

THE TIMES.

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For the information of Advertisers, and others interested in knowing, we make mention of the fact that we begin this year with a circulation of NINETEEN HUNDRED copies.

GOLD is now quoted at $\frac{1}{4}$ premium. Silver at 8 per cent. discount.

THE "silver bill" is still under discussion in the Senate. Senator Matthews' resolution declaring the bonds of the Nation to be payable in silver was passed by nearly a two-third vote. It is probable that this vote shows the full strength of the silver party in the Senate, and should the Bland silver bill pass and be vetoed by the President it is evident it could not pass over the veto.

IT SEEMS strange that any body of men would contend for a bi-metallic currency and at the same time make the dollar of one metal worth more than the dollar of the other. Every one of our experience knows that the result will be to drive all the more valuable money out of the channels of trade and reduce our currency to the one metal and that the cheaper. While greenbacks were at a large discount, who thought of paying gold? The passage of the Bland bill will result in making silver take the place formerly occupied by greenbacks, while the brokers will be the only one to handle gold. Are there any among the advocates of a bi-metallic currency that will pay a premium on gold in order to use it in the payment of their individual bills? We think not, and unless people are willing to do that it is certain that we shall still have a mono-metallic currency if the Bland silver bill is passed, unless it is so amended that the silver dollar shall be kept on a par with the gold. If that is done the needs of trade will soon regulate the amount of silver that would be required and no more than that would be coined. A double metallic currency thus regulated would be acceptable to everybody, and no other arrangement will give the double currency only in name. Even now the quantity of silver in circulation has become a source of annoyance to dealers and to the banks, and the amount now in use is small in comparison to what it will be if the silver agitators are successful.

Peace Prospects.

There is now a good prospect for peace between Russia and Turkey unless England should decide to interfere because she has not been consulted regarding the terms.

A dispatch from Constantinople says the Turkish government has decided to sign the preliminary peace negotiations, which are as follows: Servia to be independent without compensation; Montenegro to receive Antivari, Niesies and Spaz, and a portion of the territory bordering on Lake Scutari. Russia to hold Batoum, Kars and Erzeroum until a war indemnity of \$20,000,000 is paid; the Dardanelles to be opened to Russia men-of-war; Bulgarian autonomy to be conceded rather on the principle of the Lebanon than on the plan of the Constantinople Conference, and Turkey to nominate a Christian Governor for a long term of years, subject to ratification by the Powers; Bulgaria not understood to include Thrace, but only to extend to the line of the Balkans; part of the Russian army to embark at Constantinople for their return home, and the final treaty of peace to be signed at Constantinople by the Grand Duke Nicholas.

A few days will show the course that England will take, and though she is growling and showing her teeth it is doubtful whether she will take any action.

A Norristown Romance.

Norristown has been enjoying a little romance, which in its details is rather peculiar. In August last Miss Mary Paphine, a young lady of seventeen or thereabouts, obtained a warrant against John F. Wilson, charging him with assault and battery. Wilson kept out of the way until within a few days ago, when the officers pounced upon him and placed him in the lock-up.

Now the time that had elapsed since the committal of the offence had cooled the lady's wrath, and she was loth to appear against the prisoner. Her brother, however, insisted that she should

push the matter, so she attended the hearing before the Burgess, but when questioned she had nothing to say. As neither party had brought any money with them, the Burgess, with an eye to securing the costs, committed both to jail.

Their friends came to the rescue and the pair were released, and it seems that their incarceration had softened their hearts to each other, and on Tuesday evening they appeared before a clergyman and were made one, and it is hoped that there will be no cause in the future for prosecution for assault and battery.

A Very Strange Case.

The Cincinnati *Commercial* of last week reports one of the most remarkable instances on record of parental devotion in that city and of success in keeping secret a family affliction. Twenty-seven years ago he kept a house on Western row. About that time a number of houses in that vicinity were destroyed by fire, including his residence. His wife in a delicate condition, suffered much from fright, and subsequently gave birth to a monstrosity—an offspring without any of the better senses of a living creature, except that of sight—without toes or fingers, deaf, speechless, without the least spark of intellect or instinct. Twenty-seven years have passed, and the family have kept this creature in the household, secreted in a room, and only a few of the neighbors besides, who are on the most intimate relations, have known of its existence. It eats when food is placed to its mouth, and is kept in a cleanly position by the most constant care. A long beard has grown on its face. It is about three feet in length. It crawls about some, but moves with great difficulty. That such a creature has lived so long is singular. That a family, instead of placing it in some asylum, has endured its presence in their midst, and nurtured it in assiduous privacy through all these years is a strange and affecting incident of paternal devotion.

Sad Effects of War.

The sufferings of the people in the places effected by the Russia-Turkish war are forcibly set forth in the following dispatch:

"Mr. Master, agent of the English relief fund, has just arrived here with a train full of refugees from Andrianople. These unhappy people have been in open cattle trucks three days. Many perished from the cold weather. Last night fifteen were found dead in the trucks. The sufferings of all are described as awful. Mothers are reported in their frenzy to have thrown away living babies rather than see them die in their arms. As the train moved from Andrianople numbers of people tried to cling to the outside and framework of the carriages, and many attempted to ride on the buffers. At one station, where hundreds of people had congregated without food for two days, the men threatened Mr. Master with violence if bread was not given to them.—Yesterday there were 15,000 women and children out in the snow at Charlou.—Three trains full are hourly expected to arrive at Constantinople. It is not known where they will find shelter.—The snow is several inches deep, and is still falling. The cold is intense. All that can possibly be done is being effected by the administrators of the relief fund, but many lives are being sacrificed."

A Profitless Discussion.

Nearly all the preachers of New York have commenced a lively discussion on the question regarding the existence of a hell. From the number of huge swindles, gross frauds and cases of general cussedness reported from that city it evidently is the belief of many persons residing there that there is no such place of punishment. The frequency of these cases, however, convinces a good many other people that there ought to be one at any rate. Wouldn't it be better to drop the discussion of this subject and try to live so that more of the expectation of enjoying a heaven and less of the fear of hell would occupy the thoughts New Yorkers.

A Balaklava Hero in Siberia.

A hero has been dug up in Siberia. It is Viscount FitzGibbon, the gallant Irish cavalry officer, who was supposed to have fallen in the celebrated charge of the Six Hundred at Balaklava. It was never ascertained whether the hero was really killed or not. When last seen he was leaning faint and wounded, on his horse; and now the story goes that he was taken prisoner by the Russians, and, for some insult to an officer, quietly transported to Siberia. After having been hopelessly embedded there all these years, he is now said to be on his way to Ireland and Britain, to look at the statue which has been upraised to his honor at Wellesley Bridge, to shake hands with Mr. Tennyson for writing such nice verses about the boys, and, last of all, to claim the estate. Ay! there's the rub!

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 24, 1878. Civil Service Reform, of which we have heard so much in the last six months, is getting to be considered a myth or a fraud in these parts. The late compromise between the President and Congress will have the effect of doing away with what remnants may be remaining. The old rings are still extant; the old favoritism still exists; and the same unfair and unequal treatment is given and received as of yore. It has been universally acknowledged that Secretary Schurz of the Interior Department has been more earnestly seeking to root out and tear down the crookedness he found under his jurisdiction than any other officer of the present Administration; and I purpose giving you a little insight into the workings of his, the purest and fairest of all the Departments. It will take all the space allotted to me in your valuable paper, but perhaps will interest you more than aught I could write.

A competitive examination took place the other day for the purpose of filling five subordinate clerkships in the Patent Office, the applicants examined numbering about 80. I submit the questions given, which were made public by one of the disappointed applicants (contrary to orders from the examining committee) and go to show simply that it was not intended that any of these applying should gain an office save favorites who may have had an intimation beforehand of the questions to be propounded; for you will readily see two things—that not more than one man in a hundred, even were they fresh from college—could answer all these questions, and that not one single question save the last relates in any way to the business that comes before the Patent Office.

THE QUESTIONS FOR TEST.

1. Write letter to the examining board, stating age, extent of education, previous business, legal residence, &c.
2. State the difference between chemistry and physics, and how do changes produced in substances by chemical action differ from those produced by action of heat or magnetism.
3. State to what the phenomenon of light is due when a candle, lamp, or a jet of illuminating gas is burned.
4. What is the best line upon which to describe the teeth of a gear-wheel, and why? What, if the exigencies of the machine permit, should be the relation in number of two intermeshing gears? Give reason.
5. What is the difference between the use of spur-gears and hands and pulleys in a machine? Supposing pulleys to be used, should the surface of the belt be rough or nearly smooth? Give reasons.
6. Describe a platform balance, commonly called platform scales, and the principle upon which it works. Give reasons.
7. Which is most destructive to a bridge—to have a locomotive pass at full speed or slow, and why is any precaution needed when great bodies of troops are to pass over a bridge.
8. What is the effective head to which is due the velocity at the exit end of a conduit of water supplied from a distant reservoir, and why?
9. A cylindrical vessel of tin or sheet metal filled with water has at a certain height, on the same circumferential line, three round perforations. One is direct through the tin metal; one is prolonged by a pipe of equal diameter, extending horizontally outward from the opening, the third, which is slightly larger, is also prolonged the same distance horizontally by two conic frustums, united at their smallest ends, the outer one being the longest and the section through their point of junction having the same diameter, as the two holes just mentioned, which of these aperture will discharge the most water in a given time, and why?

QUESTIONS FOR THE AFTERNOON.

10. Machines are often called labor-saving. How should this be understood?
11. Does any reason exist why, under present condition, or under any supposable condition, in which these should be a total absence of friction, a machine should not be constructed capable of originating within itself and imparting to other bodies any desired amount of force?
12. What is a differential screw? Its object? Do you know of any instance of its use?
13. What causes besides friction operate in a machine to lessen its working power, and what in a railroad locomotive.
14. State domestic and utilitarian applications of electricity, and explain the principles upon which the devices you enumerate work.
15. What is the specific gravity of a block of fine wood weighing 19 pounds in air, if, when attached to a mass of iron weighing 24 pounds in air and 21 pounds in water, the wood and iron together weigh only 9 pounds? Give full solution.
16. Name such machines as you have in mind in which some part has a rectiline or reciprocatory movement directly functional in the accomplishment of the result; and state the part and the object of the movement in each machine.
17. What is invention, as distinguished from other modes of arriving at improvements?

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Miscellaneous News Items.

Dr. Richard A. Robertson, of Titusville, who has been missing since June last, is supposed to have been murdered.

Eddie Smalley, aged seventeen years, was killed at Erie on Tuesday by the careless discharge of a pistol by a playmate.

The Connecticut House of Representatives last week passed resolutions in opposition to the Bland Silver bill and in favor of the resumption of specie payments.

The passenger train on the Nashville and Chattanooga railroad ran off the track near Hunt's Station, Tennessee, on Tuesday, throwing one coach down an embankment twenty feet high. Several persons were injured.

Boston, January 23.—A Concord, New Hampshire, special says: "At New Market, New Hampshire, last Friday John H. Robinson, on his deathbed, confessed that he murdered a young man named Jewell in the town of Candia, New Hampshire, some twenty years since."

A party in Person county, N. C., ran a fox five days every day until sundown, resuming the chase each successive day about daylight, in every instance jumping Reynard within thirty steps of where they left off the evening before. The chase was abandoned on the fifth day, men, horses and dogs being worn out.

Among the oddities of the Boston cat-show this week will be two specimens of a "what-is-it," recently captured in the woods in Rhode Island, having head and shoulders like a cat and hind-quarters like a rabbit, and resembling the latter in manner of locomotion.

On a farm at Kittery, Me., is an intermittent spring, which has the singular eccentricity of flowing only in dry weather. It was discovered during the excessive drought five or six years ago, when all the other springs in the neighborhood were dried up. As soon as the rains came on it disappeared, and has followed the same tactics regularly ever since.

EASTON, Pa., January 23.—The suspension of the running of coal on the Lehigh Valley, Lehigh and Susquehanna, Morris and Essex, Central railroad of New Jersey, Easton and Amboy and Belvidere and Delaware railroads has thrown over 600 men out of employment in Easton and Phillipsburg.

Reading, January 23.—Jacob and John Huntzinger, late President and Cashier of the Miners' Trust Company of Pottsville, were this morning sentenced each to two years' solitary confinement and a fine of \$500, also to refund to Thomas Kerns, the prosecutor, \$24,000, with costs.

Shortly before the commencement of the matinee performance at the Holiday-street Theatre, Baltimore, on Wednesday the cylinder of a calcium light placed to the flies exploded, shaking the building and causing an excitement, during which many left the house. Two employes of the theatre were dangerously and several others slightly hurt. The performance took place as usual.

The will of Mrs. Elizabeth F. Denny, one of the oldest and wealthiest residents of Pittsburgh, has been filed in the Register's office. The estate is chiefly in real property and was valued before the panic at about ten millions. It is now worth five or six millions. It lies in Pittsburgh, Allegheny, Westmoreland county, Erie, Illinois and the District of Columbia, and was purchased by the father of the deceased a great many years ago. The property is left entirely to the children of deceased.

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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

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We have also received another lot of those excellent five cent calicoes. This way far bargains!

F. MORTIMER, New Bloomfield, January 22nd, 1878.

Auctioneer.—The subscriber gives notice that he will cry sales in any part of the county, at reasonable rates. Parties wishing his services should engage him before having bills printed. THOS. BUTCH, JR., New Bloomfield, Pa.

Notice.—Persons desiring me to call sales, would do well to notify me as to the day as soon possible, so that the day they select may not interfere with the date fixed upon by some other party. I intend to have a complete list of all sales, and the date upon which they will take place. Satisfaction guaranteed. DAVID MCCOY, Ickesburg, Pa.

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