

New York Newspapers Twenty-five years ago.

The New York Tribune to-day enters upon its twenty-sixth year. The event is commemorated by a general enlargement and improvement of that sheet, and to-night the association of its owners celebrates the completion of its first quarter of a century by a dinner at Delmonico's.

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"Tribune" was fully reinstated, having added strength to its editorial force and improved its facilities for conducting business. A year or two later it passed from the sole proprietorship of Greeley and McElrath into the management of a joint stock company, which has since controlled its fortunes.

In the early days, the doctrines of the French school of socialists found favor in the office of the "Tribune"—it has since ceased its advocacy of them, and Mr. Brisbane no longer enjoys the use of his semi-weekly column for discussions upon the benefits of Association.

In later years, the paper has passed through many changes, at one time during the war by its own confession, having been seriously straitened in its means, but the evidences of prosperity which it exhibits today show that the evil days are past.

SOUTHERN TENNESSEE.

A correspondent of the Ogdenburg (N. Y.) Journal, who writes from Pittsburg Landing, Tenn., closes a letter filled with interesting details of the great battle of Shiloh with the subjoined description of the population of that portion of the state:

"The condition of the poorer class here is worse than you of the beautiful North can readily imagine. Dirty by habit, ragged and ill fed from poverty, their pale yellow complexions and general outward appearance almost convince you that you are sojourning among the natives of another planet. They are crushed on every side—robbed by thieves and cheated by their employers. The condition of the middle class is scarcely better. One man in this vicinity, and with whom I talked the other day, owns two thousand acres of land, such as would sell in St. Lawrence county for fifty dollars per acre; yet the appearance of himself, family and home is as bad as that of the poorest laborer in the North. His homestead is almost in ruins; his land lies untenanted and uncultivated; and his best efforts secure scarcely enough corn for his half-famished looking family.

GENERALITIES.

A threatened duel between two distinguished Senators is talked of. It should end in talk.

The Provost Marshal General reports that 280,739 officers and men had lost their lives in the service during the war.

The lower branch of the Massachusetts Legislature has rejected the eight hour labor bill by a vote of 109 to 52.

It is stated that the Morgan horses of Vermont stood the campaigning of the late war better than any other.

The Boston Advertiser refers to the fires in the oil regions, and says that the "oil regions must be an oil-fired hard place to live in now-a-days."

A Nevada paper says—"Folks in this region feel safe on the cholera score, as Devil's Gate has to be passed before getting here, and we live on the inside."

The law prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Capitol building at Washington, has passed both Houses of Congress.

Letters not properly stamped are transmitted to the Dead Letter Office, from which they are returned—not to the person addressed—but to the writer.

H. J. Elliott, a youth of 18, has executed in plaster a life-size statue of Mr. Lincoln, which has been placed in the Capitol Rotunda, where it attracts much attention.

In the United States Senate, Mr. Sprague has introduced a resolution directing the Secretary of War to change the names of the forts called after prominent rebels.

Some experiments made at the Experimental Grounds at Washington, seem to show that a slight covering, a mere board, over grape vines, prevents mildew.

In the Senate \$50,000 has been placed at the disposal of the President for suitably rewarding the officers and sailors who aided in rescuing 500 Americans from the ill fated steamer San Francisco.

An agricultural writer says of the children's favorite pop-corn, that it abounds in phosphate of lime, just the thing to furnish material for their growing bones and brains. It is very easily digested.

A fire in Genesee, N. Y. on Thursday last had destroyed five new blocks, of the value of \$50,000. Cause—holding a lamp close to the faucet of a kerosene barrel, while drawing oil.

The municipal authorities of Boston have enacted that the bowling and billiard saloons of that city shall be closed at ten o'clock every evening except Saturday, and from six o'clock on that evening until over Sunday.

The rapacious New York landlords have overshot their mark. Since the moving time of April 1, there are many houses for rent and no takers. Four hundred houses are noted by one newspaper as labeled "For Rent."

The question of the reduction of the army has lately been discussed in Congress. It is thought that the House will not sustain an aggregate of more than 50,000 or 60,000 as the peace footing of our army.

There are on file at the War Department between seven and eight thousand applications from officers of the volunteer service for positions in the new regiments, to be raised under the army bill now pending in Congress.

Among the reports from the capital is one that Congress will not adjourn, but hold in session until the new session commences on the first Monday of December, to prevent any "overtact" by the President in the vacation.

A vault for the Union dead who fell on the Virginia battle-field has been designed for the Washington cemetery. It will be in circular shape, with an interior diameter of 20 feet, and covered with a hemispherical arch of dome. In the top of this dome will be an elliptical opening, covered with a stone tablet, on which proper inscriptions may be made.

Since the President issued his late circular to the different heads of the Government Departments, recommending that in all cases of clerical appointments preference be given to ex-soldiers and sailors, the rush of applicants of this class has been unusually large. As the departments are already over-crowded with employees it is impossible to find places for one in a hundred of the new applicants.

One of the new styles of hats is described as not unlike the barber's basin, which Don Quixote fashioned into a helmet. It is stuck squarely on the wearer's head, like the cover of a dinner-pot. It is fastened to its place by means of ribbons about as wide as your two hands, and tied under the chin, forming a gigantic bow, rather larger than the leaf of a moderate-sized dining table.

A naturalist says: "Last summer, while walking in my park, I observed a green wood-pecker alight on the ground some fifty paces before me, look around to see if he was observed, then lie down and simulate death by stretching himself motionless, and hugging his tongue out as far as possible. He occasionally pulled it in his bill. He had selected a place near an ant hill. The ants thinking him dead would cover his tongue to devour him; when it was black with ants, he would swallow them, and repeat the trick, until his maw could hold no more."

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