

Hamlin, under sentence of death in the Connecticut prison, sells photographs of himself, and gives the proceeds to the widow of the man he murdered.

The eminence on which the lion is placed on the field of Waterloo is giving way the upper part of the steps is already in pieces, and the lion is in danger.

A trial now going on in St. Petersburg has led to the disclosure that poor people arrested for not paying their taxes are liable to be beaten with rods steeped in salt water.

Two muffled men fired at each other across a street in Xenia, O., and ran away when a crowd began to gather. Who they were, and what they fought for, nobody has been able to find out.

Lord Ronald Leveson-Gower is writing a life of Marie Antoinette, and will soon visit St. Petersburg to examine some manuscripts bearing on the subject, placed at his disposal by Count Schouvaloff.

Gardener E. Sisson undertook lately in Providence, R. I., to make 100 pairs of India rubber boots in 100 consecutive hours, or forfeit \$5,000. He performed his task four minutes before the expiration of his time.

The strength of the different fractions in the German Reichstag as it now stands, after changes since the election, is as follows: The Conservative wing, 126; the Liberal wing 145; and the Centre again, 126.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Cologne Gazette says that no one at all acquainted with the state of affairs in St. Petersburg can any longer doubt that the conspirators have powerful connections, which extend even to the council of Ministers.

At Laroin, near Pau, in southern France, a hill on which a set of farm buildings had been erected has suddenly fallen in. The inmates had barely time to escape; the furniture, &c., being speedily engulfed, and a lake of three hectares area now covers the site.

On and after July 1 next to all letters paid with insufficient postage will be affixed by postmasters distinctive stamps equal in value to the amount of postage due. The amount of these "shortage stamps" will be paid by the parties receiving the letters. The denominations of these stamps are one, two, three and five cents.

Parole's next appearance will be at Epsom, the last week of this month, where he is entered for the gold cup, to be run on the Derby course. This is a weight for age race, and the American horse will only have to carry 125 pounds. Parole will also contend for the Ascot stakes, June 10, which is a handicap, and the distance about two miles.

Italian editors are undoubtedly the poorest marksmen in the world. Two journalists, a Sicilian and Neapolitan, lately fought a duel near Naples, with pistols. The principals were posted at a distance of fifteen paces, and no fewer than eight and twenty shots were interchanged, but not one of them took effect. The second, at last stopped the duel and declared honor to be satisfied.

Sixty thousand tons of iron ore have lately been imported from the north of Africa for making Bessemer steel at Bethlehem, Scranton, and Baldwin, Pa. It came as ballast, and can therefore compete in price with that mined in Pennsylvania. It contains more phosphorus than the iron ores of this country and Europe, and is better for steel manufacture.

Gen. Bradley T. Johnson and wife, in bidding good-bye to Richmond, gave a novel entertainment on Wednesday night. Mrs. Johnson has been collecting rare plants for years, and these were used to decorate the house. Then of the seven large rooms open, two were set aside for refreshments, one specially for flowers, one for curiosities in neck-ties, another for tobacco—there being at hand not only the choicest Havanas, but all kinds of pipes, chibouks, nargiles, meerschaums and Powhatans—and still another was turned into a gold cavern for the children.

In his empirical frame of mind, Lord Beaconsfield, when in the Commons, was always heard at his worst. At his best he was incomparable. As a phrase maker, a man who can, with a combination of two or three words, label and, to some extent, lame an adversary, Disraeli had no equal. His passion, rarely indulged in, seemed always funny and feigned. But his polished shafts of sarcasm, his feathered darts of wit and irony flew about the House at will and never missed their mark. This gift he retained to the last, though as he became more prosperous his manner became more benign.

THE FLURRY IN COTTON.

For the past few days there has been an unusual excitement in the cotton market in New York, occasioned by a sudden and unaccountable advance in the price. On Tuesday morning, the 20th inst., the market was very much excited and cotton advanced 50 points (A point is 1/100 of a cent.) Subsequently it tumbled to 40 and finally closed in an unsettled state at 46 points. The sudden advance caused consternation among the cotton merchants and brokers and one large firm, that of Williams, Birnie & Co., was forced to a suspension, which will probably, however, be only temporary.

This is the first failure of a cotton dealing firm of any importance in a number of years, as the fluctuations in the market have been very slight, and New York capitalists engaged in the business have been able to control the market. About three months ago, however, the visible supply became very much reduced, and a determination was made to "bull" the market. Prominent Southern houses grasped the opportunity, and colossal fortunes have been the result to them. It is reported that several New Orleans operators have netted \$500,000 apiece, while New York "bears" have been driven to the wall.

The cotton planting for the present season is completed, and in the extreme Southern portions of the country, the crop is far advanced towards its fruition. Had this excitement taken place some two months ago, we doubt not that a new impetus would be given to its cultivation, and a much larger acreage bestowed to its culture. As it is, the incoming crop will be watched with anxious solicitude and there will be an unending amount of speculation as to the prices which shall obtain for future deliveries. Whether the advance becomes fixed and permanent or not, it will have a beneficial effect upon the cotton raising section, and we have not a doubt that it will materially benefit Southern planters in the future as well as at present.

HEARD FROM AT LAST.

William A. Wheeler, who was the Republican candidate for Vice-President, on the ticket with R. B. Hayes, has been heard from. It will be remembered, by those who have taken any interest in the matter, that at the commencement of the present session of Congress he retired from the chair of the President of the Senate, ostensibly to visit a sick relative, and Mr. Thurman, of Ohio, was elected President pro tem. Since that time nothing has been heard concerning Mr. Wheeler, until the last few days, and he has been as dead to American politics as if he had never been born. But he has at last been heard from. He is yet alive. He will not return to Washington during this session, which is an entirely unimportant matter. He suffers much from nervousness, which might reasonably be expected. We should suppose that he would be nervous; very nervous! We should think that the disorder would grow upon him. We should think that, as he draws the salary which properly belongs to another, he would be more than nervous.

It reflects more credit upon Mr. Wheeler than we had thought he deserved, and shows that he is not callous to every moral sentiment. It gives us some hope that he may become a decent and respectable citizen one of these days—that he may return—that he may repent his great political sin, and "bring forth fruits meet for repentance" by turning over to Mr. Hendricks the amount which he has drawn from the Treasury wrongfully. We rejoice that he is nervous, as thereby is hope, in which there is some consolation.

There is another consolation which is the offspring of Mr. Wheeler's malady. Ordinarily, the absence for a prolonged period of a public functionary from the place where his duties are to be performed works injury. In the present instance nothing of an injurious nature has occurred—no public interest has been endangered and no delay in the proper dispatch of business has been occasioned. The dignity of the Senate has been preserved in all its integrity. The presiding officer has reflected credit upon himself, the country and the party who placed him in that exalted position. There has not been a doubt expressed that he was not legally elected and had a lawful and just right to preside over the deliberations of that body, and, consequently, he has had no cause for nervousness nor any other trouble which the consciousness of being a party to a wrong might inflict; and that is a great consolation.

REVOLUTION IMMINENT.

Turn out the troops beat the long roll; revolution, barbarism and murder were contemplated in the pious frauds and Honesty John Sherman's native State of Ohio, yesterday. One man eloped with another man's wife and a mob of people tried to hang and did hang him, but they must certainly have come from Don Cameron's State, where they have ex-convicts for supervisors at election, or from the strutting Turkey Gobbler's State of New York, where, according to his own admission, they have a plentiful supply of shoulder hitters, thugs and other refined gentry of the same order. Surely they cannot be native and to the manner born in Ohio. We think that State must have exhausted itself when two such high-toned, chivalrous, frank, truthful and honest men as the sanctimonious psalm singing, pious fraud in the Whitehouse and the Eliza Pinkston, Madame Jenks and the Treasury Department first saw the light near the boundary lines of the old Ohio.

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