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A letter has just been received at the Navy Department, from Sir William Armstrong, the well known English gun-maker, in which he urges this Government to imitate the example of France and Russia, by manufacturing his guns. To this piece of scientific impertinence, Capt. Wise, of the Ordnance Bureau, has written a caustic reply, in which he tells Sir William that the Armstrong guns captured at Fort Fisher afford us the means of testing their supposed efficiency. Upon these guns was found an inscription, setting forth that they were a present from Sir William Armstrong to Jeff Davis.

Ciprian Rivaya is worth over a million of dollars, and the richest colored man in the United States. The colored man of New York have many rich men among them, Peter Vandyke, Robert Watson, J. M. Gloucester, and Mr. Crosby, who owns about \$3,000,000 in property, real estate, and otherwise. In Philadelphia there are, out of four thousand families, nearly three hundred living in their own houses. Among the rich men are Vidal, Prosser, White, and Stephen Smith, the latter said to be worth over \$400,000.

Charles Von Dänklage, a native of Prussia, twenty or twenty-one years of age, who has been in this country not longer than three or four months, has been tried by a military commission in St. Louis, and sentenced to fifteen years imprisonment for obtaining money from soldiers' wives, under false pretences. According to his own statement, his family and friends occupy positions of dignity and influence in his native country, his father being an ex-Secretary of State under the King of Prussia.

A law was passed by both Houses of Congress, during the closing hours to authorize the coining of three-cent pieces, to be composed of copper and nickel. The law also provides that the three-cent pieces shall be a legal tender to the amount of sixty cents, and that one and two-cent copper coins shall be a legal tender to the amount of four cents. It also prohibits the issue of any paper fractional currency below the denomination of five cents, consequently the new paper three-cent notes, being illegal, must be withdrawn from circulation.

A little boy, about ten years of age, residing near Popocatepec Lake Sussex county, N. J., suddenly disappeared a short time since, having gone out with a sled to play. Nothing was seen of him for some time, when his mother, searching after him, came across two legs, bitten off close to the tops of a pair of boots, which were recognized as those worn by the boy. It is supposed that the little fellow was devoured by a bear or panther, which is said to have been seen in that neighborhood.

A telegraphic dispatch from Gen. Cameron to Senator Lowery, announces that Col. Harry White has been promoted to Brigadier-General. The administration never did an act that gave greater satisfaction to the Senate of Pennsylvania than this promotion; and the Senators are jubilant over it, inasmuch as the gallant Colonel was a member of that body at the time of his incarceration in the rebel prisons.

The new quota of 300,000 is being rapidly filled. It is stated semi-officially that between three and four thousand fresh troops are being daily sent to the several armies. Most of these troops go to fill up old regiments, and by being thus distributed become disciplined soldiers and ready for active service in a few weeks.

The extraordinary spectacle of a black man testifying against a white person was witnessed in the Police Court of St. Louis for the first time in the State's history, on Monday last. The white person was a woman, an ex-convict of the work-house.

The papers of Richmond have all been stopped from publication by the conscription of their employers. The "Dispatch" published a half sheet by the aid of friends exempt from military duty.

The Copperhead paper at Grass Valley, Cal., complains that the goats, performing the office of street scavengers, follow the carrier and devour that valuable journal.

By a general order from the rebel War Department, General Gideon Pillow has been made "Hog", Winder's successor as Commissary General of prisoners.

All deserters are warned by the President that unless they return to the army before the tenth of May they will forfeit their citizenship.

BURNED BY KEROSENE.—On the 20th ult., Mrs. Clark, of North Collins, New York, and her three children were seated at a table, on which was placed a lighted lamp, which the girl undertook to fill with kerosene. In attempting this, the blaze communicated to the oil in the can, causing an explosion of both the can and the lamp, and instantly enveloping all four persons in a sheet of liquid fire. Efforts were made in vain to extinguish the flames. The unfortunate mother was burned to blackness from head to foot, and her features so horribly disfigured that her most intimate friends could not recognize her. She survived until Tuesday afternoon, enduring the most intense agony. The girl aged thirteen, and a boy aged six years, were not expected to survive. The fourth, a lad of sixteen, was badly burned on the right side of his head, shoulder, and the whole length of his arm; but hopes are entertained for his recovery.

MONUMENT TO GEN. REYNOLDS.—The Philadelphia Ledger of Tuesday morning says that a monument to be placed over the remains of Major General Reynolds, who fell at Gettysburg, has been completed by Mr. Struthers, of that city. It is sixteen feet high, of white marble, and contains on a rustic die the names of the battles, the General took part in. On the shaft is cut in relief, a sword, sash, belt and gloves, and crossed cannon and flags. The monument contains the following inscription: "John Fulton Reynolds, Colonel of the Fifth Infantry, U. S. Army, Major General of Volunteers. Born, Sept. 21, 1820. Killed at Gettysburg, while in command of the left wing of the Army of the Potomac. The monument will be placed over his grave at Lancaster, Pa."

DISAPPEARANCE OF AN HEIRESS.—A German girl, named Annie Kitzler, thirteen years old, whose parents are dead, leaving her heirs to \$50,000, recently disappeared from St. Louis under peculiar circumstances. Her guardian had placed her at school in an Ursuline convent, but recently she was allowed to leave for a day to attend a funeral, and has not since been seen. The impression is that her friends, fearing that she would be induced to take the veil and give her property to the Church, have spirited her away.

A young lady of Newark, Ohio, named Maggie Elliot, recently died under the following circumstances: She left her father's house in company with her young associates, for an evening visit at the residence of a neighbor, and while amusing themselves "dunting" the thimble, Maggie became possessed of it, and placing it in her mouth to hide it from the others, accidentally swallowed it, producing internal injuries, which terminated in her death.

Two more States have ratified the Constitutional Amendment, to wit: Wisconsin and Louisiana, the former with very few votes in the negative, the latter with none at all. These make nineteen States which have already met the question; affirmatively, to two—Delaware and Kentucky—negatively. It will require only six more States to insure its adoption, which, from present appearances, cannot fail to be obtained.

Two younger sons of the late Duke of Newcastle, who it will be remembered, accompanied the Prince of Wales during his American tour, had a fight with carving knives recently, in a London Club House, when the youngest, nineteen years of age, was killed by his brother, Lord Arthur. This is rather putting in the shade our western pastimes with the bowie knife.

The war is evidently drawing to a close, but while it lasts the Treasury must have money to meet its cost, and every motive that patriotism can inspire should induce the people to supply its wants without delay. The Government can buy cheaper for cash in hand than on credit. Let us see that its wants are promptly and liberally satisfied.

A case of astonishing juvenile depravity has just been developed in Louisville, Ky. Caroline Miller, a girl thirteen years old, deliberately poisoned her father with arsenic. The only excuse she made was that she thought she might have a better home and less work to do if her father was dead.

It is said Bennett, of the New York Herald, was offered the French mission but declined it. John P. Hale goes to Spain as our minister. Sir F. Bruce is Lord Lyons' successor as Minister to Washington. Lord Lyons' health being bad.

The construction of the Government arsenal at Rock Island, Illinois, will be commenced immediately. It will cost \$1,500,000, and will be one of the largest structures of the kind in the world.

Sherman took more cannon at Charleston without a battle than Napoleon took in any three of the greatest battles he ever fought.

On Friday, the 3rd inst., one hundred and sixty-eight bounty jumpers were arrested at Hoboken, N. J.

DR. HASTE AND SIBBONS.—Deacon Philips, of Sturbridge, Mass., who died at the age of 104 years and 8 months, was the oldest man who voted for Mr. Lincoln last November, and received therefor the written thanks of the President.

The Minnesota Legislature has extended the right of suffrage to negroes, but the people of the State are to vote on the question next November.

The list of enrollment of the national forces, on the first of November last, contained the names of 2,784,226 men who are subject to military duty.

The Secretary of War, in his annual report, says there is on hand a stock of three quarters of a million of first-class rifle small arms, exclusive of the arms in the hands of the troops. The introduction of breach-loading arms for the military service generally, is recommended by the Secretary of War.

Over two hundred flags, captured from the rebels, have been received by the Secretary of War, properly labelled and deposited for safe keeping.

The United States owns upwards of 1,000,000,000 acres of public lands susceptible of cultivation. They own at least 2,000,000 acres of gold and silver bearing land. The arable lands are worth at least \$1,200,000,000, and the mineral lands are worth at least \$9,000,000,000, making together a total of \$9,200,000,000.

Mr. Vallandigham positively declines to be a candidate for Governor of Ohio next fall, on the principle, probably, that induces a burnt child to avoid the fire.

General Wade Hampton has been notified by General Sherman that in consequence of the murder of his forgers, a similar number of rebel prisoners will be executed in the same manner.

The rebels are appealing frantically for old muskets. So imperative is the demand that the great want of them was announced in the Richmond churches on Sunday. The ladies are called upon to interest themselves in the matter.

A daughter of John C. Breckenridge, who has been attending school at Louisville, Ky., is to be sent through the rebel lines to her father.

No more of the 3 cent fractional currency is to be issued, in view of the coin pieces authorized to be substituted by act of Congress. That which will be returned to the Treasury, will not be re-issued.

One of the most celebrated of the fighting regiments of New York, with every officer from its Colonel down, have taken a vow to serve the popular cause in Mexico, as soon as they are out of our war with the rebels.

Mr. Watts Sherman, of the well known banking firm of Duncan, Sherman & Co., of New York, died in the island of Madeira, on the 20th of February last, in the 53d year of his age.

Some drunken fellows in a house near Covington, Ky., a few days ago, poured liquor on a companion, and then set it on fire "for fun." He was too much stupefied by drink to help himself, and was so badly burned that he died.

In Baltimore secess circles it is stated that there is really a serious misunderstanding between Gen. Lee and Jeff Davis, and that the breach, instead of healing, grows wider and wider.

Some twenty soldiers, belonging to the 23d Indiana regiment, Veteran Reserve Corps, on detached service at Laporte, Ind., were poisoned a few days ago by a negro cook. None of them have died. Arsenic was found in the food prepared for them. The negro is in jail.

The recent introduction of the electric telegraph into Morocco was vehemently opposed by many, who looked at the progress of the work with religious horror. The Emperor threatened with death any person who should injure the apparatus; but the inhabitants of the village of Mahovany nevertheless cut down the wires. The irate Emperor straightway had the place surrounded by his troops, and the heads of ten prominent citizens were forthwith cut off and fixed on the telegraph poles, as an awful warning.

A young lady jumped from a railroad train in England, lately, to avoid an assault from a fellow-passenger, and was fined fifty cents for jumping from a train while in motion.

The price of a substitute in New Orleans is about \$2300. The draft has created a profound excitement there.

The house of Rothschild has summoned all its agents abroad to a conference, which is about to take place in Paris.

A member of the English Parliament has been mulcted in \$10,000 for breach of promise of marriage.

Two hundred and forty thousand Union soldiers have died in the service of our country.

The Everett Statue Fund now amounts to \$31,014.

The capture of Richmond is not far distant, so says General Grant.

NEW POSTAGE STAMP.—A self-cancelling postage stamp has been invented. Instead of moistening the back of these stamps, the face, being gummed, is dampened and placed on the letter as usual, when such an impression on the face of the letter renders their removal impossible. If by any process, the stamps are taken off, it must be destroyed, while the impression remains plainly upon the letter. The self-cancelling operation will save a vast amount of time and labor in all our post offices, and insures security against being re-used or picked off by thieves. The main point of inquiry now appears to be, whether these light and delicate stamps will be found able to resist the action of heat in warm weather, and be as completely portable as the present issue; whether, in folding them, they would not adhere to each other, or break so as to disfigure the vignette.

Nearly all active credits are now based on Government securities, and banks hold them as the very best and strongest investments they can make. If it were possible to contemplate the financial failure of the Government, no bank would be any safer. If money is loaned on individual notes or bond and mortgage, it will be payable in the same currency as the Government pays with, and no better. The Government never has failed to meet its engagements, and the national debt is a first mortgage upon the whole property of the country. While other stocks fluctuate from ten to fifty, or even a greater per cent., Government stocks are always comparatively firm. Their value is fixed and reliable, beyond all other securities; for while a thousand speculative bubbles rise and burst, as a rule they are never below par, and are often above.

A man living at No. 628 Shippen street, Philadelphia, named Markham, shot his wife in cold blood on Monday evening last. They have lived happily together for years; but intemperance and jealousy entered the family together, and the peace of the household was fatally and forever disturbed. The breach between them widened into a quarrel of irreconcilable violence, and met its tragic ending on Monday. The woman was shot with a pistol and almost instantly killed. The neighbors, alarmed by the report, burst into the house and found her dead on the floor, weltering in her own blood. The murderer had fled.

A boy, named Josiah Watson, about twelve years of age, residing at Bordentown, N. J., was put out to service on a farm near that place, but went home several times to see his mother, without permission, and had been taken back. On Friday last he was refused permission to go again, and thereupon threatened to hang himself. It was thought to be a boyish threat, and no attention was paid to it; but on going to the barn shortly after, his employer found the boy hanging to one of the beams by the neck, and before he was able to cut him down life had become entirely extinct.

The Provost Marshal General has issued a circular, in conformity with the recent proclamation of the President, pardoning deserters on certain conditions, instructing all officers and employees of his bureau to give prompt attention to the receiving and forwarding of such deserters as may present themselves in accordance with its provisions. The Secretary of War has directed that no reward be paid for the arrest of deserters who may be arrested subsequent to the receipt of this order by the district provost marshal.

Henry S. Foote, a member of the rebel House of Representatives, who recently came into our lines, has been unanimously expelled from that body, and William C. Rives, another member, formerly a U. S. Senator from Virginia, and Minister to France, has resigned. It would seem that both these men look upon the rebellion as good as gone up, and abandon it while they can yet do so under mitigating circumstances.

John C. Heenan, the noted American pugilist, is now residing in a reduced state of health, and is but a shadow of his former self. One of his lungs is almost if not entirely gone, and the man that stood six feet two in his boots, and weighed two hundred and thirty pounds, now weighs but one hundred and sixty-five pounds.

It is reported that the Southern peace agents suggested to President Lincoln that the Southern slaves are worth nine hundred million dollars, for which the Government should pay in case of re-union, and that the President replied, "That little bill is settled, and the receipt is filed away."

Buffalo are becoming scarce in the western hunting grounds. They have been so much disturbed of late, by roving bands of Indians, that they are seeking more retired homesteads far away, near the Rocky mountains.

Mr. Creswell, the newly elected Senator from Maryland, is an ardent emancipationist, and has been classed with the "radicals" on the Republican side of the late House of Representatives.

PENNSA RAILROAD COMPANY.—The late report of this company gives the following exhibit of its finances for 1864. Total earnings, \$14,759,057 66; total expenditures, \$10,696,944 19; excess of earnings over expenditures, \$4,062,113 47. Of the net profits, \$1,523,637 has been applied to the payment of two semi-annual dividends of five per cent; \$1,113,024 03 to Harrisburg and Lancaster Railroad Company; and \$323,609 90 to interest upon its debt, taxes upon dividends, etc. The whole business of the company seems to have been conducted to the entire satisfaction of the Directors, during the year. The accidents on the road were as follows: Passengers killed 14; injured 47; employes killed 44; injured 122; others killed, 61; injured 49. Total killed 119; injured 218.

NATIONAL BANKS.—By an amendment to the National Currency act, passed at the last session of Congress, the amount of circulation contemplated by that act is to be apportioned to the different States and territories. In view of this fact, Hugh McCulloch, has issued a circular, saying that all persons therefore who contemplate the organization of national banks other than those whose papers have been filed, or whose applications have been approved, are requested to suspend operations until the necessary data can be collected and the required apportionment can be made. State banks contemplating a change of organization can proceed without interruption.

DEMOCRACY AND SLAVERY.—In those loyal States, where Democracy is in the ascendant, the Constitutional amendment abolishing Slavery throughout the Union has been rejected, viz: in Delaware, Kentucky and New Jersey—in the latter State by a tie vote.

It is possible that the Democracy can survive such a record, for a time, but at no distant day it will be referred to with wonder and abhorrence.

Fortunately, the great work can be accomplished without those States. The decrees of Providence cannot be thwarted by the puny efforts of man wedded to barbarism and crime.

Rev. Dr. Nett, president of Union College, one of the wealthiest men in the State, who has endowed that College like a millionaire, who for several Commencements, has not been able to sign the degrees except by the aid of his wife, is now very ill and is not expected to recover.

The headquarters of an immense gang of thieves, robbers and counterfeiters in the State of Illinois has been discovered, and eight men and two women belonging to it have been arrested. A large amount of property, supposed to have been stolen by this party, has also been found and identified by the owners.

Gov. William Cannon of Delaware, died on Wednesday, March 1st, after a short illness. He was elected on the Union ticket in 1863, and had yet two years to serve.

The two Armstrong guns captured at Fort Fisher are coming North. One will be sent to West Point, and the other retained at the Washington Navy Yard.

Congress has passed a bill giving a gratuity, in addition to their pension, of three hundred dollars a year, to the five surviving Revolutionary pensioners.

One of Garibaldi's generals has been arrested in New Haven for keeping a barber shop open on Sunday, and was discharged because he did not talk English.

New Clothing Establishment: L. L. GUFMANN, Front Street, Marietta, Pa.

HAVING opened a new Clothing Store, in Samuel Peck's building, on Front street, a few doors above Klury's Hotel corner, where READY MADE CLOTHING of every description, and Gentlemen's furnishing goods, will be found in great variety, and will be sold at the very lowest prices. This will be no Yankee trap; every article will be sold, with a view to secure a permanent trade. Call and see the goods and learn the prices. Feb. 14-15

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