, comes the Commissioner, urging this vast reduction of sixty millions on our taxation, with nearly every dollar of it to come off from our customs-duties upon foreign importations—in part by a considerable enlargement of the free list, but in a greater part by the square abatement of existing rates of duties, mainly upon articles with which American industry also is now endeavoring to supply our markets. His abatements mean, dollar by dollar, a downright abandonment of the American principle of protecting and fostering the labor of our own citizens, and the development of American industry and strength by redeeming us from our old-time dependence upon the under paid labor of Europe. It is pleasant to reflect that Congress is not yet ready to sanction this seriously grave deflection, from the established and profitable policy which now declares that, if there be any advantage in the first call in their own markets, American manufactures, agriculture and trade shall have that fair start over any foreign competition. We have no present use for the "fifth wheel" functions of the Special Commissioner in that direction.

When the Report insists that we can well spare sixty millions from our present revenue, it takes a direct issue with the recommendations of the President and of the Secretary of the Treasury. We learn, upon that far more reliable authority, that the financial situation demands a complete and absolute postponement of any general scheme for the abatement of taxation, at least until the country shall be enabled to judge of the operation of other and more necessary legislation. Hence, our "fifth-wheel" Commissioner is simply wasting his breath, in such vain efforts to guide the smoothly running machine of national policy out of the safe and well-beaten track. Congress and the country agree heartily with the Administration upon the present line, and, for all we can discover to the contrary, would need but little inducement, not to make the diversion which Mr. Wells desires, but to abolish him and his functions, as being really more absurd and useless than even that "fifth-wheel to a carriage" which the old saw makes light of. They will be sure to do it, when they come to see the really idle folly of keeping this specious advocate of free trade in office under an heartily American Administration. The Special Commissioner is superfluous, and the sooner he is abolished the better.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

HAYDN'S DICTIONARY OF DATES, relating to all Ages and Nations. For Universal Reference. Edited by Benjamin Vincent, Assistant Secretary and Keeper of the Library of the Royal Institution of Great Britain. Published by Harper Brothers, New York. For sale by Henry Miner, Pittsburgh.

Valuable as this work is regarded in England, especially since its revision by Benjamin Vincent, of the Royal Library of Great Britain, it lacked much to make it popular or useful for reference in this country. Harpers, however, have made the work complete in every respect, and the events of this country are both accurate and full, and scarcely any place or event is overlooked. The chronology is brought down to June last. The publishers have issued the best and most complete of the kind ever published, and no library is complete without this work because of its intrinsic value as a reference. Such a work of this kind is monumental and is the product of years of patient toil. In the preface to the first edition it is stated there are fifteen thousand articles, alphabetically arranged. The leading events of every country, whether ancient or modern kingdoms, are to be found in the annals of each respectively. The aim of the work is to present not merely a Dictionary of Dates, but a dated Encyclopedia, a digested summary of human history, brought down to the very eve of publication.

THE GATES AJAR. By Elizabeth Stuart Phelps. With illustrations by Curtis. Published by Fields, Osgood & Co., Boston.

When this book appeared several months ago, it caused quite a *furore*. It is a work of singular ability, depth of thought and deals with questions of a religious type in a sort of spiritualistic or dreamy style, and yet it contains passages that rouse the reader to the highest poise of excitement. Some of the dialogues are inimitable and unique. This edition is beautifully illustrated and otherwise superbly finished, in keeping with the merits of the work. It is a capital gift-book—appropriate and seasonable.

WILD SPORTS OF THE WORLD: A Book of Natural History and Adventure. By James Greenwood, author of "The Seven Curses of London," etc. With one hundred and forty illustrations. Published by Harper & Brothers, New York. For sale by Henry Miner, Pittsburgh.

Commendation of a work of such a character as this, is scarcely necessary, to any person who will glance through its pages. The book is plethoric with incidents and rich adventures, and contains graphic accounts of the habits of animals, such as the elephant, lion, tiger, &c. Young people will be richly repaid by its perusal, and indeed all classes of readers will find much to amuse as well as instruct. The author brings to bear the lively vein of writing that has characterized his former works. It is an appropriate book for the holidays.

THE TROTTY BOOK. By Elizabeth Stuart Phelps. Published by Fields, Osgood & Co., Boston.

The little boy here is quite a character, as the exploits so gracefully depicted in this volume clearly show. His pranks and mishaps, and assumed characteristics are quite natural and prime throughout. Little folks these holiday times will enjoy the book with uncommon zest though at any time it would be a favorite with them. The droll scenes are exceedingly well told, and illustrated with rare skill. The artist has shown much genius.

HOW JENNIE FOUND HER LORD, and How She Thanked Him. By the author of the "Golden Ladder Stories," etc. Published by Robert Carter & Brothers, New York. For sale by R. S. Davis & Co., Pittsburgh.

Rarely has our heart been touched with tenderness in reading a story, as we have been by this delightfully well-told one in verse. The means by which Jennie found her Lord, and how she let her light shine, are graphically told by the poet. Passages of simple and tender interest abound throughout the work.

DISCOURSES ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS BY THE REV. FATHER HYACINTHE. Translated by Leonard W. Bacon, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Published by G. P. Putnam & Son, New York. For sale by W. A. Gildenfenny, Pittsburgh.

Pere Hyacinthe, late Superior of the Barefooted Carmelites of Paris, and Preacher of the Conferences of Notre Dame, after a brief visit to our shores has just returned to Europe. During his brief sojourn in the East, he was the subject of many attentions, and has set agog the religious world by his startling and independent utterances. Anything relating to this gifted divine will be read with avidity. This work necessarily has been gotten up with rapidity, but nevertheless quite creditably. The various papers will serve to show the elements of greatness in this reformer, but, perhaps, the second volume, now in course of preparation, will give a better description of his eloquence. No doubt but what this work, and the volume to follow, will be widely read.

"OLD TESTAMENT SHADOWS, OR NEW TESTAMENT TRUTHS." By Lyman Abbott, author of "Jesus of Nazareth: His Life and Teachings," &c. With designs by Doré and others. Published by Harper & Brothers, New York. For sale by Henry Miner, Pittsburgh.

Mr. Abbott showed such remarkable talent in his late work, "Jesus of Nazareth," that few can question his ability in presenting "Old Testament Shadows," in an able and instructive manner. These foreshadowings of the redemption of the world, manifest from the Fall in Eden down to Ezra, are truly finger posts to the Cross of Christ. The author proposes to bring out in prominent lines these finger posts of the Bible, and give them the right interpretation. The contents are as follows: "The Cities of the Plain," "Water in the Wilderness," "Eliezer's Prayer," "Joseph's Staff," "The Great Question," "The Great Deliverance," "The Fiery Serpents and the Brazen Serpent," "The Benevolence of Boaz," "The Forlorn Hope of Israel," "The Price of Ambition," "Samson's Strength and Weakness," "Elisha's Vision," and "The Queen's Crown." These topics are presented in chaste language, and have the charm of romance. The book is elegantly gotten up, and would make a sensible gift book.

THE STORY OF A BAD BOY. By Thomas Bailey Aldrich. With Illustrations. Published by Fields, Osgood & Co., Boston.

This inimitable story was the charm of "Our Young Folks" during the past year. Its appearance in book form will be greeted with pleasure by those who read the monthly installments, and it will also doubtless find its way into the hands of many a boy, as a holiday gift from a parent. It will soon appear to the reader that he was *not* as bad a boy as the title would indicate. It is written in Aldrich's charming prose-poetic style, abounds in humorous incidents, and is elegantly illustrated. By all means, boys, get your fathers to get it for you. Of course, girls will want to know the character of the future man.

BUTTERFLY'S FLIGHTS. By the author of the "Win and Wear" Series. Published by Robert Carter & Brothers, New York.

These Butterfly Flights describe visits to "Mount Mansfield," "Saratoga," "Niagara," "Montreal," "Seaside," "Philadelphia." Six volumes in a box or $4,50. These places were visited by little Butterfly—whose real name we are told is Ellen Courtland, with some friends, during the summer months. What she saw is graphically described. The plot is excellent, and the characters are limned with a fidelity of language that is truly interesting. It is a capital way to convey useful information to young people, and we welcome this series as being the right kind of books for youths. The books are gayly attired and illustrated. Parents would do well to place these books in their children's hands.

LOST IN THE JUNGLE. Narrated for Young People by Paul Du Chaillu, author of "Wild Life under the Equator," etc. Published by Harper & Brothers, New York. For sale by Henry Miner, Pittsburgh.

Du Chaillu is a favorite in this community—as an author and lecturer. This story will not damage his good reputation. It is full of daring adventures and hairbreadth escapes. The style of narrative is flowing and natural. Young people will find much to interest them, both on account of the exciting scenes depicted, and the racy style of the author. The numerous illustrations give a fine idea of the subject in hand. It comes out in good trim, too, for the holiday season and will sell readily.

UNDER THE CROSS. Published by Henry Hoyt, Boston. For sale by F. G. Rieneman, 113 Third avenue, Pittsburgh.

This little volume, we believe prepared by Rev. Mr. Pierce, is a selection of choice poetry from popular authors, indicating much tact and ability by the compiler. It is divided into two parts, First, "The Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, and its Divine power," and the second part—"The Cross and its Discipline." This little book is really brim full of gems, and contains pieces that are generally accepted by the different denominations. Most of the favorite religious songs of modern writers are to be found in the selection.

THOUGHTS OF PEACE; or, Precious Hope and Strong Consolation for the Bearer of the Cross. From the latest London Edition. Published by Porter & Coates, Philadelphia. For sale by R. S. Davis & Co., Pittsburgh.

Remarkable as the assertion is, that very many of the best works, are the product of the chastened and afflicted in society, it is nevertheless true that the world is greatly enriched by the presence of invalid gifted minds in all ages. This delightful little volume is the product of one who has felt the acuteness of disease, and it illustrates the experience of one who has long been an invalid. The scriptural texts, and poetic selections, evince a rich acquaintance with the scriptures and the poets. The book is beautifully printed on heavy toned paper, red line border and richly bound. Many would prize it as a gift-book.

D. APPLETON & Co., New York, send us monthly part, number eight, of *Appleton's Journal*. During a brief period this excellent weekly has risen to the front rank of literary journals. It is ably conducted, and its illustrations are superb. We have no reason to change our good opinion, heretofore expressed, of this high toned weekly. Also, the third volume of Thackeray's popular novel, "Men's Wives," in paper cover, the first we have seen. This series is well printed on white paper, bright text, and cheap. The character of this book is too well known to require any words of commendation from us.

A NEW POEM.

BY JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL.

[American literature has produced few poems, if any, likely to stand higher in the estimation of posterity, than "The Cathedral" by James Russell Lowell, which will be first presented to the public in the January number of the *Atlantic Monthly*. We have room only to present a few extracts from a production, the grandeur and beauty of which is apparent even in those detached scraps. Here is a strain of exquisite music to begin with.—*Boston Advertiser*.

"The bird I heard sings not from yonder elm;
But the flown ecstacy my childhood heard
Is vocal in my mind, renewed by him,
Haply made sweeter by the accumulate thrill
That threads my undivided life and steals
A pathos from the years and graves between.
I know not how it is with other men,
Whom I but guess, deciphering myself;
For me, once felt is so felt evermore.
The fleeting relish at sensation's brim,
Had in it the best ferment of the wine.
One spring I knew as never any since:
All night the surges of the warm southwest
Boomed intermittent through the shuddering elms,
And brought a morning from the Gulf adrift,
Omnipotent with sunshine, whose quick charm
Startled with crocuses the sullen turf
And wiled the bluebird to his whiff of song;
One summer hour abides, what time I perched,
Dappled with noonday, under simmering eaves,
And pulled the pulpy oxhearts, while aloof
An oriole clattered and the robins shrilled,
Denouncing me an alien and thief:
One morn of autumn lords it o'er the rest,
When in the lane I watched the ash-leaves fall,
Balancing softly earthward without wind,
Or twirling with directer impulse down
On those fallen yesterday, now barbed with frost,
While I grew pensive with the pensive year:
And once I learned how marvellous winter was,
When past the fence rails, downy gray with rime,
I creaked adventurous o'er the spangled crust
That made familiar fields seem far and strange
As those stark wastes that whiten endlessly
In ghastly solitude about the pole,
And gleam relentless to the unsetting sun:
Instant the candid chambers of my brain
Were painted with those sovran images;
And later visions seem but copies pale
From those unfading frescoes of the past,
Which I, young savage, in my age of flint,
Gazed at, and dimly felt a power in me
Parted from Nature by the joy in her
That doubtfully revealed me to myself.
Thenceforward I must stand outside the gate;
And paradise was paradise the more,
Known once and barred against satiety."

Here is another passage, full of tenderness and beauty:

"I, that still pray at morning and eve,
Loving those roots that feed us from the past,
And prizing more than Plato things I learned
At that best academe, a mother's knee,
Thrice in my life perhaps have truly prayed,
Thrice, stirred below my conscious self, have felt
That perfect disenthralment which is God;
Nor know I which to hold worst enemy,—
Him who on speculation's windy waste
Would turn me loose, stript of the raiment warm
By Faith contrived against our nakedness,
Or him who, cruel kind, would fain obscure,
With painted saints and paraphrase of God
The soul's east window of divine surprise."

But let us enter the Cathedral—with the poet:

"And the whole pile, grim with the Northman's thought
Of life and death, and doom, life's equal foe—
These were before me; and I gazed abashed,
Child of an age that lectures, not creates,
Plastering our swallow nests on the awful Past,
And twittering round the work of larger men,
As we had builded what we but deface.
Far up the great bells wallowed in delight,
Tossing their clangors o'er the heedless town,
To call the worshippers who never came,
Or women mostly, in loath twos and threes.
I entered, reverent of whatever shrine
Guards piety and solace for my kind,
Or gives the soul a moment's truce of God,
And shared decorous in the ancient rite
My sterner fathers held idolatrous.
The service over, I was tranced in thought;
Solemn the deepening vaults, and most to me,
Fresh from the fragile realm of deal and paint,
Or brick mock-pious with a marble front;
Solemn the lift of high-embowered roof,
The clustered stems that spread in boughs disleaved,
Through which the organ blew a dream of storm—
Though not more potent to sublime with awe
And shut the heart up in tranquillity,
Than aisles to me familiar that o'erarch
The conscious silences of brooding woods,
Centurial shadows, cloisters of the elk;
Yet here was sense of undefined regret,
Irreparable loss, uncertain what;
Was all this grandeur but anachronism,—
A shell divorced of its informing life,
Where the priest housed him like a hermit-crab,
An alien to that faith of elder days
That gathered round it this fair shape of stone,
Is old Religion but a spectre now,
Haunting the solitude of darkened minds,
Mocked out of memory by the sceptic day?
Is there no corner safe from peering doubt
Since Gutenberg made thought cosmopolite
And stretched electric threads from mind to mind?
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"I turned and saw a beldame on her knees;
With eyes astray she told mechanic beads
Before some shrine of saintly womanhood,
Bribed intercessor with the far-off Judge:
Such my first thought, by kindlier soon rebuked,
Pleading for whatsoever touches life
With upward impulse; be He nowhere else,
God is in all that liberates and lifts,
In all that humbles, sweetens and consoles:
Blessed the natures shored on every side
With landmarks of hereditary thought!
Thrice happy they that wander not lifelong
Beyond near succor of the household faith,—
The guarded fold that shelters, not confines!
Their steps find patience in familiar paths,
Printed with hope by loved feet gone before
Of parent, child, or lover, glorified
By simple magic of dividing Time.
My lips were moved as the woman knelt.
And—was it will, or some vibration faint
Of sacred nature, deeper than the will?—
My heart occultly felt itself in hers,
Through mutual intercession gently leagued."

Poison in our Bedrooms.

While the other noxious gases are usually the product of combustion, and their origin therefore apparent, sulphuretted hydrogen obtains an entrance into our houses in a surreptitious and insidious manner through the waste pipes of sinks and wash basins, the latter giving it access even to our bedrooms. There can be but little doubt that the prolonged nausea from which some persons suffer, and which often terminates in confirmed dyspepsia, is not unfrequently due to this cause, and, while the sufferer and the physicians are searching in vain for some means of relief, and are experimenting with various remedies, the true origin of the trouble is unsuspected, and might be easily removed by a proper attention to the waste pipe traps. The test by which the presence of this gas in the air of a room may be detected is very simple. It may be performed by taking the white, unprinted margin of a newspaper, moistening it with a solution of sugar of lead, and suspending the prepared slip of paper in the locality to be examined. If the air contains sulphurated hydrogen the slips darken and finally become black, the rapidity with which the change occurs giving data for forming an estimate of the amount of gas. The air of the apartment may at the same time be compared with that of the streets by suspending another slip of leaded paper outside of one of the windows in such a position that it may be in the shade at all times.

The physiological effects of sulphuretted hydrogen vary with the degree of concentration. If it is strong it acts like a narcotic, and the person soon faints, but may be restored if at once removed into the fresh air, and treated with stimulants and the cold water douche. There is always more or less nausea, even though the gas may be very dilute. Its poisonous effects is doubtless due in all cases to its absorption by the blood, and subsequent action on the iron of the discs, whereby the fluid loses its red color and becomes black, the variation in the symptoms being dependent on the rapidity with which these results are produced.—*Dr. J. C. Draper, in Galaxy*.

Look to Your Wall Paper.

The filthy custom of pasting one wall paper over another till a thickness of an eighth of an inch or more is accumulated is too common, and is attended with the worst consequences. This, as ascertained by the *Lancet*, was the cause of the puzzling offensive smell at Knightsbridge Barracks, London, that recently threatened the whole establishment with fever. The examination of the drains and taking up of floors revealed nothing, while the introduction of increased means of ventilation left the evil as it was. At last an examination was made of the wall papering, when it was found that one paper was pasted over another till a thickness was accumulated amounting in one case to fourteen layers. Between these layers there was rotten paste, in which fungi and even maggots germinated, while the wall being hollow the stench spread into the passage and over the establishment.

THERE will be no delay on the part of the House in passing the Georgia bill precisely as it went through the Senate last week. Satisfaction is felt that the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment is required from the State before representation is given.

The Connellsville Road—Its Western Connections.

The Connellsville Company have determined to make an independent connection with the great net-work of railroads west of this State. For this purpose, Stanislaus Lowe, Esq., was detailed by the Chief Engineers to locate a line between given points; which has been done and the necessary papers filed to secure the route. The construction is to commence this Spring; and be proceeded with to completion without delay. The point of departure from the present route will be at the mouth of nine mile run, on the Monongahela, up which the line proceeds to Wilkinsburg; thence down Negley's Run, at the mouth of which it crosses the Allegheny, thence by way of Sharpsburg, up Pine Creek, through Butler county by way of Zelienople; down Conoquenessing creek to Big Beaver, and by way of Mahoningtown to New Castle—connecting with the Pittsburgh and Erie, and with the Cleveland and Mahoning, by both of which it will connect with the Atlantic and Great Western, as well as other roads. The length of this line from the mouth of Nine Mile run to New Castle is about sixty miles.

The company also contemplate running a branch road from Bridgeport, in Bedford county, to the borough of Bedford, gaining access to the rich iron and coal beds of the Broad Top region, and opening the fertile valleys of Bedford county to commerce and to new markets.—*Post*.

IT is currently reported that the British Government have been notified, through Mr. Motley, of the readiness of this Government to reopen the Alabama Claims question at once, for settlement here, and that Secretary Fish, after consultation with a majority of the members of the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, has drawn up the principle points of the new treaty which, it is believed, will be acceptable to England, as well as to the Administration of President Grant.

TO PEOPLE WHO THINK FOR THEMSELVES.

At this season of the year when the human system is under heavy contributions made upon it by reason of the sudden changes of weather, it were wise in all who regard their health and happiness to betake themselves to a timely remedy. That is, if you get a cough or cold do not defer it until overburdened nature sinks under the inordinate load, but at once seek for relief in some sure and perfect remedy like DR. KEYSER'S LUNG CURE or DR. KEYSER'S PECTORAL SYRUP. If people, estimated at its true value, human health and life, the postponements with regard to the use of remedies would rarely occur, and instead of many of the make-believes that are often used, medicines like those of Dr. Keyser, a skillful and scientific physician of nearly half a century's experience, would take their place. You can scarcely find in the City of Pittsburgh a family, some one of which has not been benefitted by DR. KEYSER'S PECTORAL SYRUP or DR. KEYSER'S LUNG CURE. Both of these remedies are prepared with the most select and pure medicines that are to be obtained, and with a conscientious regard for the health of those who are to use them. Who does not know that to neglect a cough in the beginning is to invite a long attack of sickness and peradventure an incurable disease.

We speak in all seriousness to the readers of this article, and if they will reflect over our words they will see that we have more at heart than the mere object to make by it an object which most persons will allow not unworthy of an honorable man, but which sinks into comparative nothingness when compared to that of the health and lives of individuals.

We do not believe that the man is born who has made a better medicine for sudden coughs and colds than Dr. KEYSER'S PECTORAL SYRUP. Its sales are daily increasing and hundreds of persons have been snatched from the jaws of death by its use.

The other day a merchant from a distance bought a quantity on the recommendation of a young man who had been cured by it. This is a frequent occurrence, and the merchants of our own vicinity could not fail to profit by his example. Dr. Keyser's Lung Cure and Dr. Keyser's Pectoral Syrup are destined at no distant day to assume a wide range in the treatment of all pulmonary and bronchial diseases.

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DECEMBER 10, 1869.

UNDEFINED AILMENTS.

There are many ailments, trying in their nature, but the symptoms of which are not sufficiently specific to enable physicians to classify them under any particular head. As a general rule they arise from a general debility of the whole organization, but their primary cause, in at least three cases out of five, is a lack of brisk vital action in the stomach and liver. Stimulate and tone the relaxed digestive and secretive organs, and bodily ease, health and vigor will follow the treatment. Among all the medicines which have been recommended as conducive to this end, none has been administered with such uniform and entire success as HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS.

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NOTICES.

IRON CITY MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO. OF PENNSYLVANIA.—The annual election for THREE DIRECTORS of this Company, to serve for four years, will be held at the office of the Company, 75 Federal street, Allegheny City, on MONDAY, January 10th, 1869, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 3 P. M.
J. RUSH, Secretary.
ALLEGHENY, Dec. 20, 1869.

BANK NOTICES.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK, PITTSBURGH, PA., (late Pittsburgh Trust Company.)—An election for NINE DIRECTORS of this Bank, will be held at the Banking House, corner Fifth avenue and Wood street, TUESDAY, January 11th, 1870, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 2 P. M.
CHARLES SPEZE, Assistant Cashier.

FARMER'S DEPOSIT NATIONAL BANK, PITTSBURGH, Dec. 13, 1869.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION for SEVEN DIRECTORS of this Bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, No. 66 Fourth Avenue, on TUESDAY, the 11th of January, 1870, between the hours of 1 and 3 o'clock P. M.
F. L. STEPHENSON, Cashier.

THIRD NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH, PITTSBURGH, December 11, 1869.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION for Directors of this Bank will take place at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 11th, 1870, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 3 P. M.
JOHN B. LIVINGSTON.

EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK, PITTSBURGH, Dec. 11, 1869.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION for thirteen Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY January 11th, 1870, between the hours of 1 and 3 o'clock P. M.
A. LONG, Cashier.

PITTSBURGH NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE, PITTSBURGH, December 11, 1869.
AN ELECTION FOR THIRTEEN DIRECTORS of this Bank, to serve during the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, corner Wood street and Sixth avenue, on TUESDAY, January 11th, 1870, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 2 P. M.
JOSEPH H. HILL, Cashier.

CITIZENS' NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH.—An election for Nine Directors of this Bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY, 11th January, 1870, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 2 P. M.
J. E. BRADY, Jr., Cashier.
PITTSBURGH, PA., December 11, 1869.

MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK, PITTSBURGH, December 11, 1869.
AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY, January 11, 1870, between the hours of 12 M. and 2 P. M.
JOHN G. MARTIN, Cashier.

MERCHANTS' & MANUFACTURERS' NAT. BK., PITTSBURGH, December 10, 1869.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION of this Bank will take place at the Banking House on TUESDAY, January 11th, 1870, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 2 P. M.
JOHN SCOTT, Jr., Cashier.

ALLEGHENY NATIONAL BANK, PITTSBURGH, December 11, 1869.
AN ELECTION OF DIRECTORS to serve during the ensuing year will be held at the Banking House, No. 33 Fifth avenue, on TUESDAY, January 11th, 1870, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 1 P. M.
W. MCCANDLESS, Cashier.

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TREASURER'S OFFICE, December 13, 1869.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the holders of the
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Municipal Bonds of the City of Allegheny,
that the Coupons on said Bonds coming due January 1st 1870, will be paid on said day (less the State tax) at the Bank of Pittsburgh, in the city of Pittsburgh, Pa.
D. MACPHERSON,
Treasurer of the City of Allegheny, Pa.

PUBLIC NOTICE.
Having been appointed GAS and GAS METER INSPECTOR for Allegheny County, notice is hereby given that until the necessary office and Mechanical Testing Machinery can be provided, I will be found at the OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL FOUNDRY AND PIPE WORKS, Twenty-third street, near Penn, Pittsburgh.
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