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VIEWS AND REVIEWS

On May 28 the centennary of Thomas Moore is to be celebrated in his native city of Dublin.

A "New Pilgrim's Progress, 'purporting to be "given by Bunyan through ar impressional writing machine," is the latest spiritualistic novelty.

Word comes from London that the senseless fashion of French for dinner menus is to be done away with. At several recent grand dinners the bills of fare have been in English.

James Currie, ti : 3 xas assassin, was a non-commissione I officer in the regiment commanded by Colonel R. B. Hayes, now the alleged President of the United States. Will the stalwart organs please whoop us another howl on Southern barbarism?

Mrs. Willis, an aged lady of Cumberland county, Ky., died recently and left \$1,000 to the editor of the Glasgow (Ky.) Times in token of the c mfort she had found in reading his paper in her sorrow. Every Western editor will now begin to print columns of comfort for aged and rich

The only memorial to Capt. Cook at present existing in England is a mural tab let erected by his widow, who died in 1837 baving survived him fifty-six years, in a chuich at Cambridge, where one of his sons, who died an undergraduate, is buried. Mrs. Cook left £1,000 to maintain the tablet, the surplus to go to the poor of the

said it was unquestioned that the three greatest novelists in the world were Cervantes, Fielding, and Le Sage. Macaulay, who was present, said he thought "Don Quixote" the first novel of the world, and "Clarissa Harlowe" the next. He thought it well established that "Gil Blas" is a translation from Freuch novels.

The Cleveland Plaindealer says the question is to be tested whether one man, and he elected by fraud, shall overrule the Legislative Department of the Government, and a majority of the people who elect that Department. The Democrats in Congress must repeal the infamous Supervisor law which gives absolute control at the polls to the paid minions of an unscrupulous and fraudulent Administration. One mar power must not control.

Dickens, when over here, said one evening that he always found the people most like his characters objecting to them as improbable and extreme. A Mrs. Nickleby had talked to him in s peculiar a strain that he was thinking, "Good Heavens! she is going to charge he with putting her into my book, when she began to observe on the character as utterly unnatural. So with several Pecksniffs.

It is said of northern Texas by the Dallas Herald that the tillers of the soil there make far more provisions than they have any use for; always have eorn and meat for sale, and their cotton and cattle crops come in as clear profit. They are rapidly growing wealthy, and in less than fifteen years from now north Texas will be as prosperous as the blue grass region of Kentucky ever was in its palm-

The debt reports of France show that one million and a half of the people-hold over \$1,000,000,000 in 5 per cent. rentes, and nearly two million more hold \$2,452,-981,000. This result has been secured by the issue of small bonds. The mass of the people have an opportunity to invest their earnings in government securities at a fair rate of interest. Thus the bonds remain at home and the government and people are benefited in a variety of ways. If more facilities are afforded to the masses in this country a similar result will follow

The Russian peasants, though officially under medical supervision, find it hard square miles, can but hurriedly pass through the village once every month. Under these circumstances many of the peasants, when suffering from disease, resort to conjurors, who practice their incantations with holy water, and to the trainers of tamed bears, who lay the sick man on the floor and compel a bear to

walk over him several times. A new play by Charles Reade, called "A Weman's Life," bas been produced in San Francisco, with Rose Eytings in the principal part. It is a melodrama of the most lurid sort. The San Francisco Bulletin says: "The writer seems to have worked with the idea predominant of making each scene as telling as possible and of working up exciting tableaux." The Call says: "The piece is a sort of modified melodrama, with a story, and is followed closely by the andience." The Chronicle condemns the play as bad in nearly every respect.

THE DEBATE IN CONGRESS.

The debate on the Army Appropriation oill was continued in the House yesterday, Singleton and Tucker, Democrats; Weaver, De La Matyr, Jones and Wright, Greenbackers, and Hawley and Garfield, Republicans, the latter closing the debate. A vote is to be taken in the House to-day, and on Monda the fight will be transferred to the Senate. Mr. Tucker's speech was especially good; it was highly applauded and he was warmly congratulated. Of the Greenbackers Mr. De La Matyr, of Indiana, plainly stated his intention to vote for the bill as it now stands; Mr. Jones, of Texas, opposed the placing of political legislation on an appropriation bill and Mr. Wright, of Pennsylvania, had never heard disputed the right of the House to engraft on appropriation bills other necessary measures of legislation Thus, of the four Greenbackers heard from, two may certainly be scored as intending to vote for the bill.

Thus far the advantages are certainly with the Democrats. We believe that the bill will undoubtedly pass both Houses and we do not believe that Mr. Hayes wil veto it. We think that he will either allow it to become a law by default or else will do as President Johnson did, sign in and send in with it a protest.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

Among the many commodities which occupy a prominent position in its relation to our material wealth, an I which has always been an important factor in the commerce of the nation, we must nominate iron, in all its different forms and shapes, whether in the native ore as it comes from the minos or in its various stages of manufacture, as one of the most notable. In taking this article into account, we shall include, not only iron, in all its conditions of ore and manufac ture, but we shall also include steel as Lord Lansdowne Lord Carlisle writes, belonging legitimately to the same class.

Since the formation of the government we have been largly dependent upon foreign industry for articles of manufactered iron and steel, and down to within a very few years a large proportion of the machinery, tools and other commedities necessary to our use and prosperity have been imported from abroad. During the past ten years, however, there has been a most decided change so that now, while our exports of iron are much larger, our imports of the same commodity are materially less. This condition of things establishes two noteworthy facts: First, that our mining interests have been more fully de veloped, and, secondly, that our iron and steel manufacturing industries have been perfected to such a degree that we are no longer dependent upon foreign artisans in those metals for the manufactured article. We can new furnish whatever we need through the skill of our own mechanics. To show the increase in our exports we give the follow figures as taken from the report in question.

Exports of iron and steel and the manufactures thereof in the year ending June 80, 1878.....\$15,882,508 In 1868...... 8,258,700

Increase in ten years...... 7,623,898 This increase has a much greater significance and force when we compare it with the imports of the same commedities in different years, and to illustrate and give a more complete comprehension of the matter we give the value of the imports of iron and steel for the years 1873 and 1888, (a period of five years) respectively. In giving these figures we name the aggregate value of the imports of iron and steel whether in pig, bar, sheet, scrap, ingot or in manufactured articles, for those years, without attempting

Value of imports in 1873 . . . \$59 308.452 Value of imports in 1878.... 9,057,632

to particularize:

Decrease in five years...... 50,250,820 It would seem at first view that this immense decrease in one of the most common and important articles of merchandise, was owing to such a stagnation in business in this country that we have not been able to purchase as liberally as in former years, but that is dispelled in to secure the services of a doctor. The measure by reference to our figures giving physician of a district with perhaps fifty the comparative value of exports for 1868

To mer manifestly establish the fact that such is not the case, we quote the imports of one item in manufacted iron and steel for the five years ending June 30, 1878. In railroad bars of iron and steel there were,

Imported in 1873 ............\$19,740,702 Imported in 1878.....

Decrease in five years ..... 19,740,175 Here in one single industry, which 1873 was one of the most important of our imported articles, our purchases from abroad have dwindled into such utter insignificance that it can hardly be considered as worthy of an estimate. It is well known that during those five years there has been no diminution in the demand for iron and steel rails. On the contrary, the opposite is the fact. The demand has been unceasingly on the increase, and we have no data to state positively) we imagine the amount of steel rails laid dura

ing the past year will far exceed that of any previous year, and probably the tonnage of iron rails would equal that of when speeches were made by Messrs. former years, Instead of purchasing these from our neighbors across the ocean, we mine them from American soil, mould them into shape and form with American mechanics in American manufactories, thereby developing our resources, giving employment to our own mechanics and artisans, than whom none are more skilltal, and keep our money to spend among our own people.

> The cost of Congressman Whiteakers burried trip from Oregon to attend the pening of Congress, including the special palace car from San Francisco to Ogden, is estimated to have been from \$1,500 to \$3,500. He went from his home to San Francisco, which he had not seen for nineteen years, by steamer The voyage was very s ormy, and he was sick, hungry, and exhausted when he reached the Golden Gate. It was his purpose to recrait his strength by a stay of some days in San Francisco, but he was seiz d inra ediately on landing, burried across San Francisco Bay to the railway station of the Central Pacific Railroad, where a special locomotive and palace car were waiting, with steam up, and was whirling away with nothing in the way of food appeard except some cold luncheon, nor did the car stop anywhere to get a warm meal for the drooping Congressman until the regular train that was sure to bring him to Washington in time was overtaken. It took about twenty-four hours to do it, during which double the usual time was made. Who is to pay for the extraordinary trip has not been stated, but it is not Mr. Whiteaker.

De La Matyr, an Indiana Greenbacker in Congress, has signified his purpose to stand by the Appropriation bills as report ed in the House by the Democrats. Confederate Brigadiers,

The tremulous momer in which the Republicans discuss the rigidity of the Presidential backbone indicates that they have very great misgivings about his ability and strength to lead their revolution.

The Confederate Brigadiers teem to be in a fair way to capture the Yankee Greenbackers in Congress Another Democratic blunder.

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