

## THE TIMES.

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## OUR CIRCULATION.

For the information of advertisers and others who may be interested in knowing, we will state that the present circulation of THE TIMES is between eighteen hundred and nineteen hundred copies each week.

The Democratic caucus at Harrisburg has nominated Hon. A. H. Dillas as the Democratic candidate for the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by Cameron's resignation.

HON. SIMON CAMERON has resigned his position as United States Senator in favor of his son Don. The term of Mr. Cameron does not expire for two years. If the attempt to establish his son as his successor succeeds, it is proposed to have the name of this State changed to CAMERONVILLE.

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTION on Tuesday last, resulted in the success of the Republican candidate for Governor by about 3,500 majority. The Republicans also elect two members of congress, while the vote for the third member is so close that both parties claim it, and only the official count will show which party is successful. In the last congress the Democrats had two members and the Republicans one.

The total number of business failures in this State last year was 783, and the total number of liabilities was \$15,013,375, against \$18,247,772 in 1865. The average ratio of failures in the middle states was one in fifty-seven; in New England one in fifty-nine; on the Pacific coast one in sixty; in the south one in sixty-four; and in the west one in seventy-two. In Pennsylvania it was only one in 124. This is indicative not only of financial integrity but of business transacted on a proper basis.

The interesting trial of John Merritt, who was charged by Mary Knox with having married and deserted her on the night of the wedding, and afterward denying the marriage, was concluded on the 12th inst. John now languishes in jail at White Plains rather than give bonds in the small sum of \$200 for the support of his wife. His objection to giving the bonds is that this would be an acknowledgment that he had married Miss Knox, and he prefers a brief incarceration in jail to a long life of compulsory love in a cottage. The case is to be carried to the Supreme Court.

## Pennsylvania Railroad.

At a meeting of the board of managers, Mr. Stanton tendered the thanks of the Stock holders to the officers of the road for the efficient management of its business.

The treasurer's report was furnished in pamphlet form and contains the following important features. The debtor side of the general account shows the expenditures, &c., to have been \$152,332,450.04. The credit side shows that there are \$3,613,346.06 on hand; that the cash in Joint Stock Bank, London, is \$1,208,725.93; the material on hand is worth \$3,961,741.31. Total, \$152,432,450.04.

The company owns 935 locomotives, 586 passenger cars, 162 baggage, mail, and express cars, 17,318 freight cars and 1367 road cars. The par value of the bonds owned by the company aggregate \$45,286,408.17, and of the stock \$51,808,830. The profit on these investments is thus shown:

Par value of bonds, - - - \$45,286,408.17  
Par value of stocks, - - - 51,808,830.00

Total, - - - \$97,095,238.17  
Cost as per general account, 70,524,900.27

## The New Election.

At the request of Mr. Hayes, the plan for a new election so far as South Carolina is concerned, has been submitted to him. It is a very elaborate document, reciting the condition of affairs in the form of an agreement to the following points:

First. The recognition of Chamberlain as governor until a new election can be held.

Second. That he shall summon the legislature, as returned by the canvassing board in November, which would constitute the Senate Republican and the House Democratic.

Third. The legislature thus constituted shall pass a law for a new election and a registration law, as required by the constitution of the state; then Gen-

eral Ruger, commanding the United States troops in South Carolina, is to assume military control of the state.

Fourth. Chamberlain and Hampton are each to select one member of the board of registration and General Ruger a third, throughout the state, the latter to have control of the election, and prohibit all parades of white and colored clubs and prevent all public meetings from being disturbed. In each county the three election officers are to be composed of one Republican and one Democrat, and General Ruger is to select a third. In each county precinct the canvassing board is to be composed of one Democrat and one Republican, to be named by the respective committees of each party. The board of state canvassers, to whom all returns are to be made, and which is to be composed of five members, two of each party, General Ruger naming the fifth member, who is to be an officer of the United States army, is to canvass the returns and declare the result.

Fifth. Hampton and Chamberlain to agree, each in writing, that they will abide the result of this election.

A similar plan for Louisiana is being prepared and is also to be submitted to Mr. Hayes at his request. Senator Blaine, ex-Senator, Cameron and others have agreed to support this plan for South Carolina, and it will probably be pressed for Louisiana.

## A Skillful Job.

PITTSBURGH, March 14.—A well planned and skillfully executed express robbery was perpetrated in this city last night. Superintendent Bingham, of the express company gives the following particulars this evening: Yesterday afternoon when the Buffalo express south reached Brady's Bend a telegram was handed Thomas Bingham, express messenger, which instructed him to transfer his packages, &c., to J. H. Brooks, at Templeton and return to Parker's Landing and wait orders.—This was dated Pittsburgh and was signed by George Bingham, superintendent. Templeton is a small station on the Allegheny Valley railroad, fifty miles from this city. The Buffalo express south and train going north meet there and stop for supper. On the arrival of the train at Templeton a man stepped into the express car and told Messenger Bingham he was ordered to relieve him and take his run to Pittsburgh. Mr. Bingham asked him for his instructions and he produced a telegram addressed J. H. Brooks, instructing Brooks to relieve Bingham at Templeton and bring the express matter to Pittsburgh. This was also signed George Bingham, superintendent.—Bingham, after the transfer to Brooks, took the north train to Parker's and Brooks came to this city in charge of the express car. At the depot in this city his goods were checked off correctly and he got in the wagon with the driver to go with the goods and report at the general office on Fifth avenue. The robbery was committed in the wagon between the depot and the office. He jumped from the wagon unnoticed by the driver when less than half a square from the office. The safe was found open and money packages amounting to \$4,000 were missing when delivered at the office. Brooks cut the telegraph wire this side of Templeton, drew the wire into a watch house and there, with a pocket instrument, he sent the bogus messages.

## Tenement Horror.

NEW YORK, March 11.—A fire attended with fatal consequences occurred to-night in the five story tenement house No. 27 Ludlow street, occupied by Germans and Polish Jews. The children of Mrs. Manson, who occupied rooms there, upset a kerosene lamp, and soon the whole room was in a blaze. She hurried out with her children and gave an alarm. The other occupants of the building fled in terror. In the rush Hattie Manson, aged ten years, and a baby of seven months, which she had in her arms, were left behind, and she became insensible with suffocating smoke. Israel Levine's wife and child were badly burned. In their flight they left behind two children, David, aged six, and Abram, aged eight years. These were rescued by firemen, but Abram was dead and David nearly so. Little Hattie Manson was also rescued, but no trace could be found of the baby. The damage by the fire amounted to about \$2,000.

## A Startling Theory.

George William Johnson, superintendent of the Brooklyn Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, writes to the Brooklyn Argus as follows:

Hydrophobia in the dog, I am satisfied, is the result of the animal having been inoculated by biting some person suffering from the disease of intoxication. Startling as this theory may appear, there is not the least question but that the facts will bear it out. First, hydrophobia and mania a potu are identical in most physical conditions; subjects dead of either disease presenting

nearly the same autopsy. Second, the saliva of a man dying of delirium tremens and that of a dog suffering from rabies bear the same chemical analysis. Third, the entire system of the patient suffering from alcoholic madness is so poisoned that rapid inoculation will follow and contact with the virus of the blood. Fourth, the bite of a man in an alcoholic fit has been known to result in hydrophobia. As the application of these facts:

First. With the canine race hydrophobia is never spontaneous; with man the disease is known to be.

Second. There is not a case on record of a dog having died of hydrophobia that will not admit of proof—if the facts can be ascertained—that the dog had previously bitten an intoxicated person, or had been attacked by some other animal suffering from a like inoculation.

## Sixty Years Old, and Going to a Public School.

Among the regular pupils at the ungraded school on Court street, Springfield, Mass., is a colored woman full 60 years old, who was dissatisfied with her attainments at the night school, which closed some few weeks ago, and obtained permission to attend the ungraded school as long as she chose. "Aunt Lucy" was formerly a slave, but came North in the early part of the war. She has had three husbands and ten children, but lost all but one daughter in slavery. She stays out of school Mondays to do washing, but the remaining four days in the week she may be found with the children diligently studying. She has tried to induce some other old colored women to accompany her, but they all refuse for fear the children will laugh at them.

## A Bloody Encounter.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 12.—The Jackson, Tenn., Sun, of Friday last, contains an account of a terrible fight in Madison county, Tenn. Deputy Sheriff Jason W. Tussel, and William and John Anderson, his nephews, whom he had summoned to assist him in arresting three brothers, named Patete, indicted for carrying concealed weapons, went to the house of Andrew Patete, their father for that purpose. Upon attempting to take them into custody the Patetes, resisted, killing Tussel and slightly wounding Wm. Anderson, who in turn mortally wounded John Patete who died shortly after the fight. Andrew Patete was arrested and committed to jail but his other sons, after robbing the body of Tussel, and taking his horse, escaped.

## An Extraordinary Homicide.

A tragedy of a most peculiar nature is reported from Coal Run, in Ohio. The young men of the public school at that place were preparing for an exhibition, and had under rehearsal an original drama for the occasion. To make the effect more impressive upon the rural audience revolvers and bowie knives were introduced. In one portion of the play, a young man named Mason was to receive a dagger, thrust from Stephen Rumble. A sack of red liquid was concealed under his clothes, and a wooden breastplate was to protect him from the blow. But in the excitement of the rehearsal the breastplate changed position, and the dagger went to Mason's heart. He died instantly, Mason and Rumble were fast friends, and members of the same church.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—This morning the store of Mr. Fielder Magruder, in this district near Benning's Station, on the Baltimore and Potomac railroad, was destroyed by fire, and the bodies of two men, M. Ebenezer Large and his son John Large, the latter a clerk for Mr. Magruder, both of whom slept in the store, were discovered in the ruins burned almost beyond recognition. The first person at the scene of the fire discovered the body of one of the men on the rafters with the skull crushed in, and there is but little doubt that both of the men were murdered and the store robbed and then burned.

At Chartiers, Allegheny county, on Monday a week, a five year old son and six year old daughter of John Sweeney were left alone in a room by their mother. In her absence the boy playfully thrust a blazing stick into the oil can, an explosion ensued, and the children were soon enveloped in a sheet of flame. The floor was ignited, but the blaze soon died out. The little boy died of his injuries Tuesday morning after and the little girl a few hours later in the afternoon.

A thief undertook to carry off a hive or two of Italian bees belonging to Rev. J. P. Smith of York. The bees fought the intruder desperately, and won the victory. Next morning the ground near by was found strewn with dead bees, and the tracks where a person had stamped about in his agony were also visible. Mr. Smith now offers five cents reward for the arrest and conviction of the man with a swelled face.

## OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 14th, 1877.

Political excitement at an end, the public interest turns itself to even smaller matters, personal gossip and spring fashion. It is only natural that people should be interested in trifles and details concerning the family of our Chief Magistrate, and these are now the all absorbing topics of conversation and meditation, especially among the fairer sex. President Hayes is for reform, so is his wife. President Hayes intends taking a new stand and bringing about an entirely new state of affairs. So apparently does his wife. Both fields are certainly large enough, and while her husband is exercising his influence and power for the promotion of peace, good feeling and unity between and among the States, for a better condition of civil affairs, and for the protection of the rights of all American citizens, Mrs. Hayes manifestly intends to inaugurate new systems and new ideas in the sphere through which her influence extends. And this is not a small one. Those who know the extreme to which Washington society ladies carry the matter of dress are aware that there is a great work of reform needed in that direction, and who so gifted by position to begin and carry on that work as the mistress of the Executive Mansion. Has the wife of the President of our Nation nothing to do but carry on her part of the giddy butterfly life that wears out our Washington ladies in so short a time? Has she no part to perform besides that of entertaining and being entertained, dressing, frizzing, flaming, and showing off generally? She thinks there is a better part for her to take and at the very beginning of her living among as she has taken her stand, firmly but in so gentle and truly lady-like a manner, that the most fastidious can find no fault with her course. In the matter of dress—she has already participated in the most brilliant receptions, dinners etc., and her most elaborate toilet has been a plain black silk with folds faced with pale blue for trimming, and a simple ruff of point lace in the high neck and long sleeves. In fact, she has already worn this dress twice in public. Of jewels and ornaments she has absolutely none, and the only ornament she has been seen to wear in her hair has been a single white rose. Her dresses are rich and good in material, suitable to her station, but there is nothing showy or gaudy, or superfluous about her. Just this first week that she has been among shows the good that such a woman can and will do.

As long as the world rolls round people must be amused, sometimes one thing serves their purpose, sometimes another. It matters little to many whether they are entertained with a disgraceful scandal of their nearest neighbor or by means of a ticket to a Charity Ball, so the amusement comes. Washington usually has her share of all kinds, and all classes can be accommodated with whatever delectable dishes they prefer. Of late a series of charitable entertainments have taken the place of dancing parties and such gayer affairs that proceeded Lent. These have been exceedingly interesting and instructive as well as beneficial to certain worthy objects in a pecuniary sense. This week we have a fair and musicale combined, given by the Israelites of the District in aid of the Adas Israel Hebrew Congregation, which promises to be right pleasant. There are a goodly number of Jews residing in Washington, highly respected as a class, and well to do citizens. They have several churches or synagogues as they are called and of course a corresponding number of priests. We do wrong in calling them priests I suppose, for as Prof. Felix Adler recently said in reference to the degeneracy of the priesthood:—

"The Jews are honorable excepting in this regard. For 1800 years since their Temple was destroyed they have had the good sense never to tolerate a priesthood among them. Their Rabbies have simply been teachers—men distinguished for their superior learning. But the same paths of knowledge were open to all, and they were thus exposed to constant criticism, retaining their influence only on the basis of acknowledged merit. It is only during the past 70 years that a Jewish ministry has been in being. The necessities of the times, and the decadence of theological learning which was once the province of every intelligent Jew, leave the Rabbies in a position which they never occupied before."

M. M. W.

## Miscellaneous News Items.

Alfred Rex shot and instantly killed his brother at Barnston P. O., Pa. The murderer has been arrested.

Dr. Buckler Jones, a well-known physician of Baltimore, committed suicide Thursday morning by cutting his throat.

Wm. J. Rutter, cashier of the First National bank of Potstown, is a defaulter to the extent of \$17,000.

Thirty participants in a recent masquerade at West Troy are down with the smallpox, supposed to have been disseminated by hired costumes.

A new style of Stockings has been brought out in Paris at 500 francs the pair, but a nicer thing in stockings is said to have been often seen for less money.

A Maine editor, noticing the marriage of a contemporary, remarks of the bride: "She will do the State a service if she makes him a better and more truthful man."

Wm. H. Vanderbilt has been bulldozed by his brethren and sisters into a compromise in the matter of the claims of the latter for a larger allowance in the division of the estate of the late Commodore.

A violent tornado has passed over Alabama. It developed in the southwest and swept toward the northeast. The houses on several plantations were demolished, and two persons are known to have been killed.

A. M. Messenger, a well-to-do farmer, living by himself, was robbed and murdered in his own house situated on the main road, between Walpole and Wrentham, Massachusetts, on the night of the 8th inst.

There were several freshets in the Susquehanna and Mohawk rivers on Saturday a week. The Susquehanna was

fifteen feet above low water mark at Wilkesbarre, and the flats between that city and Kingston were inundated. The Mohawk rose to eighteen and a half feet above low water mark at Schoenectady, and the lower part of that city was inundated.

The Boston Advertiser, after reviewing the memoirs of Miss Martineau, says of her that "we confess with admiration that she was a most uncommon woman, and that we are deeply grateful that she was so."

Several years ago a man sold a McKean county farmer an organ, and took in payment sixty acres of wild land worth two dollars an acre. Oil has been found on it, and it is now worth \$1000 per acre. Oil of which is satisfactory to the organ seller.

At Minneapolis, Minn., on Monday night a fire, the dead body of Mrs. Mary Lyons was found at her residence, her face and head horribly mutilated and her skull broken. Her husband, Daniel Lyons, was arrested on suspicion of having committed the deed.

A Salt Lake City dispatch says that snow has been falling in the mountains near that place for the last two weeks. On Monday a week a snow slide occurred near Alta, killing Matthew Ingram and Jared Pratt. A cave-in in the Flagstaff mine recently covered five men and killed Henry Johnston. No others were badly hurt.

The Hartford Times records that on the closing up of the Smith & Rogers silver-plating concern in New Haven, a few days ago, preparatory to its removal to Meriden, the floor of the plating room was taken up, burned, and the ashes analyzed, with the result of procuring pure silver to the amount of \$981.

More than 20,000 ordinary and about 500 registered letters were destroyed by the burning of the postal car attached to a train on the Buffalo and Chicago Railroad leaving Chicago on the morning of the 8th. This train collided with a freight train near Sedan, Indiana, the shock upsetting the stove and burning up the car and contents.

The boiler of the eastern-bound passenger train on the Northwestern Railroad exploded as the train went into Sterling, Ill., on Thursday, killing Engineer Wm. Watson, Station-keeper Samuel Wolcott and the fireman. The cause of the explosion is believed to be that the boiler was out of water.

SCANTON, Pa., March 12.—The principal coal companies operating in this city will resume work on full time at all their mines on Thursday next. More than half have been idle for many months, and the announcement of increased activity will be received with great pleasure by the miners, among whom considerable destitution prevails.

The "Club House," a notorious gambling hell in Washington, was cleared out by the police on Saturday night a week. Among the gamblers captured were an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, a prominent South Carolina Judge, and ex U. S. Senator, and several ex-Congressmen. All spent the night in the station house, and were released on Sunday after on giving security.

William F. Speakman, a resident of Oakdale, Mass., was arrested recently while in the act of killing his wife, who was rescued. The dead body of his sister, seventy years old, was found in the woodshed, the head and body having been almost cut to pieces with an axe. Speakman is a mill operative and has been insane from the effects of liquor for several days, and was drunk when the murder was committed.

Ellen Reiden, the Bridgeport, Ct. girl who put Paris green in her father's coffee, some time ago, has been acquitted. The evidence showed that she had been treated with the greatest cruelty by her father, and after a brutal beating gave him the poison, not knowing its dangerous character, merely to make him sick, that she might have an opportunity to escape.

An Eastern Shore, Md., paper says the oyster trade is alarmingly dull. Common oysters will not bring 10 cents a bushel in Baltimore. Good oysters are only worth 20 cents. They retail in our market at from 25 to 40 cents per bushel in the shell, and for 75 and 80 cents per gallon, and the market well supplied.

## FASHION NOTES.

Red crepe lisse is a new ruching for the neck.

Silk crocheted buttons of medium size are considered stylish.

The newest polonaises are so long as to show but a glimpse of the skirt. Those tight fitting are considered "tony."

Ribbon bows are used profusely as trimming. One arrangement now quite popular, is to place them down a polonaise or skirt in ladder fashion—one loop directly over another. Bows made in Maltese crosses are also popular. In these long loops of ribbon cross each other in every direction.

It is probably that Leghorn straws, always so graceful, will be worn this summer. Another novelty in ladies' hats will be an open straw, perforated like lace.

"Vesuve" a fierce flame color will be forth among spring millinery tints.

Baking Powder, just the thing every lady should have in the house. The best out, for sale by F. MORTIMER.

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