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WILMINGTON, N. C., AS SECOND-CLASS MATTER.

VIEWS AND REVIEWS.

An Emigration of farm laborers from Alsace-Lorraine to the United States has set in during the past few weeks, and the people of that German imperial province are very much excited over the proportions it will probably assume.

The Gothard Tunnel is now within less than 500 metres of completion; but the difficulties encountered during the past two weeks, owing to a fault in the strata and an influx of water, will retard by a month the junction of the two galleries.

Prof. Nordenskiöld thinks that a voyage along the northern coast of Siberia, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, might often be made, by a steamer specially fitted out, and manned by an experienced crew, and that such a voyage would occupy only a few weeks.

The Prince of Wales' income will probably be diminished some \$100,000 a year by the hard times in England while they make no difference to his mother, whose \$5,000 a day comes in quarterly in hard cash. This does not include large revenues from other sources.

Canoeing is now all the rage as a winter quarter and is full to overflowing. The proximity of Monte Carlo is ruining Nice and Mentone for quiet, decent people, as these places are filled with all the adventurers and sharpers of Europe, and the sum of its rascality; and about both, but especially at Nice, there is a nauseous rovdism which vitiate the whole atmosphere.

The European city which has made the greatest proportional progress of late years is Hannover. In 1867, the population was 74,000; in 1875, 107,000, or 44 per cent. increase. In the mean time, Berlin gained 38 per cent.; Antwerp, 24; Vienna and Copenhagen, 16; Munich, Rotterdam, and The Hague, 13; Dresden, 26; Edinburgh and Hamburg, 20; Paris, 2; Stockholm, 9; Amsterdam, 8; Leipzig, 40; Frankfurt, 31.

The notification issued by the Prime Minister on the 8th of October finally removes the suspicion which still lingered in people's minds as to the existence of torture in Japan. That remaining stain of ancient barbarism has now been once for all removed from the code of Japan, and it has at last been removed in the most formal manner.

The fumes from the smelting of lead ore are now passed through a very long line of pipes and woollen bags, and condensed into lead again as steam is converted into water. The lead thus obtained is a powder of exceeding fineness, which makes an excellent blue paint. An intense heat melts this powder, and by a similar process of catching the fumes, a white powder is obtained, which makes a superior white paint.

The Baltimore Star of last Wednesday says the venerable Dr. W. S. Plumer was prostrated in the pulpit of the Second Presbyterian Church, Sunday, whilst announcing the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Medical assistance was promptly at hand, and in less than a quarter of an hour the clergyman recovered consciousness enough to explain that his fainting spell had been caused by over exertion while preaching.

When 'Thad' Stevens was a young lawyer in the Pennsylvania courts he once lost his case by what he considered a wrong ruling of the Judge. Disgusted, he banged his books on the table, picked up his hat and started for the door with some vigorous words in his mouth. The Judge feeling that his dignity was assailed, rose impressively and said, 'Mr. Stevens!' Mr. Stevens stopped, turned and bowed deferentially. 'Mr. Stevens,' said the Judge, 'do you intend by such conduct to express your contempt for this Court?' And Stevens, with mock seriousness, answered, 'Express my contempt for this Court? No, sir! I was trying to conceal it, your honor.'

One night, at the close of last month, 200 ex-convicts met at a mission chapel in a mean street of a low district in London for the third annual supper of an association devoted to the aid of discharged prisoners. A member of this mission attends every morning at one of the chief city prisons and invites discharged prisoners to breakfast, after which the question of what can be done to help them is considered. During the past year, 5,502 breakfasts have been given, 172 men were placed at work, 50 sent to sea, 18 to various 'refuges,' 45 had their railroad fare paid to their homes, 25 are in the home of the association, and 13 have been expelled or have been absconded from it.

Boston had a fearful fire on Sunday night and yesterday morning. It began in Rice, Kendall & Co's. paper warehouse, on Federal street, and very near the spot where the disastrous fire of 1873 began. In this instance the fire began about midnight but was under control by 3 o'clock.

That was a fearful disaster which occurred near Dundee, Scotland, on the long railroad bridge which spanned the Frith of Tay, on Sunday night. The full eat particulars have not yet been received but the loss of life has been fearful, some accounts placing it as low as seventy-five and others as high as two hundred. Such particulars as have been received are published elsewhere in this issue.

If there is anybody in the South who wants to welcome Gen. Grant to his heart and his home and his pocket book he is perfectly at liberty to do so, for all we care, but still it might be well, before ordering the dinner, to find out whether or not Grant will consent to eat it. The citizens of Augusta thought they would do the handsome thing and so they telegraphed to Grant and tendered the hospitalities of the city and Grant, in turn, telegraphed a very short and not very polite declination. One snub like this ought to be enough for the whole South.

THE HERALD ON GOV. GARCE-LON.

We yield much of our editorial space to-day to the publication of our admirable article on the situation in Maine, the perusal of which we commend very earnestly to some of our Democratic exchanges. The Herald, notwithstanding the fact that it is variable and changeable in its political moods, yet carries with it a weight and an influence in its editorial expressions that has never yet been equaled, scarcely approached, by any paper published on this side of the Atlantic. For a calm, dispassionate view of the situation in Maine we commend the article referred to, which is as follows, and which we find as the editorial leader in last Saturday's issue of that paper:

The despatches from Maine which we print this morning supply a clear, intelligible and detailed statement of the reasons, or professed reasons, which governed the action of the State Canvassing Board in rejecting such a multitude of returns. We have the formal report of the committee of the Council to which the returns were referred for examination. It is fair that these statements receive such attention as may be due to the official sources from which they come. To be sure they are exparte; but until their specific allegations of facts are contradicted in some authentic manner, or by some responsible persons, we are not at liberty to impugn their credibility. Facts must be respected, no matter which party they may help or harm. Unless the detailed official statements, now first promulgated, can be successfully controverted the Governor and Council have a very plausible, not to say a very strong, case. Of course allowance must be made for the fact that these statements, though official, are ex parte; but, being official, they are entitled to credit until they are met and confuted by specific evidence. We accept them provisionally while awaiting authentic contradiction. If they shall be disproved by evidence they will recoil upon their authors, convicting them of wilful falsification of facts in addition to the great crime of wilfully falsifying the election returns of the State. But surely we are not to assume that these official avowals are false in advance of credible evidence to prove them so. As yet they are uncontradicted. As yet they seem to bear on their face the impress of truth. Assuming that they are true the case against the Governor has been greatly overstated.

The report of the committee of the Council sets for the reasons for the rejection of returns in every instance in which such rejection affected the result. Each case must be judged on its separate reasons. It would be absurd to lump them all into one mass and denounce them by wholesale because they happen to affect the election of so many members of the Legislature. If case A is defensible, and case B is defensible, and case C is defensible, and so on to the end of the alphabet, the summation of the whole is defensible. If thirty per cent, or sixty per cent, or ninety per cent, of the decisions are justifiable, the action of the Governor and Council is justified to that extent. It is not a matter that can be judged en bloc without examination of the separate instances.

The Governor and Council claim that their decisions on every local return were in strict pursuance of mandatory provisions of law. They plead uniform precedents set by their predecessors; they plead judicial decisions by the highest State tribunals; they plead the plain language of the constitution and a statute in defence of their decision. Have they misrepresented the precedents? Have they misstated the adjudications of the courts? Have they made false or garbled quotations from the statutes? If they have it can be shown, and they will be covered with disgrace. But until it is shown the public outside of the State will suspend its judgment. If the Governor and Council have done nothing but what the law required them to do then the law alone is responsible for the unexpected results.

The idea has been industriously disseminated by the Republicans that the numerous decisions of the Governor and Council by which returns were rejected fixes the complexion of the new Legislature. We fail to perceive that this is true. It is not true unless the Legislature, which has power to go behind the

returns and investigate the facts in their first sources, shall violate its duty. It is assumed by the Republicans that it will violate its duty, since there will be at the outset a fusion majority. But does this necessarily follow? Because Democratic returning board which had no legal authority to go behind the actual returns declined to do so is it to be assumed that a provisional Democratic majority of a Legislature which has power to go behind the returns and decide cases on their merits will refuse to discharge their duty? Had the Governor and Council possessed the same legal authority to make investigations which belongs to the Legislature it is unlikely that Florida and other cities would have been deprived of their representation; but their authority being restricted by law to a mere examination and certification of the returns, they were unable to practice the duties which are within the power of the Legislature. It was the duty of the Governor and Council to certify to what they actually found in the returns, counting such as the law allowed them to count, and refusing to count those which the law does not permit to be counted. The excuse for not going into the equities and respecting the intention of the voters is a want of power. The majority of the Legislature will have its duty to perform. It will be their duty to see that justice is done, as it would have been Governor Garcelon's clear duty had the law permitted him and his associates to look into the facts which he balk of this return. It is an unwarrantable usurpation that a fusion majority of the Legislature will exercise a rectifying power which they do not possess. There is no proof that they have misstated the contents of any return. There is not even a pretence that the returns which they refused to count were in any form or complied with the positive requirements of the law. Returns which were effective in the same particulars have been repeatedly rejected by their predecessors. The points of law on which they acted have been taken from decisions of the highest courts of the State. This, at least, what the Governor and Council allege, as yet their allegations have been met by no specific details, much less by a specific proof.

Now, we venture to suggest that before setting the State on fire with threats of violence and inciting a mob to resist the execution of a law of the Governor, which was a consequence of those threats, it would have been wiser for the Republicans to have taken up the rejected returns one by one and have shown either that the alleged facts did not exist or that the law, as it stood, expounded and practiced puts such returns to be counted. When uprising against the State authority threatened, and the threats have been executed by mob violence, it behooves the threateners and insurgents to have the excuse that the author against which they rebel is illegal, or has been illegally exercised. If the pent stage of the controversy that is force are unseemly and disgraceful. If some for violence, if violence be justifiable at all, will be after the Legislature, which has power to go behind the returns, shall have refused seats to those members whom the people clearly intend to elect and for whom they actually cast a majority of their votes.

MOONSHINE.

When two women with hats on pass each other on the street there is a pair of back stares made immediately.—Marathon Independent.

It is said that the fashion of turning down one corner of a visiting card was originated by General Schok in a fit of absent-mindedness.—Bton Post.

A school teacher who has just been telling the story of David winds up with: 'And all that happened over 3,000 years ago.' A little cherub, its blue eyes dilated with wonder, after a few moments' thought: 'Oh, dear, marm, what a mummy you must have.'

The rumor that Bunn has been negotiating for the purpose of the New York Post is absurd. There is nothing fast about the Po.—Rochester Express.

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