

Robert Browning, it is rumored, means to make a translation of the "Agamemnon," with photographic illustrations of the Mycenaean ruins.

The Sultan is the husband of one wife, and the Sultana is credibly reported to be a Belgian, very pretty, very clever, and once a pupil of Mme. Elsie. It is not the first time that a Western woman has held the Padishah in hand.

The entire cost of moving the obelisk called Cleopatra's needle from Egypt to London is to be borne by an eminent English surgeon, Mr. Erasmus Wilson. He has made the necessary arrangements with Mr. Dickson, the civil engineer, at an estimated cost of \$50,000.

The New York Legislature has before it a bill, reported from its Judiciary committee, which proposes to repeal the compulsory pilotage law on the ground of its injustice.

A party of robbers boarded a locomotive at Long Point, Ind., killed the engineer, set the engine in motion, and drew an Adams Express car away to a convenient place for rifling.

The Brotherhood of Engineers was formed thirteen years ago. It now embraces one hundred and eighty-nine subdivisions and twelve thousand regular members in all parts of the United States and Canada.

In the course of a lecture before a brilliant audience in New York the other evening Robert Collyer pronounced most emphatically for early marriages, and thought it was a great mistake for young people to wait until the bloom of youth had worn away.

The present condition of Chili is described by Mr. Rumbold, a British Consul. He says that the 2,000,000 Chilians all claim to be of pure Spanish descent, but over half are probably part Indian, and a little above serfs in condition.

Mohammedanism is making very rapid strides in many of the distant provinces of China, says a French missionary. Not only, too, is the religion itself spreading thus suddenly and swiftly, but the Chinese followers of the prophet seem ripe for an insurrection, and it is feared that the entire provinces of Kansuh, Shens, and Kweichow may ere long be in a condition of open revolt.

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THE REVENUE ACT. The Raleigh News give the following as the principal provisions of the Revenue Act as passed by the Senate: Poll tax 98 cents. For General Fund 14 1/2 cents tax \$100.00 of property. For Asylum for Insane and Institution for Deaf, Dumb & Blind 9 cents on \$100.00 of property. For the Penitentiary 6 cents on \$100.00 of property. (These are same taxes as levied last year.)

Shares of stock in National and State banks are given in by the cashiers of such banks directly to the Public Treasurer for the above taxes, and the said taxes are such shares paid directly to the Public Treasurer, but the stockholders is required to list his stock in the county which he resides, and to pay to the sheriff of said county only the taxes imposed on such shares of stock, for school and county purposes. The tax on income is one per centum. Only \$1000.00 is exempt for necessary expenses of supporting the family.

Under the tax on trades and professions, under Schedule B, theatrical exhibitions pay \$5.00 on each exhibition, or \$50.00 a month. Each concert or musical exhibition \$3.00; the same on each lecture for reward, museum, wax works, curiosities of any kind, natural or artificial (except paintings and statuary). On every exhibition of a circus \$100.00. On all other exhibitions for amusement or reward, otherwise than mentioned above, \$5.00; but exhibitions for religious, educational or charitable objects are exempt.

Spiritualists are required to pay \$5.00 on each exhibition. Billiard saloons \$20.00 on each table; the same on bowling alleys and other games or plays. Liquor dealers pay five per cent. on purchases of any and all liquors. Retailers pay \$3.00 a month for license. Merchants and other traders pay as a privilege tax \$7.00 and one-tenth of one per cent. on purchases.

The tax on public ferries, toll bridges, and gates across highways is \$6.00 and one-tenth of one per cent. on gross receipts. State banks pay a privilege tax, according to capital employed, as required last year to the Public Treasurer. Auctioneers a license tax of 1 per cent. on sales. Tobacco warehousemen \$20.00 a year and one-fifth of one per cent. on gross amount of sales. Cotton warehousemen \$50.00. Commission merchant, or agent or dealer buying or selling for another, one per cent. on commissions; on sales of liquors 5 per cent. Livery stables \$2.00 on each horse or mule. Horse or mule drovers \$1.00, and one-half of 1 per cent. on each sale; the tax of \$10.00 to be paid in only one county. Itinerant dentists &c., \$6.00 in each county or \$25.00 for the State.

Peddlers (not selling articles of their own growth or manufacture) \$10.00 for license for six months. Lightning rod man \$10.00 for each county. Stove men \$50.00 for each county. Drummer or agent selling goods, wares or merchandise (not his own manufacture) \$5.00 to the Public Treasurer. Insurance companies 2 per cent. on gross receipts, unless one-half of such receipts are invested in this State, when the tax is one half of one per cent on such receipts. No county or corporation is allowed to add any additional tax.

Every railroad or canal company, not liable to a tax upon its property or the shares therein, shall pay as a tax on said corporation a sum equal to one per cent. upon gross earnings, on the first days of July and January; those railroads which are liable to a tax on franchise and personal property shall pay as a corporation tax a sum equal to one-half of one per cent. on such receipts. The tax for July, 1877, shall be only on the receipts from April 1, 1877, to July 1, 1877. Express companies and telegraph companies 2 per cent. on gross receipts. Tax on rents, mortgages, marriage licenses, same as last year. Fines, penalties, forfeitures and the taxes on licenses to retailers of liquors and auctioneers to be paid by the sheriff to county treasurers. Any officer appropriating any fine or penalty, or State, county, city, town or school tax to his own use shall be guilty of embezzlement and may be punished not exceeding five years in the State prison at the discretion of the court.

THIRTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS SAVED. The Raleigh Observer thus comments on an act changing the mode of making election returns in this State, which has just passed the General Assembly: That the act was a much needed one in the impoverished condition of the State, saving as it does more than \$13,000 every election, the most careless observer can see at a glance.

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sheriffs for making returns in the State election is about \$4,600. The same amount paid by the counties for making returns in the Presidential elections will be \$4,600 more. The expense paid by the counties for making congressional returns may be safely estimated at not less than \$4,200. We have, then, to pay out for election returns as follows: For State elections.....\$ 4,600 For Presidential elections.....\$ 4,600 For Congressional elections.....\$ 4,200

Total.....\$13,400 All this cost is saved by the act just passed, in that it requires election returns to be made by mail instead of by the sheriffs in person, and we doubt not the law will work as well here as in other States, in Tennessee, Virginia, Georgia, Mississippi and New York for instance, where it now already prevails. Mr. McClure's attention was first called to the matter while acting as commissioner for his county, since which time he has devoted himself to bringing about a change in the law. Mr. McClure deserves great credit for the persistent efforts he has made in accomplishing the change.

Another excellent feature of the act is that it secures a complete record of the vote in two offices of the county, to which access can be had at any time and from which copies can be conveniently made.

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"Foreign Travel," by Gen. McClellan; "Saunterings About Constantinople," by Charles Dudley Warner; "Out of My Window at Moscow," by Eugene Schuyler; "An American in Turkistan," etc. Three serial stories are announced:

Nicholas Minturn, By Dr. Holland, the Editor, whose story of "Sevenoaks" gave the highest satisfaction to the readers of the Monthly. The scene of this latest novel is laid on the banks of the Hudson. The hero is a young man who has been always "tied to a woman's apron strings," but who, by the death of his mother, is left alone in the world,—to drift on the current of life,—with a fortune, but without a purpose.

"Home Life and Travel." Also, practical suggestions as to town and country life, village improvements, etc., by well-known specialists. Mr. Barbauld's articles on various industries of Great Britain include the history of "Some Experiments in Co-operation," "A Scottish Loom Factory," in the November number, and "Toad Lane, Rochdale," in December. Other papers are, "The British Workingman's Home," "A Nation of Shopkeepers," "Ha'penny a Week for the Child," etc.

"Household and Home Decoration" will have a prominent place, whilst the latest productions of American humorists will appear from month to month. The list of shorter stories, biographical and other sketches, etc., is a long one. The editorial department will continue to employ the ablest pens both at home and abroad. There will be a series of letters on literary matters, from London, by Mr. Welford.

The pages of the magazine will be open, as heretofore, so far as limited space will permit, to the discussion of all themes affecting the social and religious life of the world, and especially to the freest thought of the Christian thinkers and scholars of this country. We mean to make the magazine sweeter and purer, higher and nobler, more genial and generous in all its utterances and influences, and a more welcome visitor than ever before in homes of refinement and culture.

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The great political revolutions of the last decade, with the natural result of the lapse of time, have brought into the world a multitude of new men, whose names are in every one's mouth, and of whose lives every one is curious to know the particulars. Great battles have been fought, and important sieges made, which the materials are as yet preserved only in the newspapers or in the transient publications of the day, and which ought now to take their place in permanent and enduring records.

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Passengers for Charleston, Augusta and beyond should take Night Express Train from Wilmington. Through Sleeping Cars on night trains for Charleston and Augusta. JAMES ANDERSON, General Superintendent. jan 4

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