

THE PEOPLE VS. RAILROADS.

The war between the people of Illinois and the railroads is still raging fiercely. It assumed a new phase last week. On Tuesday night about twenty farmers got aboard the train of the Chicago and Alton Railroad, at Lexington, on their way to the Farmers' Convention at Bloomington.

The law of the State authorizes them to ride on that road by paying for their passage at the rate of three cents per mile, and this they tendered to the conductor.

Upon their refusal to pay more he telegraphed to Bloomington, and two car loads of railway employes were sent to enforce the regulations of the company.

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The practice of saying nothing but what is good of deceased people, and saying that with no unstinted hand, was recently illustrated in Missouri by a sharp small boy.

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The Courier-Journal says: "The most desperate step a sane man was ever known to take was that of a Pennsylvanian who not long since married his mother-in-law. A man in this State took a more desperate step than that. It was his step-mother."

TIMELY TOPICS.

A romantic Shove has been pushing a heap of nonsense upon the Atlantic Monthly in the shape of an article entitled "Life under Glass." He proposes to erect a vast conservatory, covering forty acres of ground, in which human beings shall take the place of plants, and a head physician—to generally look after things—the place of a head gardener. The conservatory is to be built on the general plan of the Crystal Palace at London, but circular in form; the materials from which it is to be constructed "mainly iron and glass."

Now isn't this a "pretty fix?" A law is openly set at naught by a railroad corporation, and there seems no redress for the people, whose rights are thus ruthlessly invaded and trampled upon.

We have no apology to make for devoting considerable attention to this subject of the encroachments and tyranny of these corporations. It is a subject of growing importance—one that will require in the course of a comparatively short time the shrewdest management and the boldest nerve on the part of those who are to act as tribunes of the people.

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Are our public men fair representatives of the popular idea of public virtue? asks a Radical journal. The vast difference between wish and fact makes us difficult in answering this question. It would seem that a decided negative ought to be given, but then all men are not the deceivers that C. M. Congressmen have shown themselves to be.

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PROMINENT PERSONALS.

Disraeli boards at the West End hotel, in strictest seclusion, working only for his party.

Major Gustavus A. Henry, the foremost living popular orator of Tennessee, is sojourning with his son and daughter, at the Peabody Hotel, at Memphis.

OBITUARY.

MALCOLM E. HUNT. Advice from Alexandria, Egypt, of the 30th of January, informs of the death of C. E. Hunt, a major of the Egyptian army, and formerly an officer on board the American Confederate cruiser Shenandoah.

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They have hops at the Lunatic Asylum, Columbia.

Mr. Shuck will continue the weekly Aiken Journal.

Neal cut by Boozer in Newbury, will probably not recover.

Found dead in bed near Jonesville, last week, Mr. Wm. Mobry.

The Lancaster Ledger chronicles the death of Mr. J. M. Crockett, aged 72.

Four negroes (two men and two women) were drowned in the Keowee River, last Sunday, by the upsetting of their canoe.

The Enterprise records the death of Mr. Lewis Huff, an aged citizen of Greenville county.

Prince Bowen, of Charleston, beat another colored man Saturday, probably injuring him fatally.

irate dealers of either sex "mixed" in Charleston. The brute of a man spat on the woman, and she struck him with a leaden Billy, and gave \$500 bail.

A man by the name of Powell was called by some unknown person to the door of his house, on Saturday night last, and shot in the legs, says the Walhalla Courier.

A. O. Jones, the Clerk of the House of Representatives, while en route to Charleston, a few nights since, and while asleep, was robbed of his wallet, containing a large amount of valuable papers. He immediately returned to Columbia, and stopped the payment on the papers.

Luck in a Name. Sarah Buttillou, a factory girl of New Hampshire, has had a fairy story. In a newspaper she accidentally saw the name of a Mr. Buttillou, of Natchitoches, who had taken part in some public demonstration.

German journals reprint a curious prediction made by Mr. Karl Blind, who, during the Crimean war, had frequently urged a more efficient crippling of Russian power.

Effect of Frost on Iron and Steel. After a series of experiments, a committee of scientific men in Sweden reported that when the thermometer is at zero iron and steel rails on railroads are about three per cent. stronger, and capable of bearing about that proportion more of weight than at sixty degrees Fahrenheit, or ordinary temperature.

Will Blaine, Washburne or Grant be the next Republican candidate for the Presidency?

All is not quiet in the politics of Connecticut, and the Republican factions continue an unrelenting warfare on one another.

The Springfield Republican says Gen. Butler's announcement of himself as a specimen of the handiwork of God, is "an assumption which invites argument."

First class in Congressional moral philosophy, stand up. Teacher—"What's the highest duty of man?" Some of the class hesitate, but the majority quickly answer: "To catch a Congressman doing wrong without knowing it." Teacher—"What's the next highest?" Class ("with a unanimous roar")—"To punish the catcher!" Teacher—"Bless you, my lads. You're 'too bright, too beautiful' to last."—New York Commercial Advertiser.

The sword of "Mad Anthony" Wayne of Revolutionary fame, is preserved at Wilmington, Del., being the property of Mr. W. H. Naff. It is a straight light blade, in a leather scabbard, which is worn and looks the worse for wear.

The use of the T rail for horse-railroads has been forbidden in Jersey City, and all horse-railroad companies are to be compelled to adopt the flange, or centre-bearing rail.

A cable telegram from St. Petersburg denies the report of a socialistic insurrection in Volhynia and Poland.

STAR BEANS.

130 asteroids. Moleje, Cuba, has an active water volcano. Ether will remove cod-liver oil stains from a dress.

Daisies are in full bloom across the sea, at Biarritz. The smallpox was stamped out very rapidly in Boston. President Thiers's library embraces 120,000 volumes.

It is reliably stated that sleeves will be puffed and ruffled. Armorial Bearings of the Ocean—the crests of the waves. Mme. Taglioni, though 65, is as active as many a woman of 40.

St. Louis will have an international medical convention in May. Chairs should never be covered with silk, because they must be sat-in. Mardi Gras at Memphis last week drew more people than ever before.

There is much virtue in a kiss when well delivered, says Sidney Smith. Scientists declare that Mr. Colfax's explanation will not stand a "spectrum analysis."

An absent-minded Tennessee man used a roll of greenbacks as a stopper for his molasses jug.

A witty painter who executed a sign for a justice of the peace marked the work as done by "R. Tist."

"C. M." COMMENT. Two Funerals in Three Months.

Every one of the Radical leaders rushed into the press or on the platform. Colfax stood on a stump at South Bend, and Wilson prompted Hawley in the shadow of the Charter Oak.

The popular sympathy for these persecuted saints was stirred to its source. Kelley was elected by a nearly unanimous vote, and Mr. Greeley, who denounced the Credit Mobilier as a fraud, died of a broken heart, and was buried, and two Credit Mobilier shareholders, plerthoric with dividends filched from the people, followed his corpse to the grave.

Three months—three of the shortest months, too—have passed, and the American people are watching the funeral of the living. The actual Vice President returns to Indiana unmourned.

The prospective Vice President steps into the seat of Calhoun, and Gaillard, and Dallas, and Breckenridge, with the consciousness that he has basely misled a political and personal friend, said, in fact, what was untrue, in order to save himself, and had a share in this money infamy.

When Henry Wilson, fragrant of uxorious criminality, takes his place as Vice President we are very sure that two gallant Connecticut soldiers, one a Senator and one a Representative—Ferry and Hawley—will not attend the ceremonial. This is the funeral of the living.

HOW THE "ORGAN" TAKES IT. [New York Times.] The House has characterized the course of Ames and Brooks as corrupt, and has confessed its jurisdiction with reference to them. But it has refused to act. Such a conclusion can only be attributed to moral cowardice.

No other motive is sufficient to account for it. Perhaps the people ought to feel relieved that our Representatives are not bold enough to reject a high standard of official morals, or to try to conceal violations of it.

But it is but a poor consolation for the mortifying spectacle of yesterday, and the people will not accept it. The impression upon the popular mind will be one of quiet but deep and lasting disappointment and regret. It will undoubtedly be recognized that the audacious immorality of Butler, or the specious and artful immorality of Farnsworth, if exhibited by the body of the House, would have been more revolting and more threatening. But it would hardly have been more disheartening.

Karl Blind as a Prophet. German journals reprint a curious prediction made by Mr. Karl Blind, who, during the Crimean war, had frequently urged a more efficient crippling of Russian power.

In 1860, at a time when, a few years after the peace of Paris, all danger of further Muscovite aggression seemed past, he wrote the following in a pamphlet, entitled "Russia's Schemes of Dominion and Caucasian Wars" ("Russland's Herrschapsplane und Seine Kaukasischen Kriege").

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"Surely," a Rhenish journal exclaims, "a most remarkable prophecy by the light of recent events. Russia's course, including even her recent dealings with Persia, were thus foreseen and foretold for the space of twelve years."

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