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THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 1877.

VIEWS AND REVIEWS.

The Czar annouces that he will close the campaign this year on the line of the Balkans. The Sultan exepcts to close it in on the line of the Danube.

At Rock Mill, Als., on the 11th inst., says the Montgomery Advertiser, an old negro woman died whose age was 105 years. About ten years ago she lest he husband, who died at the good old age of 104 years.

Mary Mapes Dodge; editor of the "St Nicholas," is a handsome brunette, below the middle size, and quite stout, the embediment of vivacity and merriment. She is a veritable humorist, seeing everything at a droll angle, and telling stories that keep her hearers in a gale of laugh-

The annual report of the Texas and Pacific Railroad Company, which was read at Philadelphia on Wednesday, stated that 480 8-10 miles of track had been completed, of which 110 were finished during the year just closed. The receipts its \$318,985 02.

The Rev. Phillips Brooks tells the suggestive speech of a backwoodsman who heard Bishop Mead, of Virginia, preach without manuscript, in a frontier church "He is the first of them fine fellers," said the homely critic, "that I have ever seen who could shoot without a rest."

The Adjutant-General of Pennsylvania for service in preserving the peace volunteers from the National Guard. None but men in good health and physique he gives the following opinion on the will be selected, and the surgeon will reject all men under twenty-one years of age.

Private telephones for business purposes are now in successful operation in New York, and there is a prospect that they will come into general use. The circuits vary from one to five miles of wire in length, and the instrument at each end consists simply of a wooden tube, which can be used at pleasure for the transmission or reception of sound. "I would like to whisper a word in your ear," bids fair to become the commonest of salutations.

The manager of the French Democratic paper, Mot d'Ordre, has been condemned to two months' imprisonment and 5,000 francs fine for libelling Marshal McMahon. One of the objectionable passages was this: "M. McMahon, who desends from a mere apothecary, arriving from the British at Isles at Autun to seek his fortune, has dextously allowed the rumor to circulated, without ever contradicting it that his ancestors occupied the throne of Ireland."

the Treasury Department into a very awkward scrape by allowing the national banks and certain private firms, which figured in the old syndicate, to be ruled he knew his hearers did not agree with out of the new one, when, by the withdrawal of the balance of the four-and-ahalf per cents they were deprived of the full benefit of their original contract, without receiving any compensating interest in the funding the new loan. The ultimate result of this injustice will probably take the form of a suit at law, but the immediate effect is felt by the new securities, which instead of commanding a premium, have fallen below par, with every prospect of going still lower.

The Mid-way, Ky., Sun says about four weeks ago John Young's large dog mysteriously disappeared. He could hear nothing from it. Last Sunday Mr. Ed Scott was attracted to his well by the story of as little boy, who said that he heard and saw the dog in a well. The neighbors were summoned, and Mr. Young himself descended by a ladder and brought the dog out. It is supposed that the dog had lived in the well four weeks. When taken out it was very lean and faint. Mr. Scott heard the dog bark in the well three weeks ago, but could not perceive it on looking into the well, ond concluded that the noise came from some other direction.

Peace is concluded between Egypt and Abyssinia, on terms which make the mis-Abyssinia, on terms which make the mis-crable war between the Khebive and Cing an intention of displacing all his present John a drawn battle. The old frontiers are to be restored, and the Bogos country will be given to Egypt; and on the other hand, Abyssinia is to be at liberty to have an agent at Massowah, and to have free communication with foreign countries except that the importation of powder and guns is limited to fifty pounds of powder ten guns and five thousand caps-an arrangement not likely to be long satisfactory to warlike, powder-loving Abyssinians. Col. Gordon is not, however, yet free to begin his often-postponed task of putting down the slave trade in the Red Sea, for an insurrection has broken out in the province of Darfur, and he is busy suppressing it.

HARD TIMES ENERYWHERE.

The recent stagnation in business affairs (but we hope that it is rather recent than present, and that the near future will on the 13th of next month, at their counprove this) has not been confined to any ty fair, listen to Governor Wade Hampone locality or for that matter to any one ton, of South Carolina. country, but seemed to have been universal, reaching almost everywhere and affecting every industry and every department of business and trade; The New York Bulletin in discussing this subject, says

The great iron works of Germany are in a very depressed condition, and her com- missionaries in Japan. petition with England and France in that branch of manufactures has not turned out very satisfactorily. The Germans are looking forward to a better and cheaper system of freight to aid them in competing adjuncts. The railways are advised to construct canals, and to use them as a useful auxiliary for the transportation of stone, minerals and coals.

In France-country of Bastiat though it be—there is a regular recrudescene of protectionist theories, and the Chambers will lads, among whom was a boy name soon be stormed with the representations of different interests. The meetings of these 'threat-'ened industries,' which are words of Adam Smith, 'When manufacturers meet, we may 'expect a conspiracy against the public poc-'ket,' It will not be very-easy for these gentlemen to agree among themselves. The iron masters the surface the open jaws received him. want high duties on English, German and Belgian iron, but they want to buy English and Belgian coal cheap for their for the year were \$2 381,97647, and prof- furnaces. The cotton spinners want to be protected against the mills of Manchester; The boy's comrades rushed into the water ported free. In short every interest is antagonistic to the rest.

The whole political and social condition of Europe is, in fact, in process of trans- jured, will probably live. formation and while some great works, like railway enterprises, may have seen their best for years, other interests are going through a process of evolution, and situation: 'We have machines which 'turn out 10,000 pair of socks a day, and others giving us 100,000 coats a month. We 'cannot, or do not buy all this, and the factories have to stop. I see no way out of the 'difficulty, but by our wearing out a coat 'every day.'

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 21, 1877.

A gentlemen occupying a place in the Cabinet of Mr. Hayes ought not to make political speeches in a Sate campaign. It is simply an attempt to buil-coze the people by an authoriative statement of what the Administration wishes. If a Collector of Customs should preside over a convention, and should say in substance, that he thought certain men should be nominated and certain measures endorsed, the principle would be the same but the actual offense less heinous, because the Collector would not go directly from the President to the convention. It is not possible to acquit Sherman and Hayes of a gross impropriety in the matter of the former's Ohio speech, if they are held to have been sincere in their reform notions. Sherman Secretary Sherman appears to have get | indeed, prefaced his speech with a statemet that the order against intereference of offiicials with politics had no bearing or the case. The mere fact that he thought such an explamation necessary shows that him. He justified himself by the letter of the order, knowing the while that the spirit of it condemned him.

Of the merits of the speech I say nothing, except that all the Republican papers in America are hunting excuses for it. One paragraph in it suggests a few re-

flections as to matters here. Every Department of the government, is needlessly hiring private buildings for the transaction of public business. The rents paid are such as to give the owners, in from four to ten years, the whole cost of the building. Ben Buttler gets from the Coast Survey from 14 to 18 per cent. on the cost of buildings put up by him a few years since. There are many even more flagrant instances of extortion than this. While the government borrows money at 4 per cent. it should not pay 4 or 6 times as much for the use of property. Mr. Sherman speaks of saving on rents, etc. The administration can make a real and material saving by inserting in its cases here a provision that when the rent paid shall have become twice the amount of the value of the property hired, the buildings cuted. All I ask of the Public is to give me every school. and land shall become the poperty of the United States. Not one in five of these renters would accept the terms. The camp-meeting season of 1877 is at its height with us. There is manifest a considerable falling off from the attendance and spirit of former years. As conducted in our neighborhood these affairs become more expensive to the visitor each year, and the hard times affect them.

Bureau Officers. When this fact was first given to the public there was good reason to believe the changes would take place at an early day, but several months have elapsed without action. The present report comes directly to your correspondent from a gentleman in position to know the facts. Changes in the Treasury, also, are freely spoken of. GURDGE.

The Senatorial Commission appointed by the legislature of California to inquire and entirely free from setting-off. into the Chinese question, have embodied the information obtained on the subject in a memorial to Congress. It is understood that the memorial takes strong ground against Chinese immigration and suggests a remedy which it is hoped will obviate further trouble on that account.

The People of Winnebago County, Illinois, who two years ago refused to permit Jefferson Davis to address them, will

Bishop Marvin, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, writes from Japan that one-half the money spent by the women of the Southern Methodist Church for gewgaws would support a hundred

A very suggestive fact is given by the Philadelphia Ecening Bulletin, to the effect that out of one hundred and eighty with foreign countries; and canals, which at one time were looked on as rivals to year, one hundred and seventy-three had railways, are now looked at in the light of never served an apprenticeship at any

At Lake Charles, Calcasieu parish, La., a most exciting scene was witnessed by a number of people on the shore. Some Wm. Haskell, were in bathing, when the attention of all were attracted to the cries being held all over the country, recall the of the latter, and an alligator was seen swimming in that direction. The little boy, not perceiving the approach of the alligator, dove, and just as he rearched The alligator drove his teeth almost through the boy's skull, making several wounds in the scalp three inches in length. but they wish to have the mill plant im- and began a loud outery, when the alligator let go his hold and disappeared. The The little fellow, although seriously in-

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