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# MONDAY, JULY 2, 1877.

THE SUEZ CANAL. It was an important day in the history of the Eastern question, says the Augusta Chronicle, when the Suez Canal was opened, and England for the first time had a comparatively direct communication with her Asiatic possessions. Ever since that moment Great Britain has had a far less vital interest in keeping the Russians from extending their dominion to the Bosphorus and controlling its waters. Should the Czar permanently occupy, Constantinople, his occupation would in no way interfere with England's passageway to India. England cares nothing for Turkey, except as a useful barrier to Russia's movements castward, such as would be likely to affect the hold of the United Kingdom upon its Asiatic dependencies and its means of communciation with them. Russia has given its pledge not to touch or any way interfere with the Suez Canal. The British Government, to be sure, still has weighty reasons why it for instance, to apply it to the Chairman would not have the Muscovites extend of the late Iowa Republican State Contheir territory and rule to the Bosphorus, but not such as it once had, when its was more dependent upon the control Turkey exercises over the entrance to the Black Sea. Add to this change of consideration the utter weakness, meanness and larbarity of the Turks, and the unwillingness of the sensible portion of Great Britain to plunge into a war for, a mere "nightmare," a shadow of an idea. and you have some of the principal reasons why England does not show the same alacrity to help the Turk she did in the war of the Crimea. The British Government has, however, prudently resolved to prepare for unfavorable contingencies. In accordance with an arrangement with the Pope and the Khedive, it will occupy Egypt at its pleasure, and a force of 20,000 men has been attempt to enforce. They are based upon selected for this purpose. By this step. England will insure the protection of her maritime route against Russian aggression, and at the same time keep a standing menace on the Turkish flank for the daily consideration of the Czar in his ambitious eastward career. We have no reason to think that England has any fears of Russia's immed ate designs upon her "interests." The ghost that disturbs Briton's repose is what to come, whether sooner or later no one can predict. Russia's prudence will not allow her to incur too great risks. Her steps will be measured, keeping time with the movement of circumstances, and making sure that no retreat will be necessary when an advance is resolved upon. The time will come, we have not the least doubt, when the Czar's dominions will push down to the Bosphorus, across Asia Minor; and some day-when, tell who can-England and Russia will grapple in a desperate struggle for the mastery of the Eastern and Central half of Asia. This is the spectre that will not down, which makes Russia prudent in her steps, and England loath to enter upon any premature collision with the enemy of Turkey. Circumstances, not now foreseen, may involve these two great Powers in hostilities before the pre-

#### ANOTHER GRANGER CASE DE-CIDED.

sent war shall have passed. But we

do not expect such will be the case. The

conflict, sure to come, will be at some

subsequent period, when British "inter-

from Russia's designs than they do to-

"Granger" case, embodying some interest- his stable loft, the can aonading on the ing points, has been decided by the United States Supreme Court. The Clicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company are the plaintiffs in error, and con- propagation of fiction, and organized it as test the constitutionality of the railroad a prayer meeting, with the avowed purlaw of Iowa. The decision is against the railroad company. It affirms the right of the State to fix rates unless prevented by the terms of the charter. It does not allow the plea that the failure to use this power for twenty years had any effect on its existence, nor does it allow the plea that the road having been leased, and its revenues pledged to its bonded creditors its resources cannot be reduced by the State. Thus the law is all on the side of the State. Meanwhile a correspondent of the Chicago Tribune has gone carefully through the receipts of this road; to show that in each year the farmers have actually had to pay some \$700,000 more for transportation than before the Legislature interfered, because the trunk line of which this is a link has raised its through rates. The company itself, on the other hand, has suffered severely. So that the experiment may be regarded as by no means a brilliant success, in spite of the fact that the theoretical rights of the State are The condition of the stock is good-no se-

ple who keep things in apple-pie creased, but the tillage has been better order do not always belong to the upper than for years. There is a marked im- A

#### WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 30, 1877 Governor Vanzandt, of Rhode Island, will go to the head of the class. This is the way he gushed on introducing Presi dent Hayes yesterday:

"Sometimes upon a summer night stan come out like jewels, and we think they are bright, and the moon rises and we regard it as passing fair, but at sunrise we forget all the rest, and now the sun will rise upon dear Rhode Island, for I have the pleasure and the right of introducing,

When writers use this sort of language they put it in the mouths of very young

people who are very core-sick. A delegation of the black people-the very black-is coming from South Caroling to see the President about the office. The grievance seems to be, not that the whites get office, but that the mulattoes do. I always thought the President made a mistake in giving office to Fred Douglass and John M. Langston, if he thereby expected to conciliate the blacks. It is only a half recognition of the race and sensitive black men may well be offended at such a preference for the paler brethren. To use a coarse but fitting phrase, the President should go the whole hog or none. Let the blacks have peace.

There is something amusing in the first case under Hayes' reform order, prohibiting Federal officials from manipulating caucuses and conventions. It is proposed, vention. Haves seems to have no friends out there, and one active enemy more will not hunt him. But the joke will come when the order is applied to such States as Maine, New York, etc., In Maine, for instance, Blaine will have the selection of two-thirds of all the delegates; of all the efficers of the Convention, will write the resolutions, both those to be adopted and those to be rejected; yet the next morning the little man that is President of the Convention will lose a Federal office, if he has one, for "manipulating" a party Con-

be made by both parties. A careful examination of the rules laid down by Secretary Schurz, for appointments and promotions of the Interior Department, show that they are not in any respect superior to those which Pre-sident Grant attempted or pretended to Arrive at Wilmington, Front 3. any respect superior to those which Prea competitive examination. If rigidly a competitive examination. If rigidly enforced they would, in the sweet by and daily, (except Sunday) and daily, via Richby improve the civil service. But they never were and never can be enforced They will be wantonly violated by the appointing power, and cunningly evaded by ingenious candidates and office-brokers and Congressmen. Imagine the veteran Hamlin baulked by such rules if he wished a friend appointed, or Morton, or Stanley Mathews, or Wilson of Iowa, or \$600 PIANOS FOR \$250. Cameron of Pennsylvania, or any other of the hundred Congressmen and politicians who have peddled patronage all their lives. If we look to the Cabinet we shall find that the personal and political influence of Sherman and Schurz has heretofore been effectual in providing government places for many men; and they, too, will do secretly what their own published rules prohibit.

There is an effort being made by the Mexican Government to come to an understanding with ours as to the border troubles on the Rio Grande. Of course we should accept nothing which does not promise a cessation of plundering by Mexicans, of our border people in Texas. The difficulty is in deciding how this protection can be secured without our becoming the oppressors of a sister Republic. I believe the administration is ashamed of its orders to Genl. Ord to cross the Rio G ande into Mexican territory, and will accept any reasonable proposition from Mexico. A representative of the Diaz Govrenment is now on his way to Wash-GURDGE.

[Charlotte Observer.] Summer Day Entertainments.

Everything being dull at this time, a rowd assembles each day at the Court House, coolest spot in town, and competes ests" will stand in greater jeopardy for the highest niche in the affections of the father of lies. They were about to give the belt, yesterday, to a Steel Creek man who averred that during the war he could sit on his front piazza and her the firing of the carrier around Richmond; but just then aSharon man came up and said The New York Times says another that day before yesterday he had heard, from banks of the Danube, reported in the Observer yesterday morning, and then they gave the Sharon man the prize. broke up the club as an institution for the

[Raleigh Observer.]

The Crop Prospect.

Reports for the month of June have been received at the Agricultural Department from about twenty-five of the leading agricultural counties of the State. These reports are of the most encouraging nature. The wheat yield has turned out much better than was expected, and since the May reports there has been a marked improvement in all the crops, and those reported as behind hand and languishing have, by the most propitious seasons,

"caught up." The twenty-ties reports thus far received show that: Labor is reliable and abundant at at average of \$8 per month. There has been no damage to the crops this season-rain has been general and all crops looking well. There has been much more millet and grasses sown this year than usualand so far expectations have been realized. There is a marked improvement in the implements now in use as compared with the name of the person to whom issued, and five years ago, and a perceptible decrease by whom held. in the purchase of commercial manures. rious diseases raging. The amount of acreage in cultivation has not been de-

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SCRIBNER'S MONTHLY. mer Holiday Number in July, a friendly

critic said of it: "We are not sure but that Scribner has touched high-water mark. We do not see what worlds are left to it to conuer." But the publishers do not consider that they have reached the ultima thule of excellence—they believe "there are other worlds to conquer, and they propose to conquer them."

The prospectus for the new volume gives the titles of more than fifty papers (mostly illustrated), by writers of the highest merit. Under the head of

# "Foreign Travel,"

we have "A winter on the Nile," by Gen. Mc-Clellan; "Saunterings About Constantinople," by Charles Dudley Warner; "Out of My Window at Moscow," by Eugene Schuy-ler; "An American in Turkistan," etc. Three serial stories are announced:

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surprise to the public. There is to be a series of original and exjuisitely illustrated papers of "Popular Science," by Mrs. Herrick, each paper complete in itself. There are to be, from various pens, papers

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ries of Great Britain include the history of Some Expriments in Co-operation," "A "Some Expriments in Co-operation," "A Scottish Loaf Factory" in the 'November number, and "Toad Lane, Rochdale, ' in December. Other papers are, "The British cember. Other papers are, The British Workingman's Home," "A Nation of Shopkeepers," "Ha'penny a Week for the Child,"

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