

The Mariettian.



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Prof. James P. Wickersham, of the State Normal School at Millersville, has prepared a work on "School Economy," which is about being issued by Lippincott & Co., of Philadelphia. This is the first of a series of four books which are intended to cover the whole ground of the Science of Education. Speaking of these books, the Lancaster Evening Express, says: "Unless we are very much mistaken, the reader will find this to be no unmethodical collection of isolated bits and interesting anecdotes in relation to school affairs, but a strict and satisfactory analysis of so much of the Science of Education as it professes to discuss, and the deduction of sound principles and practical methods from admitted premises in the everlasting laws of mind. It will be the first scientific work on the subject from the American press, and will be, as such, hailed as the complement of that which has long been a desideratum. The friends of Education have reason to congratulate themselves that its preparation has fallen into such able hands."

The Raftmen's Journal, published at Clearfield, Pa., of Wednesday 9th instant, says:—"The weather being very pleasant on Monday last, rafting in was commenced along the beach adjoining this place. The snow that had fallen last week has mostly disappeared under the rays of a warm sun. The river is still too low for rafting, and it is rather doubtful if snow sufficient remains in the forests to raise the river to a rafting stage. Copious rains, however, may bring about that desired result in a short time."

Rev. G. M. Clawges will lecture in Temperance Hall, on Friday evening the 18th instant, for the benefit of the Ladies' Patriotic Circle of Marietta. Subject: "Inadequacy of secular education." Admission 15 cents. We are assured by the officers of the Circle that Mr. G. will not receive a dime for his services, and that all will be appropriated for the good of the soldier.

The Richmond Examiner reports that Col. Dahlgren was killed at Walkerton. He had two bullets through the head, one through the hand, and two in the body. He was stripped of his clothes, had his ring finger cut off, to get the ring, and his body left lying naked on the ground.

The uncomfortable doubt which has for a time disparaged the fame of General Meade must, by this time, be cleared away. It is charged by Generals Sickles and Doubleday that he gave an order to retreat after the first day's engagement at Gettysburg, which Gen. Meade denies in toto.

The Concert given at the Town Hall, on Monday and Tuesday evenings last, for the benefit of the Presbyterian Sabbath School Library, resulted in a complete success. The Hall was excessively crowded on both evenings and the performances very fine.

A national bank, with a capital of \$50,000, with the privilege of extending it to \$200,000, has been established at Curwensville, Pa., with Hon. John Patton, as President. The General is an intelligent and sharp financier, and will make an excellent president for the association.

The Government is considering the subject of the propriety of issuing two new coins, to be of bronze—one and two cent pieces. The price of nickel is extremely high, and it is proposed to substitute some other metal for it.

Two rafts—"the first run"—arrived at this port on Tuesday last. To have seen the crowd at the river bank on their arrival, one would have supposed them to be a great curiosity in this region.

A despatch from Major General Butler says that the Richmond papers state that the rebels have ordered all of Kilpatrick's officers whom they have captured to be put in irons.

By reference to our advertising columns it will be seen that a very desirable property is now offered for sale, the residence of the late Samuel Johnson

Our thanks are due Gen. Glatz, of the State Senate; Smith, of the H. R., and Mr. William Child, for legislative and congressional favors.

A Soldiers' Fair held at York, du- the "22d week," yielded but \$4,000.—York being a Copperhead county, will account for this.

Maximilian is said to be besieged with Confederate officers in Europe, asking for employment in Mexico.

A VALUABLE ALBUM.—One of the objects on exhibition at the Washington fair, the work of one young lady, is a magnificent album, containing a collection of autographs and photographs. It contains portraits and signatures of all the Presidents, including Washington, but one (Harrison), over one hundred loyal generals of the war, including all who have been celebrated for bravery or success, and a large number of naval heroes. Also fifty portraits of distinguished, scientific, political, and literary men, with the autographs, of Humboldt and Irving, and more than two hundred portraits of generals, statesmen, and literary men of the time. This volume is valued by competent judges at \$600, and will be disposed of by lot, when 200 tickets are taken at \$2 each.

There can be no possibility of doubt any longer as to the hostility of the democratic leaders in this State to the men who are periling their lives in the defence of the government. These leaders are placing themselves square on the record, by avowing and practicing a hostility to the heroes of the war for the Union, at once unjust and malignant. In the Senate, on Friday, on the vote to secure the increase of the pay of the soldiers, every Democrat but one voted nay, Mr. Kinsey, of Bucks county, voting in the affirmative. The bill passed, however, by a vote of 18 to 15. On the vote to amend the Constitution to allow soldiers to vote, every democrat in Senate—Mr. Kinsey excepted—either voted against or dodged voting at all. Soldiers, you may thus see who are your friends.

There are now two hundred and seventy-eight National Banks organized, with a capital of \$33,042,000. Eight million dollars of the new National currency in fives and tens have been issued to one hundred and seventy-eight banks, bringing the issue up to the first of January, since which time the other one hundred banks have been organized.—The Controller is being rapidly supplied with the notes, and the other banks will soon receive their portion. The plates for the new notes (twenties, fifties and one hundred) are in hand, and these will be printed and issued soon.

Millard Fillmore has put in a "bid" for the Copperhead nomination for President—a worthless honor at the best. At a recent Sanitary Fair in New York State, at which he was allowed to preside, he made a speech in behalf of the Rebels, urging their restoration, after the war, to all their 'rights' under the Constitution which they have defied during the last three years. Poor Fillmore! Are there not traitors enough in the 'Democratic' ranks that he should add one more to the list which posterity will execrate?

Ladies should not make pin cushions of their mouths. Mrs. Kate E. Taylor, of Sidney, as we learn from the Showhegan Clarion, swallowed a pin 12 years ago, since which time she has been troubled with a pain in her lungs and a cough. Recently, during a severe coughing spell, she brought up into her mouth an old fashioned ounce pin, much corroded, which was, undoubtedly, the pin swallowed so long ago.

Mrs. Gen. Wm. H. Harrison, departed this life on Friday of last week, at the advanced age of eighty-eight years and seven months, at the residence of her son, the Hon. J. Scott Harrison, near North Bend. The funeral took place on Sunday morning from the residence of her son-in-law, Col. Taylor, at Cleves.

A Portuguese poet, of some celebrity, poor and old—Gomez de Amorim—recently sent his library to Rio Janeiro to be sold. Some of his countrymen there subscribed the value of his books—twenty thousand dollars—and sent him both the money and the books.

Mr. Wilson, Chairman of the Senate Military Committee, stated a day or two ago, that we are enlisting men at the rate of two thousand a day. He said we have already over 300,000 of the 500,000 called for, and urged the continuance of the bounties to April 1.

A cameo portrait of the Saviour, existing in the time of the Emperor Tribesias, and given to Pope Innocent the Eighth, has come to light in Rome. It is pronounced authentic, and has been copied by a Parisian sculptor.

Soldiers do your duty to yourselves by protecting your health—use Holloway's Pills and Ointment. For wounds, sores, bowel complaints and fevers they are a perfect safeguard. Full directions accompany each box. Price only 30c.

Charles A. Weed, of Stamford, Ct., has purchased the estate of Secretary Judah P. Benjamin of the rebel confederacy, on the Mississippi river, near Baton Rouge, for \$140,000.

"The Gardener's Monthly" for March is on our table. As usual, this old favorite magazine is freighted with valuable information for every farmer.

Captains Sawyer and Flynn, lately selected to be martyrs to retaliation, are about to be surrendered to exchange.

The net proceeds of the Lancaster Soldiers' Fair amounted to \$12,191.51.

General News Items.

A bill will probably pass the Legislature imposing a fine of five hundred dollars and twelve months' imprisonment upon any one who recruits in this State for any other State.

It is stated that, in view of the large demand for houses by persons of moderate means, a company of capitalists in Philadelphia propose to erect some three hundred houses in that city during the coming season. They have bought land on East Capitol street, where it is said the first operations will be inaugurated.

A German who had fifty dollars in gold in a drawer, in his work-bench in Colt's Armory, had to leave it there at the breaking out of the fire. On digging in the debris, near the spot where his bench stood, the gold was found, melted into one nugget.

One of the Boston rioters concerned in resisting the draft in July last, has just been sentenced to ten years hard labor in the State prison.

In the United States the Fenian Brotherhood numbers fifty thousand, and in Canada and Ireland one hundred and fifty thousand. What they mean to do is not decided yet. The first thing is to unite the Irishmen and imbue them with one sentiment.

Twenty persons were tried and convicted last week in the Montgomery County Court for stealing coal off the cars of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad. They were each sentenced to one month's imprisonment.

It appears from a letter of the Commissioner of Pensions that only twelve of the revolutionary soldiers are now living. Their ages vary from 94 to 105 years, and their pensions only from \$24 to \$94 per annum.

The brain of Lord Byron weighed sixty-three ounces, that of Thackeray fifty-eight and a half. Both were much above the average, which is forty-nine ounces for man, and forty-four for woman.

It may be interesting to lady readers to know that the Empress of Austria has the smallest waist in Christendom. It measures 15½ inches, about the circumference of her husband's neck. And yet the circumference of her body at the shoulders is 33½ inches.

John G. Whittier, the poet, states that while Wm. Lloyd Garrison was in prison in Baltimore, in 1830, Henry Clay wrote from Lexington, Ky., to a friend in Baltimore, "directing him to pay the fine and costs, and liberate Mr. Garrison. This fact has not been publicly known until very recently."

The rebels have made a chemical mixture which they call a "sneezing compound," which they inject into hiding places on board blockade runners in order to discover any individual who may be surreptitiously attempting to leave Jeff Davis's dominions.

In Georgia they seem to have a law to prevent matrimony among the too old as well as the too young. The Legislature recently passed a bill for the relief of Calvin Webb, an old man seventy years of age, and allowing him to marry.

We find in a list of centenarians in England that two-thirds of the whole number are women, attributable to their quietude and temperate habits. Very few bachelors or old maids live to be an hundred years old, and a centenarian is rarely, if ever, a rich man.

A bog of marsh in England becoming dry, the people were surprised at the sight of a square mile of frogs moving across the country, the old frogs with little frogs upon their backs, and all led by huge old patriarchs migrating to the nearest water.

A man in Ravenna, Ohio, has caused the timber of a building in Franklin Mills, built by John Brown, to be cut into pieces suitable for canes, and deposited them in the Sanitary Fair building at Cleveland, properly labelled.

It is reported that Franklin Pierce is to be the candidate for the United States Senator to be elected in place of John P. Hale. Well, Pierce might as well be beaten as any other Democrat.

Two radical German papers in St. Louis, the Neue Zeit and the Westlich Post, have hoisted the name of General Fremont as the People's candidate for the Presidency.

A paper called the New Regime has been established at Norfolk, Virginia. It is unconditionally loyal, and will be the official journal of that department.

It is estimated that the receipts of the Brooklyn Sanitary Fair will amount to \$500,000.

The Steamer Great Eastern has been chartered to lay the Atlantic Telegraph Cable in the Summer of 1865.

The widow of President Harrison died at her residence at North Bend, Ohio, on Friday last.

A child has been born armless and legless, of Western parents. It lives and thrives.

Diffenbach has Maizena for sale. It is said to be a most delicious article.

CAN IT BE TRUE?—The New York Tribune publishes the following:

A written communication was sent to the Secretary of War on Saturday last by a former member of the Maryland Legislature, and a cousin of the rebel General Lee, stating that during the battle of Antietam General Lee had his headquarters at his house; that on the night after the battle he sent a messenger into our lines to General McClellan, requesting an interview at his headquarters; that General McClellan, accompanied by some of his staff, rode that night through the rebel lines, and had a long interview with General Lee, who, among other things, informed McClellan that his army was crossing the Potomac. The writer has been subpoenaed before the Committee on the Conduct of the War.

AGE OF GREAT WRITERS.—Bancroft will be 64 years of age on the 3d of next October; Motley, 50 the 15th of April; Emerson, 61, the 25th of May; Bryant, 70 the 3d of November; Longfellow, 57 the 27th of February; Whittier, 57 in February; Holmes, 55 the 29th of August; Lowell, 45 in February; Mitchell (Ike Marvel), 42 in April; Curtis, 40 the 24th of February; Stoddard, 39 in July; and Bayard Taylor was 39 the 11th of January. All were born in New England except one; no less than eight of the twelve saw the light in Massachusetts; and Maine, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania, each produced one.

A MAMMOTH HOTEL.—The Lindell Hotel, St. Louis, is the largest hotel in the United States. It is seven stories high, exclusive of basement. Its height from sidewalk to cornice is 112 feet.—Beside marble flooring and other flagging, 300,000 feet of flooring boards have been laid, requiring 300,000 feet of carpet to cover them. Thirty-two miles of bell-wire are used, and three water-tanks, or reservoirs, into which 30,000 gallons of water are taken up and distributed to all parts of the house, rest upon the roof. The whole property will have cost nearly a million and a half of dollars.

MECHANICS EXCLUDED.—At one time the rich merchants and professional men of Philadelphia proposed to form themselves into a social circle, from which all mechanics were to be excluded. The papers were drawn up for this purpose and presented to Dr. Franklin for his signature. On examining its contents he remarked that he could not consent to write his name, inasmuch as by excluding mechanics from their circle, they had excluded the Almighty, who was the greatest mechanic of the universe.

General John Morgan has determined upon a highly ridiculous, disagreeable and humiliating course of treatment for the prisoners whom he may capture, in retaliation for the prison discipline which he was forced to undergo in the Ohio Penitentiary. There will be a barber attached to his band, and to his skilful hands every prisoner taken, who is higher in rank than a sergeant, will be delivered, and be he Lieutenant, Colonel, or General, each will be shorn of mustaches, whiskers, and hair, until his head is shaven as bare as an egg.

Two soldiers on guard were recently found murdered in St. Petersburg. It was suggested that the eyes of the murdered soldiers should be immediately photographed, in the hope of successfully testing the discovery recently made, when, to the surprise of all, the result was the production of the portraits of two soldiers of the private guard of the palace, on whose breasts were the insignia of the cross of St. George. The murderers were at once sought out and apprehended.

In the Maryland Senate on the 2d instant, the committee on the Antietam battle-field reported in favor of the purchase of twenty acres of the battle-field, and jointly with the State of New York, which agrees to bear half the expense, to reinter therein the remains of the soldiers of the Union who fell in the battle. They also propose the purchase of three acres upon South Mountain, upon which to erect a monument to General Reno.

The Scientific American says: "Stoves made of soapstone have been introduced at Quebec. They are said to throw out a mellow and more uniform heat than iron. The material of which they are made is very abundant in the mineral region south of the St. Lawrence."

Joshua Dewey, the oldest graduate of Yale College, died at Watertown, N. Y., on the 24th ult. He was nearly 97 years of age. Mr. Dewey was James Fennimore Cooper's tutor. Rev. Daniel Waldo, of Syracuse, N. Y., of the class of 1788, is now the oldest graduate.

Two hundred and forty thousand persons in London get their living by thieving, beggary and other disgraceful means. One person to six of the whole population dies in some public institution of charity or correction.

It is estimated that the Union Leagues in the United States number more than 800,000 members.

GENERAL MEADE.—The New York Tribune, which published the statement that Meade had ordered a retreat before the battle of Gettysburg, publishes since the following:

General Meade was examined yesterday before the Conduct of the War Committee about the order he gave the army at Gettysburg to retreat at the close of the first day's fight. His explanations and allegations led to the issuing of a summons to General Butterfield to come to Washington and testify upon the issues of responsibility, &c., made by General Meade's evidence. It should be no secret that the more earnest members of the Committee, supported by high officials, have made powerful appeals to the President, within ten days, to remove Meade from the command of the Army of the Potomac.

THAT PICTURE.—The executors of the estate of Rembrandt Peale have offered for sale to the Art Committee of the Metropolitan Fair, in New York, that distinguished artist's great national picture of "Washington before Yorktown." The price they ask is eight thousand dollars, and a committee has been appointed to solicit subscriptions for the purpose of securing it to the Metropolitan Fair. The committee are of opinion that the addition of so meritorious a work to the art gallery of the fair will greatly add to its attractiveness, while its exhibition and subsequent disposal will largely increase the income of the affair.

ARTESIAN WELLS IN THE DESERT.—Modern science is literally making "the desert to blossom as the rose." In the great desert of Sahara in 1860, five artesian wells had been opened, around which vegetation thrives luxuriantly: thirty thousand palm trees and one thousand fruit trees were planted, and two thriving villages established. At the depth of a little over five hundred feet, an underground river or lake was struck, and from two wells live fish have been thrown up, showing that there is a large body of water underneath.

GENERAL GRANT.—The St. Louis Republican, a paper likely to be well informed, says: "General Grant is not going to trouble himself much concerning these movements of politicians. It is not to his taste. His intention is to close the war as soon as possible, and he wants to be foot-loose, not hampered by any political entanglements. He asks no other duty now. He is not, and will not be, a candidate for the Presidency at the forthcoming election, and politicians may trim their sails accordingly."

THE MOUNT VERNON ESTATE.—The vice regents of the Mount Vernon property, Miss Hamilton presiding, have been in session for a day or two of last week. It is understood that there is money in bank to defray the deferred payment. The title is pronounced good by distinguished counsel, as the estate has never been occupied by Federal or rebel troops during the war. The vice regents have applied to Secretary Stanton for authority to run a steamboat to this point.

EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS.—A special despatch to the Press says "arrangement for the exchange of prisoners have at length been effected. For some time past an unofficial correspondence between General Butler and the rebel Commissioner Ould has been carried on. The correspondence has resulted in a declaration of exchange, in which it is agreed that all prisoners delivered at City Point up to the 24th of January, 1864, are declared exchanged."

THE NATIONAL BANKS.—A memorial of merchants of Philadelphia was presented by Representative O'Neill, of Pennsylvania, praying Congress to tax the circulation of all State banks to such an extent as to compel them to call in their issues, that the country may have nothing but a national legal tender currency. They say that the State bank issues have already depreciated, and are liable to further depreciation.

The Copperhead Legislature of Delaware, true to its paterfamilias again placed itself upon record, by refusing to appropriate \$375 toward providing a place in the National Cemetery at Gettysburg for those who were killed in the battle of Gettysburg, from that State. Yet these are the men who claim to be loyal and the friends of the soldier.—They are the same everywhere that they dare to be.

The Government has extended the bounties to volunteers until the 1st day of April. This will afford districts an opportunity to fill their quotas, and give an increased impetus to the recruiting now going on in all of the loyal States.

General Wild, commanding at Norfolk, Va., has directed the churches of that city to be opened and the pulpits filled by loyal preachers. Colored soldiers must be admitted to the churches the same as others, and any insult or indignity will be punished.

A marriage notice in one of the Boston papers has appended to it the notice of the days on which the happy couple will receive their friends. This is economizing expense.