WILMINGTON, N. C. SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 1877. VIEWS AND REVIEWS.

Philadelphia is reported to have 8,000 houses untenanted or occupied by families who, unable longer to pay rent, are premitted to remain in them, on condition that they protect the premises from the ravages to which unoccupied buildings are liable.

has adopted the following rates for composition: For daily morning papers, 46 regard and increase the growing of wheat, cents per 1,000 ems; for daily evening corn and other articles for home conand weekly papers 35 cents; while it was deemed unwise to fix any definite rates for book-work, owing to the great competition.

The main building under the new arrangement for a permanent exhibition at Philadelphia, will include the New England log cabin, with its baked beans and other attractions. The singing darkeys, and their tobacco shop thereabout, and North and South will be brought together again.

Fred. Archer, the leading jockey on the English turf, is only 18, but during the racing season of the year 1876, he rode not less than 657 times, won 217 races-a featr neve before accomplished by any horseman on the turf. His year's receipts in fees, retainers and presents were about \$44,000

Gen. Grant dosen't intend to write an autobiography, but his name will appear on the title page of a volume dealing with his services in behalf of the Union both during the war and after. The editor of the book, it is reported, will be a Pennsylvania cousin of Mrs. Grant, named Smith. He has all the officials records to work with.

The experment of a city making and selling its own gas seems to be quite successful in Birmingham, England. The authorities bought out the private corporations two years ago, and, last year, the city served consumers at 70 and 80 cents a thousand. Some 321,000 tons of coal were used to make the gas, and the city's profits, aside from interest and sinking-fund to pay for the works, amounted to \$145,000.

A lawsuit over an election bet has been pending for some time in St. Louis. A Democrat and a Republican bet on their respective candidates for President, and suit was brought by the Republican, when of the wager. The election returns from Louisians, Florida and Oregon were put in as evidence, and at the latest reports the judge was still considering his decision, being undecided, as he said, on the point whether Hayes was elected legally or

Two-thirds of the fiscal year have passed and our foreign trade shows a continuation of the marked improvement of last year. The imports have fallen off from \$308,000,000 to \$267,000,000, but the receipts of spe ie have swellen from \$12,000,000 to \$33,000,000. The exports have increased from \$425,000,000 to \$472,000,000, showing anincrease in the surplus of exports over the imports of \$88,000,000, or an average of \$8,000,

The woman's plea in a singular New Jersey breach of promise case rested on the promise of an already married man, to be made good when he should become crease of municipal debts is about .7 per divorced from his wife. The divorce cent. yearly. We either pay in taxes or run in debt at the rate of 5.4 per cent. joicing in his freedom, doubtless, refused to take up the matrimonial yoke with woman number two, and the Supreme Court sustains him, pronouncing such a contract as he had made as opposed to morals and public policy. "If a husband can bind himself to a future marriage, conditioned on the getting of a divorce," said Chief Justice Beasley, "so he can incur a similar obligation to be put in effect on the dissolution of his marriage by the death of his wife. Such contracts are highly impolitic and highly scandalous, and are, therefore, illegal.

In consequence of the pressure now being exerted by would-be exhibitors for space at the Paris Exposition of 1878, M. Krautz has been compelled to abandon his intention of constructing the monster Giffard balloon within the exhibition precincts. The French Government, however, will farnish space for its construction as pear as practicable to the Champs de Mars. M. Giffard has made his preliminary technical arrangements. The length of the rope will be about 1,-800 feet. It will be conical, the thickest end being attached to the bottom of the car. The ascending force, when loaded with ballast, guide ropes, grapnels and fifty passengers, will be five tons. The weight of the cable, fully extended, will be two and a balf tons. The ascending force of the hydrogen will be twenty-three tons. The balloon itself will be about 110 feet in diameter and 150 feet in height | Sav Toledo, O...... 2,828,744 to the upper part of the valve.

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WILL THE RUSSIA-TURKEY WAR BENEFIT US?

mative as to those who are producers of a reduction of 25 cents since last year. grain and meat for market. But our section unfortunately is too much dependent upon other parts of the country for these very necessaries of life, the agricultural interests of the South being almost exclusively devoted to the one staple of cotton, which, since the war in our own country, has been planted too much to the exclusion of everything else. If our people do The New York Typographical Union not now awake from their apathy in this respect, and make a new departure in this sumption, it is not likely that they ever will and they must in consequence suffer the dire results that such a source will entail upon them. We have got to give up in a measure the culture of cotton. It will not pay-steadily year by year since 1865 the farmers in the South have been falling in arrears, because, steadily year by year since that period, the price of our main staple has been on the decline and may continue to decline still further for the reason, that other countries than our own are now growing this staple, this fact being brought about by the necessities created by our unfortunate civil war.

If our people who are filling the towns and cities, idling away their time looking in vain for some easy source of employment would turn their attention to tilling the soil, then we might hope for easier and more prosperous times, but until the people arouse themselves to this true state of affairs and act in accordance therewith, we can expect no relief, either temporary or otherwise, from the cutting of other people's throats in a European war.

SOME MUNICIPAL DEBTS.

to some very interesting facts and figures the unity of race which is disclosed by relative to the municipal indebtedness of various principal cities in the country which language, will, in the long run, prevail will furnish food for the thoughtful. The increase since 1870 has been such as to seriously alarm those who are in the habit of looking into cause and effect. In 1870 the recorded debts of those municipalities which had more than four-fifths of the total municipal indebtedness was two hundred and sixty-nine millions of dollars. In seven years time this indebtedness has increased to seven hundred and forty-four millions—the increase being at the rate of one hundred and seventy-six per cent. Including those municipalities not given above, the entire municipal indebtedness of the limited States is nearly nine hun-

It seems safe to say that the interest on

municipal debts, though not fully paid, involves a tax of about \$60,000,000 yearly. This large sum must be paid in addition to the cost of municipal government, which was over \$114,000,000 in 1870, and has largely increased since that time. It is probably much within the truth to say that municipal governments and debts costs us \$200,000,000 yearly, and in addition we pay about \$145,000,000 for State and county purposes, whilst the revenue of the United States Government is \$284,-000,000. About \$629,000,000 yearly we pay in taxes, besides about \$30,000,000 for postal service, and unknown sums in fees to various Federal, State and local officials. And, after paying more than \$15 per capita for government of various sorts, besides untold millions in fees, we still find municipal debts increasing at the rate of more than \$2 per capita yearly. In 1870 the assessed valuation of all property in the country was about \$14,-000,000,000. Taxation for various forms of government exceeds 4.7 per cent. yearly on that valuation; and moreover the inyearly on the assessed value of all property and still we wonder that we do not prosper. We print below a table showing the debts owed by forty of the principal cities

of the United States :	
Albany, N. Y.	\$ 3,202,000
Augusta, Ga	2,100,000
Baltimore	. 33.343.251
Bangor, Me	: 2,745,000
Bestou	. 43,933,165
Brooklyn	42,334,350
Buffalo	7.739 991
Amden, N. J.	831,000
Charleston, S. C	. 4,672,663
Chicago	. 18 098 096
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Octroit, Mich.	2 182 000
Elizabeth, N. J	4.820,000
raiveston, Texas	1.073 000
ndianapolis	1 455 000
ersey City	. 14.300.000
long Island City.	880 000
ouisville	8,330,000
nemphis (in default)	5.870.000
Iilwaukie	. 2,421,437
Iobile (in default)	2,772,000
Vashville (in default)	1 737 989
vewark	8 610 600
New Brunswick, N. J	. 1,215,000
New Orleans (iu default)	. 22.689.438
ew York	. 148,106,557
Vorfolk, Va	
aterson, N. J	1,357,500
hiladelphia	60,371,582
ittsburg	13,533,819
ortland	6,482,800
rovidence,	10,134,996
ochester, N. J.	2.742.086
ahway, N. J.	1,161,500
Joseph, Mo	1.380.900
Louis	16.218.000
L. Paul	1,230,262
an Francisco	3,366,000
avannah, Ga., (in defanlt)	2 600 640

To this table we add Wilmington which, with a population of 20,000, has a As to the question often asked whether municipal debt of about \$600,000. we are to be benefited by the European The valuation of real estate (from taxawar now progressing, the answer can tion) is about \$4,000,000 and the rate be given almost immediately in the affir- this year is \$1 75 on the \$100 valuation,

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A correspondent of the London Standard has visite! Strasbury to ascertain whether the city is under Prussian rule, is in the plight as Venice or Milan at the time of the German occupation. His conviction is that if the German Government pursues its policy of wise conciliation the inhabitants of Strasburg will, as the memery of the siege isweakened by time depart from their prisint unbending mood-that the dashing German officers will, in a few years, time come to dance and flirt The New York Public gives circulation with the fascinating Alsaciennes, and that unity of tastes, manners; customs, and over the memory of political divisions.

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