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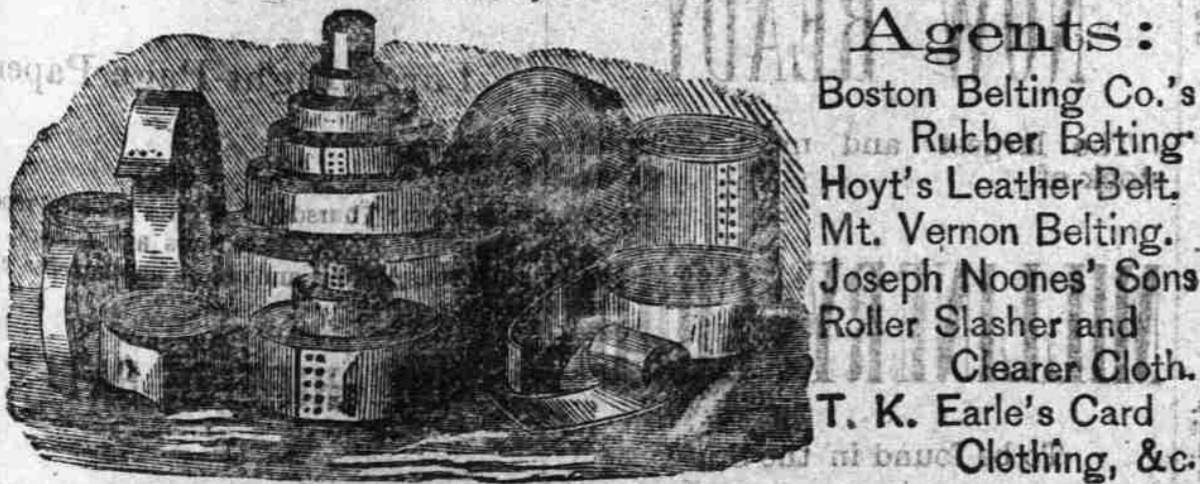
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BLOWING UP FLOOD ROCK.

Flood Rock, which was blown up Saturday, was about 1,200 by 625 feet in surface dimensions. An artificial island was built about the highest portion of the rock, and within its limits shafts were sunk and galleries were carried from the latter in the desired direction through solid rock and to the proper distances. Great care was taken in cutting the galleries to carry them a safe distance from the bed of the river so that there should be no flooding of the excavations by the breaking in of the rocky roof. There were, of course, leakages, but none of them were important in character, and powerful pumps took care of the water which found its way into the excavations. The greatest depth attained was sixty-four feet by the main shaft, and the average gallery floor was about fifty feet deep. It was the intention to give a clear depth of twenty-six feet of water over all the points of rocks composing that portion of the river bed which has been operated upon. From the main galleries of the excavation ran tunnels in every direction. The length of the galleries and tunnels were nearly four miles, and the thickness of the shell of rock separating them from the body of water overhead varied from ten to twenty-four feet. Four hundred and sixty seven rock columns, each about fifteen feet square, supported this roof. In these pillars and the roof 13,286 holes three inches in diameter had been drilled to an average depth of nine feet. In the pillars these holes were five feet and in the roof four feet apart. They were charged with "rackarock" and dynamite (No. 1) cartridges in the proportion of about eight volumes of the former to one volume of the latter. The total weight of these cartridges was about 283,000 pounds, or, in round figures, over 140 tons. "Rackarock" is a mixture of chlorate of potash with dinitro benzole, looks like moist, brown sugar, and has 95 per cent of the strength of No. 1 dynamite. Electrical connection with the exploding battery was made with the dynamite cartridges, and the concussion caused by the explosion of the latter fired the "rackarock."

THE FRENCH SITUATION.

In the newspapers it is stated that out of a total vote of 7,500,000 in the recent election in France 3,300,000 were cast for the Monarchist candidates of various stripes. This is a formidable minority with which the French Republic is threatened; but it is asserted that a great many Republicans voted the Conservative ticket because they were dissatisfied with the present management of political affairs. And that a very small minority of the French nation favor a restoration of monarchical or imperial institutions. This may be true, but small factions have frequently played important parts in French politics. In the heights of their terrible prestige the Jacobins represented an extremely small portion of the French nation, yet they absolutely controlled its destinies for a considerable time. There are many other examples in history to encourage the various factions of France in their struggle for power, notwithstanding their numerical weakness among the people.

CHANGING THE CHURCH NAME.

It was in 1844, we believe, that the recognized portion of the Methodist Episcopal church South seceded from the regular organization of the church and under the name of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, asserted jurisdiction over the territory included in the Southern States. The war came, and its incidents and results, only tended to make the disunion the more bitter.

Of late there has been a disposition among some of the members of that church, some south and some north, to abolish the dividing line.

At a meeting of the Tennessee Conference of the Methodist Church South, at Columbia, Tenn., last week the matter of changing the name of the church so as to eliminate the word South by using the plain term Methodist Episcopal Church came up unexpectedly, and failed, after a sharp and short debate, by a vote of 175 to 25, Dr. Kelly, J. B. McFerrin, Dr. Young, Wm. Green and others debating the question from their standpoints, all of whom were in the main opposed to the change. It was then submitted whether the name should be so changed as to read "Methodist Episcopal Church of America." This also met with repulse, and so far as this conference is concerned this question is now at rest, and will be so reported at the Richmond, Va., general conference in May next. Each conference must act on the question, and the general conference will decide according to majority.

The Temperance Movement.

It is a cheering prospect to human hearts—all at least, which deserve the name of human—to see the vast progress which has been made in the numbers and strength of the temperance organizations. The optimists say the world is growing wiser and better every day; the pessimists say, on the other hand, that our downward course is becoming so rapid that unless great changes are made, the race of Adam will become extinct, like those of the Ichthyosauri and Plesiosauri which geologists tell us about. Truth generally lies between the two extremes, and George Eliot used to say neither optimists nor pessimists were right, and called herself a "meleiorist."

The question is sometimes asked, "Why are drunkards more numerous in proportion to the population than in former days?" The answer is that intoxicating drinks are probably manufactured in larger quantities than ever before. The introduction of steam, &c., the various and many improvements in machinery, enable the manufacturers to flood the world with this pernicious destroyer of soul and body. In past ages men lived more in the open air, slept sounder, were less nervous; and the demand for stimulants and opiates was proportionally less.

General Philip St. George Cooke used to say that "tobacco and liquor were the twin demons of civilization." He ought to have included opium, and made a trio of the three destroyers of heart and brain. There is no doubt that suicide, insanity and crime are on the increase. This state of things is largely due to the increased production and consumption of alcohol in its different forms.

From Blackwood's Magazine of June, 1880, we copy the following: "Suicide has been increasing all over Europe during the last hundred years, with strangely augmenting speed. Exact returns are not attainable from every country, but the information is not sufficiently complete to enable us to perceive that Europeans are now killing themselves at an annual average rate of one in five thousand, and that consequently a total of somewhere about 60,000 are dying by their own hand each year on the Continent and in the British Isles. If we may trust M. Maurice Block, who is about the safest statistician of our times, the Danes kill themselves the most, and the Portuguese the least, the difference between these two extremes reaching the scarcely credible proportion of thirty-five to one.

The Danes drink strong alcoholic liquors, while southern Europe is satisfied with the lighter production of their vineyards. An article has been going round of the papers headed "Drinking Danes," showing the bad pre-eminence of the Danes in this matter over other races. It seems to be their most characteristic vice, for they are otherwise industrious and prosperous. Take spirits away from them and they would probably be one of the most thrifty nations in the world.

All accounts agree that drunkenness is increasing in France in proportion as wine is ceasing to be the national beverage. The pure juice of the grape is becoming a thing of the past. The juice of all fruits, it is said, has a tendency to overcome the appetite for alcohol. And philanthropists would do much good by opening the new enterprise of forming organizations for the purpose of providing cheap fruits for the poor. Let boys have access to as much fruit as they want, and the charms of whiskey and tobacco would probably be materially lessened.

As Dr. Ticknor's pitiable old toper complains: "I was wain of fruit, when I was young, (Thy righteous wrath restrain), they kept its favor from my tongue, its fragrance from my breath, I lived on salt—my father's fault, and lo! this vale of pain!" Children have the undeteriorated palates of our first parents, and have as insatiable a craving for fruits as old drunkards have for liquors. One is the craving of innocence, the other of vice. H. M. I.

BEST NEWS YET! Opening Days ARE OVER.

It is true we entertained a multitude of people yesterday and added all in our power to their amusement. Rarely are amusements remembered any longer than they last, but for

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