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Views and Reviews.

The advance in the value of real estate in New York city during the past year, particularly during the last few months, has been in some cases as high as one hundred per cent. Rents have also increased, but not in the same proportion.

Brooklyn bridge trustees promise that the fourteen million dollar structure will be thrown open to the public on July 4, 1881, unless the last appropriation should melt away before then or the federal authorities should condemn the whole affair as an obstruction to navigation.

Hon. W. H. English, of Indiana, has informed an interviewer that he is not a candidate for vice president, but would like to be senator if a democratic president is elected, or would feel honored to be secretary of the treasury. As to the presidency, he is not seeking the office, but would accept the nomination if tendered him.

Hart, who won the last great walking match, making the best time on record, is but little over twenty-one years of age. He is neither large nor small, tall nor short, and his hips and legs are of moderate size; but his style of walking is almost perfect, and his roomy chest is always held well out. He is a colored man, a lawyer by profession.

The King of the Belgians has established a yearly prize of 25,000 francs for the encouragement of works of intelligence. The prize offered for international competition will be awarded in 1881 to the best treatise on the means of improving harbors established on low and sandy coasts, like that of Belgium.

Mr. Alexander Delmar, an expert, estimates the cost of mining gold in California, from 1848 to 1856 (in value of capital and labor employed), at \$2,235,750,000. The mint value of the actual product of gold for the same period was only \$450,000,000, so that the product cost about five times as much as its real value. Mr. Delmar estimates that the results with regard to silver are about the same, even taking into account the extraordinary productiveness of the Comstock lode.

Mr. George E. Spencer, an ex-carpet-bag senator from Alabama, says Blaine will get nothing of any account from that or any other Southern State. He has been the enemy of Southern Republicans, and they hate him as sincerely as they hate Hayes. He thinks him about four degrees removed from Dennis Kearney. He is a demagogue and politician with none of the qualities of a statesman about him. His record will not bear investigating. He has advocated and voted for every job before Congress this last twenty years. He will get the support of jobbers and lobbyists, and that will be all. It may be gathered from these remarks that Spencer is a Grant man.

It is estimated that during 1880 the iron mills in this country will be increased 800,000 tons. The Bethlehem mill intends to enlarge its capacity by 90,000 tons, the Northern Chicago Rolling Mills by 90,000, and the Pennsylvania Steel Company by 140,000. New open-hearth furnaces are being started up in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Ohio and Vermont, and new blast furnaces in considerable numbers are ready, or almost ready, for operation in Pennsylvania, Virginia, Illinois and Delaware. To illustrate how these enlargements in the iron business will aid the cause of labor, it may be mentioned that 800 more hands will be needed by one Pennsylvania company as soon as it has completed some additions to its mills.

The Cincinnati Music hall is now turned into a tabernacle on Sundays, and the religious performances given seem to be very attractive. The hall holds nearly five thousand people and it is always packed to hear the Rev. Dr. Pratt preach or to hear the great organ thundering sacred praise, or both. There is no charge for admission, but collections made among five thousand amount to a handsome haul. It was ascertained that the aggregate attendance of all the protestant churches of Cincinnati did not exceed 18,000 souls, all told, which somebody thought disgraceful for a christian city of Cincinnati's size. The preachers were too dull to attract, and the Sunday amusements were too attractive to neglect, and something had to be done to 'whop em up,' so grace. The music hall was at liberty on Sundays and Pratt was at liberty to preach. It is an attractive place, and the sermons are undenominational. There is no quarrelling over doctrinal points, there is go-as-you-please singing, a good talker whose voice fills the hall, and free seats, and it all draws.

THE IRON BOOMERANG.

The inflation in prices this past winter was too sudden to be permanent, a fact which is now being conceded by all. Some people seem to have gone clean daft over the sudden increase in the value of certain commodities. Chief among these may be reckoned the iron and paper men. The former, among the first to start the boom, are now the first to feel the reaction. As the Philadelphia Times says, water will find its level and the laws of supply and demand are as inexorable as the law of gravitation. When business began to revive a few months ago, and there was a reasonable prospect of a steadily increasing demand for the products of our furnaces, factories and mills, and fair profits to capitalists, an insatiable desire was developed to multiply prices and profits extravagantly. The iron men and the printing paper men were the earliest to advance to speculative and oppressive prices, and the first are now reaping a speedy harvest of retribution, and the last will closely follow them in realizing measure for measure. The iron men had the most inviting field before them. The demand for iron was no sudden or temporary call for the products of our furnaces and mills. The steady wear of five years had to be largely restored to our railways, to machinery and to all the countless channels in which iron is employed, and all that the iron men had to do was to pursue the even tenor of their way and enjoy the legitimate and permanent profits offered them. They had a certainty in the market for the future, and they had only to avoid the folly of killing the goose that dropped the golden eggs, to assure a long season of prosperity.

But they were not content with legitimate returns for their investments. They stimulated a grand boom in iron and thus rekindled almost every furnace hearth and bred discontent with labor. Strikes multiplied, extravagant wages had to be conceded, and now, after a few months of unhealthy prices, the boom has collapsed, and there is a general depression and despondency in the trade. The increased price of labor and ores cannot be summarily reduced, and a number of our largest mills have come down to half work.

It is the old, familiar story of sacrificing the substance to shadows, and now the iron men must waste their foolishly enlarged profits, confront fresh troubles with labor, and go back to get an honest start on a legitimate basis. They have chilled the generous inclination to consume from this year by the sudden increase of prices, and they must now be content with a more cautious demand for months to come.

WEST POINT GOVERNMENT.

The New York World, in speaking of the recent trouble at West Point Military Academy, and of the rules and regulations by which that institution is governed, says:

The cadets at West Point are inchoate officers of the army who are undergoing instruction at the public expense in order to fit them for our military service, as an important part of which is the administration of military justice. In their internal academic organization as cadet officers, as cadet non-commissioned officers and as cadet privates, the cadets are not subject to the Articles of War in respect to their relations to one another, but they are subject to those articles in their relation to commissioned officers of the army on duty at the Academy as their superiors and teachers. A cadet cannot be a member of a military court. The supervision and charge of the Academy have been placed by Congress in the War Department (not in the President), under such officer or officers as the Secretary of War may assign to that duty, and the War Department has prescribed for the government of the Academy elaborate and permanent regulations which, under the statute, have of course the force of law. West Point is, as General Scott used to call it, 'the nest of the army.' Everybody knows that the discipline of West Point has been as far as possible assimilated to army discipline and to the Articles of War in order that the cadets may have real and practical experience in the administration of military justice. What has happened at West Point to provoke an interference with this system of government? A cadet has been found in his room in the condition in which tramps often leave those whom they have sought to rob. There has been no other breach of discipline. In civil life the occurrence would have been inquired of by a grand jury, or, if death had ensued, by a coroner's inquest. In military jurisdiction, however, a court of inquiry is the usual tribunal.

A court of inquiry may be ordered on an incident of a battle, or on the events of a campaign, or on a scandal at a military post. It may be for exculpation or inculpation. Its chief purpose, however, is to collect information for the guidance of the officer who orders it. It may result in a court martial, and it may not. A court of inquiry cannot 'decide' anything. Its purpose often and generally is to relieve the responsibility of the President or of a commanding officer, to give exceptional means of ascertaining facts, and even to shield an 'accused' from the arbitrary discretion of the Executive. The commanding officer at West Point could order a court of inquiry only on the 'demand' of the cadet whose conduct was to be inquired about. The colored cadet deemed himself the cadet 'to be inquired about,' and asked for the court, which has to inquire, first, whether Whittaker either committed or conspired with others to commit an assault and battery on himself, and then, if he did not, who did commit the outrage? A number of well-meaning people in the community have made haste to take sides before the facts have been obtained, one side insisting that the cadet committed a battery on himself, and the other that the brutality was perpetrated by other cadets on account of the color of Whittaker, and that General Schofield is trying to shield the guilty white cadets. In the excitement, which is increased by every new guess about the facts, distrust of the military government at West Point takes possession of one side in the community, with which distrust the Administration of Mr. Hayes appears to sympathize. The whole resources in Washington of the Judge Advocate's Department of the Army appear to be found incompetent satisfactorily to conduct the needed examination, and the District-Attorney's offices for Southern and for Northern New York are both called into requisition. What does all this uproar really mean? The law says that Whittaker 'as the party accused' shall be permitted to examine and cross-examine the witnesses. The custom of such courts assigns counsel to the 'accused.' It is no doubt the duty of General Schofield and of the War Department and of the Court to see to it that Whittaker as a cadet has competent advice and assistance. He is entitled to be represented by a civilian if he or his friends ask such representation. But it is the War Department which in the present case proclaims to the country that, as the Judge Advocate's bureau in the army is now constituted, the War Office cannot command the services of a person competent to vindicate Whittaker before a court of inquiry, and, which amounts to much the same thing, that the military court assembled at West Point cannot be trusted in this emergency. After such a confession in Washington of the incompetencies of the bureau of military justice in the country to be asked to endure another dose of military government under General Grant?

A letter was sent around the world on a wager. It made the tour in eighty-eight days, actual time, or eighty-nine days, running time. Forty-eight cents paid it.

The Boston Post says a cat's mouth is like a free show, open to waul.

Scene at William College. Junior translating New Testament: 'And the man—and the Lord said, Lord said unto—unto Moses.' He hesitated, and looked appealingly at a neighbor who, being also unprepared, whispered: 'Skip it.' Junior, going on: 'And the Lord said unto Moses Skip it.' Great consternation ensued.

A lawyer, not remarkable for his clearness of person, appeared at a party with a rose in his button-hole. 'Where do you suppose it came from?' said he to a brother lawyer who was admiring it. The latter looked up and down the entire length of the questioner, and with great deliberation responded, 'Why, I suppose it grew there!'

University Normal School.

To the Teachers of the State and those desiring to Teach: The fourth session of the University Normal School will begin on the 24th of June and close on the 29th of July, 1880. No efforts have been spared to enlarge the usefulness of the School, and to make it possible for the humblest teacher in the State to attend its exercises. The Superintendent and the Professors, as heretofore, will be men of special training and experience in their respective departments as well as experts in Normal methods.

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Arrangements will be made whereby students may travel to and from the school on the several railroads for one fare. Return tickets should always be bought before taking the train.

Through the kindness of the Rev. Dr. Sears, Agent of the Peabody Fund, a sum has been given to assist in paying the expenses of the teachers whose own means will not enable them to attend the school. This sum will be applied to the payment of traveling expenses, so that all students may reach the school on an equality.

All persons desiring aid will apply to President Battle, at Chapel Hill, by mail, before May 26th, so that each one may learn in advance what amount he will receive.

Text-books will be loaned free of charge to all persons attending the School.

Thus it will be seen that for five or six dollars any teacher in our State may attend the exercises of the Normal School, and secure for himself and his pupils its incalculable blessings.

Those wishing, before leaving home, to make arrangements for board, will please write to Mr. A. Mickie, Agent of the School, Chapel Hill, N. C. THOMAS J. JARVIS, Governor, Ex-Officio Chm. Board of Education; KEMP P. BATTLE, President of the University, Chapel Hill, N. C. JOHN C. SCARBOROUGH, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Secretary Board of Education.

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