

THE TIMES.

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The United States, within the last ten years, have sold \$43,000,000 worth of arms and munitions of war to Europe, and still the demand continues. Hitherto Turkey has been our best customer, but now orders upon a liberal scale are coming from Russia.

IN THE year 1840 the capital invested in manufactures in the United States amounted to \$267,726,579, and the total production was valued at \$444,473,820. In 1877 the single city of Philadelphia exceeds both these aggregates. In this fact we have evidence sufficient to show the stupendous growth of this metropolis of labor. In 1830 the persons directly engaged in manufactures in the United States scarcely reached 30,000, and in 1870 Philadelphia alone had 152,000 thus employed.—*Philadelphia North American.*

The Baltimore Election.

BALTIMORE, Md., October 25.—The result of the election is a surprise even to the Democrats, who have elected their Mayor by 15,274 majority over both the Workingmen and Reform candidates, and carried the City Council solidly in both branches. The total vote is 51,082, of which Kane received 33,178; Thompson, 17,300, and Warfield, 535. The Workingmen claim that there was fraud. The colored people mainly kept out of the contest.

No Mileage.

There must be some disappointment at Washington among the assembled Congressmen and Senators, after being told that there can be no mileage paid members for the present special session. The statutes in force show they are allowed mileage for two sessions only in each Congress, and that it can not be paid to them before the first day of each "regular session." A decision of the first comptroller of the Treasury has determined that a called session is not a "regular session."

A Scottish Horror.

A special dispatch from Glasgow to the dated 25th inst., says an explosion has occurred in a colliery at High Blantyre, near that city. The latest particulars from High Blantyre show that 233 men descended into the mines this morning. None of these, except one who was working near the shaft at the time of the explosion, had been rescued up to a late hour this evening.—Very little hope of rescuing the men is entertained as the explosion occurred at nine o'clock in the morning. The exploring parties had to relinquish their efforts in one pit at four o'clock in the afternoon because of the poisonous gases at the bottom of the shaft of the other pit (the colliery comprises two pits with communication between). A faint knocking has been heard, but so far it has been impossible to reach the bottom of the shaft in consequence of the volume of gas and the destruction of wood-work and hoisting apparatus by the explosion.

Another Charlie Ross Found.

John W. Hinman and his mother, an account of whose arrest at Richmond, Indiana, for the abduction of Johnnie Eddy Maffit, was published in the eastern papers last week, made the following statement:

They knew nothing of the abduction of Charlie Ross, until led to an investigation by young Maffit himself, who, in looking at a paper containing his brother's picture, said, "That is my brother Walter; I wonder where he is now?" When shown pictures of the home of Charlie Ross, he said, "Oh, that is where I used to live, and there, pointing under the trees, 'is where my swing used to be; carry up this street is where I got into a carriage with two men.'"

When shown pictures of Charlie Ross he said, "I used to have curls, too, like that, but they were cut off while I was drumming on a tin pan with two sticks, away up on a high hill, on the porch of a big house, before we went on the water on a big house that went puff, puff" (imitating the exhaust pipes of a steamer).

Hinman says there are at least seven distinct marks upon the person of Johnnie Maffit corresponding with similar marks on the person of Charlie Ross, and that the boy has been locked up and ill treated for talking to them about his old home. When called by the name of Charlie Ross, he burst into tears, and said, "don't call me that

name here, or I will be locked up in a dark closet."

They say that an adopted daughter of Maffit's cautioned them against making any facts in regard to the boy in public, and acknowledged that there was a mystery as to who he was. The Hinmans say that they did not ask Johnnie to go with them; that he voluntarily ran away from Maffit, and accompanied young Hinman to the wagon in the woods, where he begged to be taken with them; that they were trying to reach a telegraph office, where they could communicate with Mr. Ross. Mr. Maffit is a very wealthy farmer and bears an unblemished reputation in this community. The only statement he will make to the reporters is that he can prove that he adopted Johnnie before the Ross boy was stolen, and that his only object in not giving the facts to the public is for the boy's own good.

Two Highwaymen Dispatched.

CINCINNATI, October 22.—A special dispatch states that a desperate encounter took place on Saturday evening at Big Clifty, Kentucky, near Louisville, between two highwaymen and Joseph Hansen, a traveling salesman. Hansch started to walk from West Clifty to Big Clifty to catch a train, and was met upon the bridge, which spans a chasm one hundred and forty-six ft. in depth, by two desperate characters who demanded his money. Hansen drew a revolver and shot one of them, when the other rushed upon him and attempted to throw him over the bridge, but Hansen drew a butcher knife from his package of samples, stabbed the robber and succeeded in throwing him down the chasm and then escaped to Big Clifty. The robbers were arrested, but not recognized by the people of the place. The one who was thrown over the bridge was saved from instant death by falling in Nolin river, but both men will probably die.

Strange Phenomenon in a Well.

Situated about four miles southwest of Clintonville, Venango county, is a well which, for volume of production, surpasses anything yet discovered in that county. The well was completed upward of a month ago. No oil was found, but an immense gas vein was encountered at the place where oil was expected. Before abandoning the well the owners resolved to draw out the casing. This was attempted in the usual way, but the casing stuck about a foot above its former resting-place. As it was elevated to its present position, the fresh water from the upper part of the hole rushed into the well at the bottom of the casing in great quantity. As it did so, the gas raised it to the surface of the earth, after sending it forty feet above the top of the derrick. There it continues to gush, and may for all time. It is estimated that at least 20,000 barrels of water are thrown out daily. It is truly a remarkable phenomenon.

A Drunken Man Wounds Four Persons.

YORK, Pa., October 21.—Last evening a man named Frank Frey, entered the laundry of the National House at this place, and drawing a revolver, shot a young girl employed there named Graybill, in the breast. He then fired at another woman, named Rely, the bullet striking her in the breast. Upon leaving this place he fired at a man named Neiley, but the ball struck a buckle on his suspenders and glanced off. He then met Thomas Craig, a colored man, and shot him in the breast. Running across the street, he shot another man, named Joseph Erney, the ball merely grazing his body. He then entered a cigar store firing one shot there, but without injury to any one, when he was seized by a man named Sponser, and in the struggle which ensued Frey was himself shot in the hand. None of the victims are considered dangerously hurt. Frey had been drinking heavily.

Paper Ware.

The paper ware manufactory of Stockton, New Jersey, promises to be one of the modern wonders of the world. The buckets are impervious to water, and it will remain cool and sweet in them a long time, and even acids will not eat them up, coal oil cans do not become saturated with the oil, and vessels containing alcoholic liquors will not become intoxicated. That the ware possesses merit is beyond all doubt, and the energy that pervades the enterprise indicates success. We regret our inability to do justice to this concern. No admission is the inflexible word, and we are seeking some charm or magic word that will enable us to overcome this barrier, and if found a fair account of this factory may be given.—*Doyletown Democrat.*

Railroad War.

PITTSBURGH, October 23.—The Pittsburgh and Lake Erie railroad crosses the tracks of the Lawrence and New Castle, a leased line of the Pennsylvania

railroad, at Mahoningtown, Pa. Last week the latter began grading for a side track to be placed four or five feet below the grade of the main track, with the intention of preventing the new road from crossing their line. The Lake Erie road, however, put a large force of men to work and succeeded in making the crossing. Last night a large force of workmen employed by the Lawrence and New Castle road marched to the crossing and tore up the newly laid track of the Lake Erie road. The latter road with a still larger number of workmen relaid the track, and it was again torn up this evening.

Since then the matter has been settled.

The Hunterdon County, (N. J.) Democrat says:—A very curious thing occurred at Neshaie last Wednesday night. Mr. Brokaw was belated with a load of hay, and while driving along the road at a pretty lively trot, the load pressed the shelvings against the wheel of the wagon, the friction occasioned thereby setting fire to the load, which was consumed together with the wagon. Mr. B. escaped with the horses.

Love to Hatred Turned.

There is much excitement at Fairfax, Vt., over the attempted murder of Dr. Brush, a well-known physician, by Julia Coffee, who fired at him four times as he was passing her house, but missed him. They were engaged to be married, but as the Doctor's children objected, he married another woman, and to prevent a breach of promise suit allowed Miss Coffee \$8 a month. There has been much bitterness between them.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 24th, 1877.

No business of importance has as yet been transacted by Congress at this great extra session with any results that are visible. Last Wednesday the House adjourned till Saturday when a few minutes' session was held—just long enough for the Chaplain to pray briefly, and to adjourn till Monday. During the last days of the week Speaker Randall took a trip to Philadelphia, for what purpose is not known. All this seems like a waste of time, but I suppose it is not so. The days have been occupied in the making up of Committees which must be done before anything else could be accomplished. The Senate held no session on Saturday and Friday, was deep in the consideration of that tiresome old Pinchback case. Poor Pinchback! He has one strong characteristic at all events, that of perseverance. For years and years he has been knocking at the door of the Senate, without avail, but he will not give it up. Perhaps he is thinking that although they will not rise and give him his desire for friendship's sake, yet because of his much knocking they will rise and give him. Mr. Thurman has expoused Mr. Eustis' case against Pinchback, and after speaking at some length on the question last Friday he closed by making the motion, since the whole case had been under consideration for so many years and was so thoroughly understood, that it be voted on and settled then and there. But in a very unexpected manner this was stopped by Senator Davis who rose and calmly stated that he, not having been in the Senate before was entirely ignorant of the details of the case, and could not possibly vote upon it with propriety at present. So it had to go over and "Pinchback's case" still exists.

Mr. Blaine received a telegram Saturday, stating that his daughter Alice had been shot by the premature explosion of a toy pistol. He made preparations for an immediate trip to Maine, but was taken with a severe chill, just before time for the train to leave, and his physician forbade his leaving before Monday or to-day. Mr. Blaine is said to be still ambitious for the Presidency, but even his friends are not over sanguine of his success in that direction. He grows old. His faces shows the warfare he has been through. He is growing corpulent and now he has those same swollen circles under and over his eyes that Sumner had during the latter part of his life. His hair is very gray and his whole face and person have aged at least twenty years in the last ten. Conkling is still a bright and shining Senatorial light, but his glory, physically speaking is also on the wane. His top-knot of silvery gold doesn't curl as high and is somewhat thinned out in the last year or two; and the wrinkles in his handsome face have perceptibly deepened. And yet, he is called by far the handsomest man in the Senate.

Spencer has a general "slicked up" appearance this session. Evidently his wife has had her dainty hands in his hair for it no longer lies flat to his head as formerly. Now it is brushed up and out at the sides, and even curled into a crest on the top, almost rivaling the style of Conkling. He receives his congratulations appreciatively, and has at once entered upon his own special business. Conkling is said to be his legal adviser.

Stanley Matthews wears gold-bowed glasses and looks like Brigham Young. He occupies his new seat with dignity, and with as apparent comfort as if the rival images of Ewing and Pendleton did not loom before him.

Senator Hamlin, old and bent, but clear-headed and long-sighted as ever, is still in his old place. The Senator Chamber would not look itself without him. His appearance is scarcely that of a fop. His coat looks as if it had seen a decade's wear and is cut after the same pattern of his first wedding swallow tail very likely. His boots are coarse, and large and long-boeled, and he wears the kind of spectacles that young people ransack all creation for now-a-days, in which to figure at an "old folks concert," or "antiquarian supper."

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Miscellaneous News Items.

It is estimated that turbine water wheels have, since their invention, saved the country over \$300,000,000 in the one single item of fuel.

New York, October 23.—Jane Laughlin, who was yesterday convicted of abducting a little girl, was to-day sent to prison for ten years.

During the year just closed the United States sold 105,000,000 yards of cotton goods abroad, ten times more than was exported the year before.

A while ago a party of lynchers postponed a hanging five minutes to allow the victim time to finish smoking a cigar. This proves that the use of tobacco prolongs life.

Samuel Humphries and Edmund Smith, who both pleaded guilty to the burning of the Lebanon Valley bridge, were each sentenced to an imprisonment of five years and to pay a fine of \$1,000.

A Union square, New York, jeweler has had a solitaire opal ring, purchased for an engagement ring, returned nine times, on account of the superstition that the opal brings disaster to its owner.

A lady in Talbotton, Ga., who has been using one needle cushion for twenty-five years, had occasion to cut it open recently, when she counted out two hundred and twenty-five needles as the saving.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., October 13.—The sons of William Donney loaded an old gun barrel with powder yesterday, and discharged it. The weapon burst, killing two of the boys and tearing off a hand of the other.

BALTIMORE, October 23.—Gov. Carroll has appointed November 23 for the execution of James R. Hawkins, colored, who was found guilty in the Howard circuit court in September last of committing a rape upon a white girl thirteen years.

General Wagner, of Philadelphia, has received a letter, partially written in crimson ink, to represent blood, informing him that if he does not slacken his zeal in an effort to have the salaries of city officials and employees reduced he will have "a bullet put through" him.

George H. Price, express messenger, was arrested in Chicago on the charge of stealing money from packages in his care between Pittsburgh and Chicago. Price once distinguished himself by shooting a man who attempted to rob his car, and was much respected by the company.

A Pittsburgh dispatch of the 23rd inst., says that the Manchester savings bank of Allegheny closed its doors this morning. The liabilities and assets have not yet been made known. The bank is a long established one, and the depositors are hopeful.

Last March Zeno Fees, of Lewis-town, was robbed of a horse, buggy and harness. Last week the Sheriff of Mifflin county discovered the horse in a livery stable in Mifflin county, which resulted in Mr. Fees again getting his horse. The buggy has not yet been found.

A good looking young fellow, who has been doing farm work about Brewer and Orrington, Mass., this summer, smoked, chewed, shaved regularly till he gave promise of a good beard, and courted the girls so successfully that the other young fellows were jealous, proves to be a buxom lass.

On Sunday a week lightning struck a rod in Blair county, passed into the dining room where about a dozen devout persons were holding a prayer meeting, dismissed the audience, tore up the floor, passed into the cellar, burst through the wall and before betaking itself to its grave demolished the hydrant. No one was injured.

Dr. Everhart, a prominent physician of Scranton, met with a serious accident while handling a breechloading gun at his residence on Sunday a week. A cartridge, which he was in the act of inserting, exploded under a slight pressure, giving him the full charge of powder in his eyes and sending the bullet whistling past his cheek. His face is badly burned, and friends fear he will lose his sight.

About ten o'clock last Tuesday night, an unfortunate tramp, while at-

tempting to board a freight train, while passing through the Narrows, about a mile on this side of Dauphin, missed his hold and was thrown upon the track. The body was cut in two, and the parts severed were found twenty yards apart by the railroaders. An inquest was held over the body, the coroner's jury rendering a verdict in accordance with the facts.

The trial of James P. Funk, of Altoona, one of the counterfeiters arrested at Tyrone, about the middle of September last, at the time when his accomplice, Blah Mend, was killed by Detective Perkins was convicted at Pittsburgh the latter part of last week. After a few moments deliberation, the jury returned a verdict of "guilty," and Funk was remanded to jail for sentence.

On Sunday a week the wife of George Garvin, near Greensburg, was struck by lightning and rendered insensible for several hours. Her one side was paralyzed, but it is thought she will recover the use of her limbs. The bolt struck her on the shoulder and produced a livid streak from the shoulder to the elbow. She was walking about a kitchen stove when she was injured.

A special from Indianapolis says: "Dr. Bliss, who is attending Senator Morton, does not now seem very hopeful of his immediate improvement. He has eaten little or nothing for nearly a month, and it is feared he will literally starve to death. A change in treatment has been decided on, and medical skill will now be directed to infusing nourishment into the system."

The State Supreme Court in Maine has decided in a case where a woman burned her house to get the insurance that nobody can be convicted of arson in burning his own property, nor can a woman who burns her husband's house, arson being described as "the malicious and voluntary burning of the house of another by night or by day."

It is decided also that a pew-owner has no absolute right of property as in a grant of land. If the building is burned or taken down or sold, his right is gone, and he has no claim; neither can he decorate it according to his fancy, nor cut it down nor remove it. And his ownership gives him no right to the ground on which it stands.

W. J. Rice, Surgeon and Mechanical Dentist, will visit Bloomfield the FIRST TWO WEEKS of each month, professionally. Office at Squire Clouser's residence. The remainder of his time at his office in Ickesburg, Perry co., Pa. Call and hear his prices. 29

Removal.—J. T. Messimer has removed his Shoe Shop to the room adjoining F. B. Clouser's office, 4 doors west of the Post-Office, where he will make to order Boots and Shoes of all kinds. Repairing promptly and neatly executed. He will also keep on hand a good assortment of Boots and Shoes, which he will sell at low prices. Give him a call. 17

Blank Receipt Books for Administrators and Executors. Also blank notes and all other blanks for sale at this office. If

"THE LILY AND THE THORN."

THE CHRISTIAN AT WORK has just concluded arrangements for the publication in its columns of a story with the above title from the pen of Mrs. Oliphant. It is unnecessary to introduce the authoress of *Carlingford*, *Salem Chapel*, *The Minister's Wife* and *The Biography of Edward Irving*, to the American public. In England, after George Eliot, the name of Mrs. Oliphant comes next in the order of female writers; and we congratulate its readers on the treat that is in store for them.

An Excellent Text-Book.

A new school history of the United States, by Prof. John Clark Ridpath, which is a history in fact as well as in name, has awakened fresh interest in the subject, even among those to whom ordinary school books with a similar object have become distasteful. Teachers and scholars speak of its prominent features with enthusiasm, and evidently believe that no measure of commendation is too good for it. A hasty examination demonstrates to us that it contains more genuine and really desirable information about the country than any work of the kind we have seen.

Its prominent characteristics are completeness of narrative, ready help in maps, diagrams, charts and illustrations, perspicuous arrangement and terseness, all of which show the hand and brain of the accomplished scholar and expert historian, and seem to us sufficient to enchain the interest of youth, which many school histories fail to do. This work is already largely in use in many of the States, and its general adoption is probably only a question of time. A thoughtful examination by an intelligent judge of school textbooks will prove conclusively that we have not overrated the merits of the volume, and it should therefore attract the prompt attention of all friends of our common school system.

THE PREMIUM ENGRAVING, issued by "Peterson's Magazine" for 1878, like everything else from that quarter, is of rare excellence and beauty. It is not one of the cheap, colored lithographs, with which the country is flooded, but a first-class line and stipple engraving, executed in the highest style of art. The artists are Ilman & Brothers, and they have engraved it, (size, 24 inches by 30,) expressly for "Peterson's Magazine," in their most brilliant manner. It is such a plate as would sell, at retail, for five dollars. The picture represents the "Angels of Christmas." They are hovering in the sky, over the Holy City, the Star of Bethlehem streaming down on the landscape. It is a picture that ought to be in every household in America. In artistic merit and beauty it is, we think, the finest "Peterson" has ever issued. You can get it, gratis, by raising a club for "Peterson" for 1878, or by remitting \$2.50 for it and for the magazine. The magazine alone being two dollars. This is a rare chance. Specimens of the magazine sent gratis, to those wishing to get up clubs. Address C. J. PETERSON, 306 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.