

ELECTION FIRST THURSDAY IN AUGUST.

THE PEOPLE WILL VOTE UPON THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND FOR TOWNSHIP OFFICERS.

CITIZENS OF WILMINGTON AND NEW HANOVER COUNTY, TURN OUT TO-MORROW AND VOTE FOR THE RIGHT AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

MORTALITY AMONG VERY YOUNG CHILDREN IN CITIES.

This subject is agitating some of the papers north of us. The large number of deaths of children this summer in the great cities of that section, would reasonably suggest a profound consideration of the matter.

In Baltimore last week of the 190 deaths, 108 were of children under five years of age. Seventy-six of them were under one year old.

In New York fully one half of the deaths have been those of very young children. The proportion of deaths among children under five years of age to the total mortality is as follows in other cities:

In Chicago, from 1845 to 1865, inclusive, the percentage being 51.24; in Philadelphia, from 1858 to 1870, 45.54; in Boston, from 1868 to 1872, inclusive, 42.22; in Baltimore, from 1850 to 1860, inclusive, and during the years 1862-5-6-9, 45.54; in Washington, during the years 1849-52-53, 46.44; in Cincinnati, during 1868, 46.68; and in St. Louis, during 1871, 51.10.

It will be seen that the records from which these figures were taken are incomplete in respect to time at least, but they all point toward one conclusion, that nearly one-half of all persons who die in our large and densely populated cities are children under five years of age.

Now this fearful death rate is unknown in the country, which leads us to conclude at once that the causes in the cities are to be found in the bad ventilation, filthy streets, crowded tenement houses and unwholesome atmosphere inhaled.

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CITIZENS OF THE STATE, A GOOD VOICE FOR THE AMENDMENTS IS NECESSARY TO THEIR PASSAGE. It is not true that the bondholders are as ready to compromise under the present law as they will be if the sixth section Article I of the Constitution is amended.

TIMELY TOPICS.

Immediately after the execution of Nicholson and Holahan in Baltimore for the murder of Mrs. Lamplay, another murder occurred in that city. With the Sun, without attributing to the last bloody deed any direct connection with the brutalizing spectacle of the morning, although it is said that the alleged murderer was present among the crowds who gazed upon the scene, it is fair to claim it as proof that no representative influence was excluded by the revolutionary exhibition. That, however, such spectacles not only fail to deter men from crime, but have a directly demoralizing influence, seems to be a matter of but little doubt.

Besides the proposed new State an account of whose boundaries, wealth, population, etc., was reprinted in yesterday's Morning Star from a Chicago journal, there are other new State enterprises in the far South. We believe the oldest of these is the movement to bring the long and narrow strip of West Florida, which borders the Gulf of Mexico into the State of Alabama.

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Table with 3 columns: KIND, NUMBER, AM. VALUE. Cotton 36, 1,345,052; Tobacco 110, 718,765; Turbines 147, 2,438,309; Lumber 533, 2,107,814; Fisheries 42, 265,813; Iron, Wool, Paper, Wood, Leather, etc., 13,915,636; Total 19,825,076.

THE GOLDEN CASE.

The Question of the Boundary Line. WASHINGTON, August 5. Yesterday morning Senator Ramsey, of Minnesota, who arrived in this city on Friday night, had an interview with the acting Secretary of State on the subject of the kidnapping of Lord Gordon. The Senator set out on his return last night, carrying with him the views of the government looking to an adjustment of the difficulty.

The late Congress appropriated \$125,000 for the expense of the commission appointed under the act, approved March 10th, 1872, for the purpose of surveying and marking the boundary between the territory of the United States and the possessions of Great Britain from the Lake of the Woods to the summit of the Rocky Mountains.

He observed that the fact was established that the release of Lord Gordon and the capture of his captors was south of the line mapped out by the engineers, and hence presumed to have occurred on American soil.

RECONSTRUCTING SPAIN.

Synopsis of the New Constitution for a Federal Republic. A correspondent of the New York World, writing from Madrid under date of July 4 gives the following basis proposed by the committee entrusted with the labor of drafting a constitution for a Federal Republic.

The Senate is to be formed by the election of four Senators in each Federal State. The President of the Republic will appoint the President of the Ministers, and the President of the Ministers will appoint his companions of the Cabinet.

Every Spaniard is to bear arms from 20 years of age to 40. Those from 20 to 25 must go through at least a month's military exercises every year; those from 25 to 30, fifteen days; those from 30 to 40, eight days.

The complete autonomy of the municipalities for local points is established. Each is to select its own ayuntamientos and alcaldes, and to fix its own local taxes.

What do mustaches become inevitably? They must ashes become.

IN GENERAL.

Prof. De Alina is to sail in a balloon from Philadelphia for Europe on the same day that Prof. Wise sets out from Boston.

When some one told Dr. Barton that Mr. Vowels was dead, he quietly remarked: "Let us be thankful it was neither U nor E."

Thomas Hughes, the well-known author and Member of Parliament, has placed himself forward in that body as the champion of a movement for the adjustment of the revenues of the Church of England, which he claims are now very unevenly distributed.

Chalybes is the name given to a Connecticut post-office by a reverend gentleman and scholar, and grievous are the consequences thereof.

It is rumored that the Shah's diary of his Western travels is to be published in London.

The wife of Senator Schurz is mentioned as having inherited \$170,000 from her uncle, lately dead, in Hamburg.

Italy rejoices in a new acid which is graphically denominated Amidomonochlorobenzenesulphonic. It is suggested that this long title has been given it because the scientists have been so long in making its discovery.

Deprocity threatens to depopulate the Sandwich Islands. If our Government will only send out there Simon Cameron, Ben Butler and other moral lepers who flock to Washington every winter, there will be no danger of the depopulation of the islands, although an influx of such immigrants would add new horrors to the leprosy, says the Courier-Journal.

ART AND MUSIC.

Madame Tussaud has had the Shah done in wax. The new columns Vendome is not likely to be completed before the end of the year.

The fine arts jury of the Vienna exhibition have given their awards. France has received the largest proportion of medals, 347; viz: 138 for paintings, 34 for sculpture, 26 for architecture and 49 for engravings.

From the programme of a monster concert, in the Vienna Exhibition, we learn that forty-eight of the best pianists in the capital are to play on twenty-four piano-fortes; the chief pieces to be the "Tanhauser" march and the "Somiramide" overture.

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