

JAPAN'S INDEMNITY.

It is certain that when peace is made between Japan and China, and that will probably be very soon, the latter will be required to pay a heavy war indemnity.

China has \$725,000,000 in coin while Japan has only \$161,200,000. But China's coin is nearly all silver while about one-half of Japan's coin is gold.

It is well remembered into what a bad financial condition Germany fell soon after France paid the immense indemnity for the war of 1870.

Perhaps history will repeat itself in China and Japan when the financial account for their war is settled.

TAX THE PEDDLERS ETC.

This is to serve notice on all itinerant peddlers or merchants selling goods by sample, that when they come to Durham they will be required to pay a tax of \$12 a month or \$100 a year.

A TRAVELER ON JUSTICE.

The Progressive Farmer of this week has this to say of the Arrington investigating committee:

"If the two members of the Arrington legislative investigating committee who have been on a protracted spree, one a Populist and the other a Republican, have any respect for themselves or one iota of pride left, they will sober up, reform and get to work."

Who would ever have expected such conduct on the part of "reformers"? These men are vested with judicial powers and authorized to summon witnesses and hear evidence.

Is this Populism or Republicanism, or both—Fusion.—Charlotte News.

Some Lexington, N. C. shippers of produce have been duped by a firm styled Davis, Hill & Co., of Washington, D. C.

The poor, ignorant Douglassites that think democracy is dead, had the lie chucked down their throats Friday night.

ADJUDGED INSANE.

Religious excitement appears to be growing in Roanoke county. One of the local papers says:

Mr. M. H. Jennings, a prominent produce dealer and commission merchant, of Roanoke city, was adjudged insane Saturday afternoon by a commission of lunacy.

Did "S," the colossal crank of that section and whose frequent wall-eyed communications to the Newberry (S. C.) Lotheran Visitor are a photograph of him, have anything to do with it?

The lawyer's errors are strung up or set up; those of the physician covered up; the merchant's charged up to profit and loss, and so the representatives of nearly every business keep their mistakes from the gaze of the public.

It is ruled by the postal authorities that any reduction of the size of a postal card by clipping, rounding off the corners or otherwise, will subject the receiver of the card to a charge of 1 cent on delivery.

The latest dictionary contains 349,333 words. The old, unabridged had only 125,000. This is a trifle hard on those who find difficulty in learning to spell, but all right for those who wish to conceal their thoughts or have none to express.

The Lancaster (Pa.) Intelligencer celebrated its 100th anniversary by issuing a special edition of 40 pages and 20,000 copies.

The Monroe Enquirer says a "local politician," a Populist, who had concealed about his person a large amount of red rye, argued the dishonesty of the Democrats to the Enquirer man and swore by all that's good he would never vote the Democratic ticket until they made a "gold dollar of equal weight to six-tenths silver dollars."

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TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Joe Choyinaki got the best of Dan Creedon in six rounds at Chicago last night.

Edward O'Brien yesterday appointed as a dock commissioner in New York to succeed Andrew White, removed.

The Sultan has ordered the release of the Armenian ecclesiastics who are imprisoned in the province for political offences.

The inquest into the loss of the steamer Elbe, which has been in progress at Lowestoff for some time, has been indefinitely postponed.

General Adam Badeau, who was on the staff of General Grant as military secretary, and who afterwards served as secretary of the American legation in London, is dead, aged 64 years.

Lockhart, Staley & Willard, one of the largest dry goods firms in Columbus, O., went into the hands of a receiver yesterday.

Mr. Sabers, of Ocala, Fla., whose wife and daughter were killed in the wreck on the Southern Railway at Scotland, Ga., several days ago, has accepted \$4,000 and agreed not to sue the railroad company.

John M. Knight, one of the best known railroad men in the South, has been appointed ticket agent of the Southern Railway (Piedmont Air Line) at New Orleans, vice L. A. Shipman, transferred to Birmingham.

Advices are said to have been received at the Guatemalan legation at Washington to the effect that a temporary arrangement had been entered upon which bids fair to result in an absolutely peaceful solution of the contentions between the two republics of Mexico and Guatemala.

Messrs A C Monson and A J Cassett bought the Monmouth Park race track at Freehold, N. J., yesterday for \$60,000. They represented the bondholders.

Hobson Wants His Wife.

About the close of the war a man by the name of John Hobson from the Eastern part of this State married Phoebe Handy, near Dehart, this county. They went East to Hobson's home and stayed some time. They finally moved back to Dehart where they lived together for some time; but owing to some family trouble Hobson left his wife and had not been seen in this country for probably twenty years, until last week.

An Escaped Convict Back. Chief Boger went over to Charlotte Friday night at 8 o'clock and returned at 1 with Lon Harris who escaped from the chain gang two years ago.

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A BIG HOUSE FULL.

Democracy Met Friday Night—A Convention to be Held—Executive Committee Appointed.

The call for a mass meeting of Democrats, brought a big court house full of them Friday night.

There were calls for Messrs. H S Puryear and W R Odell. Both responded, telling of the object of the meeting and urging the propriety and importance of holding a convention.

Upon motion the mass meeting unanimously voted to hold a convention for the nomination of candidates for aldermen, school commissioners and a mayor.

The Representatives of the four wards divided, up in the several corners of the building and held an election for ward committees. When this was done, the mass meeting endorsed, the chairman added as the 8th member, the election of the ward men and thus the following gentlemen compose the Town Executive Committee:

F L Smith, Chairman. W R Odell, Ward 1. R F Coble, Ward 2. R A Brown, Ward 3. M L Brown, Ward 4.

The motion provided that the committee meet at once and decide where and in what manner the ward meeting and the convention shall be held.

Immediately after the adjournment of the mass meeting the Executive Committee met.

The Primaries are to be held on Wednesday night at 8:30 o'clock in the different wards as follows:

Ward 1, Cannonville School house. Ward 2, Forest Hill (place made known later). Ward 3, Court House. Ward 4, Town Hall.

On Friday night at 8 o'clock, in the Court house, a mass meeting will be held to ratify the action of the Ward meetings and to nominate a candidate for Mayor.

DASHED TO DEATH.

A Sign Painter in Greensboro Falls from a Building and is Instantly Killed.

Two roving sign painters have been in the city several days painting signs. They were very good workmen, their names being Lew Mann, of N. Y., and Robert McDonnell, of Chicago.

This morning they were engaged painting the letters, "The Brockmann School of Music," on the front of the Trogon building on East Market street, a few doors west of the Court House. The sign was being painted on the wall just above the windows of the second floor, the men using a "swing"—that is, a plank placed upon a long ladder, either end of which was held by a strong rope and tacks, on the end of the rope there being a hook which was hooked on to the window sill.

The men had almost completed the sign, and were working on the last three letters, the "E" in music being almost finished, while the "I" and "G" were mapped out ready for the brush.

McDonnell was near the east end of the swing and about this time Mann moved up nearer to him when the hook straightened and came loose from the sill without any warning whatever, leaving only one end of the structure fastened to the building.

McDonnell fell head-foremost to the pavement, striking squarely on his head crushing his skull and killing him almost instantly. A piece of his skull as large as one's hand was fractured, the blood and brains running out over the sidewalk.

The other workman—Mann—caught on the window sill by the tips of his fingers and pulled himself in at the open window. The fall was perhaps not over 25 feet, but when the swing gave way it naturally turned McDonnell head downwards, causing him to fall squarely on his head, otherwise he might not have been killed.

The body was taken in charge by the city and turned over to undertaker Forbis for burial.—Greensboro Record.

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THE OBSERVER CHARLOTTE, N. C. See the administrator's notice by A F Hagler.

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