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EDITORIAL NOTES.

A YOUNG man in Lancaster sent a dollar to a firm in New York who advertised a receipt to prevent bad dreams. He received a small slip of paper, on which was printed: "Don't go to sleep."

In large white letters upon the fanning of a New York bawling ground is inscribed the following notice: "Use Jones' bottled rye if you want to keep out of here."

Gen. E. F. DAVIS is now Captain of the State University of Nashville, Tenn., but thinks of leaving to become Professor of Natural History in the University of the South at Sewanee.

JESSESON DAVIS, Alexander H. Stephens, and all the ex-officers and soldiers and sailors of the Confederate army and navy, have been given a general invitation to a national reunion of ex-Federal soldiers soon to be held at Cleveland, Ohio.

It is thought in Tennessee that the Governor will appoint General William B. Bate to the seat of the late Andrew Johnson in the Senate. Gen. Bate was a close competitor of Mr. Johnson, this latter winning only by a very small majority.

The Boston Light Infantry Association has accepted the invitation of the Washington Light Infantry, of Charleston, S. C., to participate in the Centennial celebration of the battle of Fort McHenry, on June 28, 1876, and to take part in the proposed "Centennial Legion." A committee, headed by Capt. J. G. Laughon, has been appointed to make the necessary arrangements.

A LITTLE Idaho three-year old fell into a well recently where the water was only six inches deep, and remained there six hours before he was discovered. When he was finally rescued his pent up wrath knew no bounds. There was no crying about it, but such a volley of invectives upon the heads of neglectful parents never before fell from childish lips. Here is an example: "You sink I'm tay in a well without buffin' we eat like a fog? If I wasn't better foder n'mudder'n ou'd do wifont children!"

New York is disappointed as to the result of the late census. She looked for a million and a half, and had to count in numerous towns to make up a million. According to the Times the taxes levied twenty years ago in New York amounted to but \$9.28 per head of the population; they amount this year to \$31.56 per head. Still more disquieting is the fact that the ratio of debt per head of the population has risen from \$23.87 in 1855 to \$111.21 in 1875. The outlook just now is anything but pleasant to contemplate tax-payers.

A narrow gauge railroad through the mountainous regions of Vermont has been projected, and the northern end of the route has been surveyed. It is to run from Shabine Falls in Massachusetts to North Troy, Vermont, a distance of 240 miles. The estimate of the engineers for building the lower end of the road is \$12,500 per mile, and it is thought that the cost of the upper end will be less. The narrow gauge is continually growing in favor for roads where the people or traffic would not warrant their construction upon the more expensive plan of the ordinary gauge.

At West Point, a day or two ago, an attempt by several of the older cadets to "devil" Cadet Irwin, of the fourth class, who reported in June, did not result so favorably to the hazing party as they might have wished. As Irwin was walking his post on guard at about midnight they attacked him with the design, it is stated, of rolling him down the side bank of Fort Clinton. The assaulted cadet stabbed one of them in the thigh with his bayonet and climbed two of them over the head with his musket. They were carried on litters to the hospital, and will probably let the cadet alone in future.

The Election.

What the result of the election is we are unable to state with certainty at the present writing. The indications now are, however, that the Democrats will have control of the Convention. The doubtful counties have nearly all been heard from, and our majority has not been broken down.

We give below a list of the delegations elected as far as heard from.

The counties marked with a * send Democratic delegates to the Convention:

Alamance, Alleghany, Alexander, Ashe, Beaufort, Bertie, Bladen, Brunswick, Buncombe, Burke, Cabarrus, Carteret, Caswell, Catawba, Chatham, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Currituck, Dare, Davidson, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Franklin, Gaston, Gates, Granville, Greene, Guilford, Halifax, Haywood, Henderson, Hertford, Hyde, Iredell, Johnson, Jones, Lincoln, Macon, Martin, McDowell, Mitchell, Mecklenburg, Moore, Montgomery, Nash, New Hanover, Northampton, Onslow, Orange, Pasquotank, Person, Perquimans, Pitt, Polk, Randolph, Robeson, Rockingham, Rowan, Rutherford, Sampson, Stanly, Stokes, Surry, Swain, Transylvania, Tyrrell, Union, Wake, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Wilkes, Wilson, Yadkin, Yancey.

Literary.

"The Mystery of Dark Hollow," by Mrs. E. D. E. N. Southworth, author of "Fever Play," "Miriam the Avenger," "The Lost Heiress," &c. &c. Philadelphia, T. B. Peterson & Brothers; Wilmington, P. Heinsohner.

"The Mystery of Dark Hollow" is highly sensational, and the characters have been drawn with great force and vigor. It is strictly moral in tone and sentiments, abounding in wit, pathos, and acute observation. The plot has also the rare merit of originality, while it possesses unusual interest, and the whole is handled by the author with rare ability. It is issued in a large duodecimo volume, bound in morocco cloth, full gilt back, in uniform style with all Mrs. Southworth's popular works, and is sold at \$1.50 a copy.

"A Double Wedding," or "How She W. Won," by Mrs. C. A. Warfield, author of "The Household of Bonaventure"; Philadelphia, T. B. Peterson & Brothers; Wilmington, P. Heinsohner.

We predict for this work as great a popularity and as large a sale as "The Household of Bonaventure," which has been pronounced by the best writers and critics in the country to be one of the best and most remarkable works ever written. It has the great merit of arousing curiosity and keeping it alive, from the first to the last line. There is great power of language in it, and it is tested not only in the descriptive portions, and in racy idioms, but in the happy epithets that often tell the whole story. The plot is skillfully conducted, and there is an earnestness in the style that is charm-

ing. From the first to the last chapter, the reader's interest in the story never for a moment flags. His curiosity, which is excited at the very commencement of the tale, which gradually builds up little by little, as the story progresses, is not completely satisfied, until the curtain is about to drop at the close of the book. There is in it blending of heart and intellect really wonderful, and its delineations of character are vivid, clear, powerful, and exquisite.

"Mary Stewart, the Queen of Scots," by George W. M. Reynolds, author of "Mysteries of the Court of London," "Rose Foster," "Mary Price," &c. Philadelphia, T. B. Peterson & Brothers; Wilmington, P. Heinsohner.

"Mary Stewart, the Queen of Scots," is one of the most interesting works ever written by Reynolds. In it he has given a full and complete history of Mary Stewart, the Queen of Scots, as well as now Queen Elizabeth, of England, pursued her unto death, and how people were suborned to perjure themselves to convict Mary Stewart of crimes, against the bare idea of which her soul revolted, and how forged letters were produced in evidence against her by the agents of Queen Elizabeth to hamper her to the hilt.

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"Marion Harland, author of "Alone," "The Hidden Path," etc., in a letter to the publishers, speaks thus of it: "As to Mrs. Warfield's wonderful book, 'The Household of Bonaventure,' I have read it twice—the second time more carefully than the first—and I use the term 'wonderful,' because it best expresses the feeling uppermost in my mind, both while reading and thinking it over. As a piece of imagination, I have seen nothing to equal it since the days of Edgar A. Poe, and I doubt whether he could have sustained himself and reader through a book of half the size of the 'Household of Bonaventure.' I was literally 'hotted' through it by my intense sympathy, my dev'g in 'og' sympathy—it was more than 'interest.' I read everywhere—between the courses of the hotel-table, on the boat, in the carriage—until I had swallowed the last line. This is no common occurrence with a voter's room-reader like myself."

"Isabel de Baviere, Queen of France, being the mysteries of the Court of Charles the Sixth," by Deumas, Philadelphia, T. B. Peterson & Bros., W. H. Green.

"The vivacity of style, and vivified descriptions in which Deumas so greatly excels, will be found in this volume to possess all their original brilliancy; while the utmost care has been taken to preserve the valuable lessons that may derive from a perusal of the work. Much vice is here portrayed; without offending delicacy; and the description of those turbulent times of old,—of bigotry combined with loose morality,—of unlimited power with impotent laws,—may induce me to congratulate ourselves that we live in an age when Christianity is something more than a dry, inefficient code. The work reads for their great and tragic merit for all time to come.

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