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We are not of those who discuss every question of public interest from a partisan standpoint. We haven't the time every day to stir up our bile to the proper consistency for this. We think some things should be discussed with sobriety and without reference to political effect. Hence it is that we do not propose to run amuck with Grant on the proposition by ex-President Fillmore to pension

him after the expiration of his last term. New Mr. Fillmore is in favor of an annual pension for all ex-Presidents (of course not retro-active,) of half the present salary. He said to a reporter, unfolding his views on the subject: new . . combineral 1.

Mit is a national disgrace that our Presposition in the country, should be cast adrift and perhaps be compelled to keep a corner grocery for subsistence. We make a bargain with our United States Supreme Court Judges, and agree that after the expiration of twenty years' service in the Appellate Court, if they shall be seventy years of age, we will give them a pension. The Lord High Chancellor of England, when he goes out of office, receives a hand-some pension to compensate him for the loss of his profession, which he cannot fol-low afterwards. But we elect a man to the Presidency, expect him to be hones to give up a lucrative profession, perhaps, and after we have done with him we let him go into seclusion and perhaps pov-

Perhaps a "fellow feeling" makes Mr. Fillmore " wondrous kind" in his sympathies for his successors. At any rate we think he is kind overmuch. The Lord Chancellor of England and the Justices of the Supreme Court in this country are always old men, who have lived for long years faithfully in positions that utterly unit them for money getting after leaving office at a venerable age. It is true when we elect a man President we expect him to be honest and to give up the profession he is following be it lucrative of otherwise. But a short term of office does not necessarily unfit him for professional or business life after its expiration. There is something entirely appropriate in pensioning soldiers wounded in the service of the country. It is a graceful recompense for a nation to take care of its learned judges when old age overtakes them and incapacitates them for duty. It is generous and high public policy for a government to assist the better class of authors and artists whose self abnegation and works redound to the good of the whole people and the world. But for a political officer, who has been adequately recompensed for all his labor by the honor conferred upon him and the large salary paid him, to draw a life-time support larger than the incomes of two thirds of his country men is an extravagance and an injustice which we hope will never be tolerated in this Republican country.

A SESSION OF INVESTIGATION. The investigating Senators, who have brought to light by their persistent efforts to purify the Senate of the United States so many dark transactions during the past two years, will again take the war-path next winter, It is surmised at Washington that startling corruptions will be unearthed. Probably the principal work of the whole session will be the exami-Junton of Charges of corruption

against members of both branches. The charge of securing his election by bribes brought by a California Democratic committee against Senator Casserly was made by his Republican opponent, when he took his seat in the Serrate, and was not sustained. The Senato's friends now allege that the action of the committee in seeking an investigation of charges long exploded is due to personal rivalry, his enemies in the party desiring to defeat his to election by the Legislature just chosen.

Damaging charges are made against several other members of the present Congress. We trust that the two Houses will thoroughly purge themselves of dishonest members, as soon as possible after Congress convenes. The facts have been mortality says Choate, is a book. The facts have been mortality says Choate, is a book. The facts have been mortality says Choate, is a book. The facts have been mortality says Choate, is a book. The facts have been mortality says Choate, is a book. The facts have been mortality says Choate, is a book. Senator, Mr. Conover, upon the ground of alleged bribery.

"Rochester poets are apostrophizing the marriage of Morlacchi and Texas Jack, though they experience some difficulty in finding anything to rhyme with papooses." Rhymes should be at proper times. The fair Morlacchi, now Madame Jackie, comprehends the uses of poetry with reference to papooses far better than the sauciest punster in the naughty environs of Rochester.

The English people seem to be actuated by the spirit of the hour, and are making a run upon their Premier, Mr. Gladstone. Lately two more elections have gone against him. In Dover and Renfrow (a Scotch county) the Conservatives have gained seats in Parliament. It looks as if the Liberal Administration would be forced to suspend if this panic continues.

It ought to be generally understood PENSIONING THE PRESIDENT. that in its eclectic departments, THE MORNING STAR says nothing for itself. The credits readily indicate who is responsible for any particular view.

> "Soda biscuit need to be baked with a quick fire." So quick that they will be toasted out of existence.

TIMELY TOPICS.

We find in our Northern exchanges some

account of the facts in what is known as

the Canadian Pacific scandal. The company show an agreement between Sir Hugh Allan, acting for himself and certain other Canadian promoters, and G. W. McMullen, acting for certain United States capitalists, whereby the latter agreed to furnish the funds necessary for the contemplated railway, and to give the former a certain percantage of interest in consideration of influence and position—the scheme being ostensibly that of a Canadian company, with Sir Hugh Allan at its head. The agreement also shows a subscription to the road to the amount of \$5,509,000. Among these subscriptions we find the names of Jay Cooke & Co., for \$1,000,000; Wm. B. Ogden, for \$637,500, and G. W. Cass for \$637,500. The agreement was further that ten per cent. of the whole ten millions of into the banking house of Jay Cooke & Co., N. Y., to the credit of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company upon its organization, to be used for the construction of the said railway, and for such other purposes as the directors of the said company, hereafter to be elected, shall determine." By other conditions Sir Hugh Allan, while finding no portion of the money, was to have paid up stock of the company to the amount of \$1,-450,000. These millions tell the story for the Canada Pacific-a great air-bubble for everybody but the shrewd Sir Hugh and his immediate coadjutors. In a letter to Gen. G. W. Cass, of Pennsylvania, one of the stockholders he says: "I am to be President to suit my views; me, and my friends have a majority of the stock, and so formed the contract to build the road on the terms of the act of Parliament, which are \$30,000,000 in cash and 50,000,000 acres of land." These, too, are stupendous figures -\$30,000,000 and 50,000,000 acres of landand Sir Hugh demanded from his American partners \$356,000 for his expenses. This is the gigantic scheme into whose golden nets even the able and hitherto incorruptible Canadian Premier, Sir John A. McDonald was drawn, and which has give rise to so much acrimonous discussion and so much white-washing investigation. We wonder if the collections had been effected and the deposit made with Jay Cooke & Co. before their failure. If so up goes a bubble before even it was thought to be pricked. It was this sort of thing that brought Jay Cooke to grief. Unfortunately we have more Jay Cookes than one, more Sir Hugh Allans than one, and more Sir John Mc-Donalds than one on this continent.

The Spanish situation is evidently im proved. The Bank of France has loaned the government \$20,000,000, which is a strong mark of confidence, as that bank is one of the most prudent in Europe. Another evidence of improvement is the flocking of the old leaders like Topete and serranoto Castelar. A few days he had an interview with these veterans, the result of which was favorable to the Republic. With Espartero they are undoubtedly more influential than any of the old political re-

Horrors on the Texas Border.

BROWNSVILLE, Sept. 24. 'A series of robberies and murders have recently been committed on United States citizens residing or travelling on the Mexican border of the State. Within a short time Mr. and left for dead in his house in Monterey. Jose Ravezie was beaten in his store in Camargo and left for dead, his assailants being discovered

in time to prevent robbery. The Perdie family were robbed on the highway near San Fernando, and starve in an unfrequented spot. Mr. Henderson and two companions were robbed and one of them killed in China. Two Americans were attacked and one wounded in the road near Marina, escaping only after a desperate fight, in which one of their assail-

ants was mortafly wounded. Dr. Haggerty was killed in his house and the premises robbed. The perpetrators of these crimes were arrested and their guilt clearly estabSTAR BEAMS.

- Wild ducks are thick, and hun ters happy, in Wisconsin. - A Niagara hackman has been trying to imitate Belleni on the tight

rope. He got so far as tight. - The report that Col. Forney had sold a half interest in the Philadelphia Press to Congressman Harmer is authoritatively denied .-

- John Bright's voice is not for war against the Ashantees. The cable tells us that if it is further prosecuted by the British Government he will re-tire from the Cabinet.

Johnny Boulware, of Troy, Ind. in the gush of his seventy-fourth summer, became enamored of and eloped with the fascinating Lizzie Russell, of New Albany, just entering her seventh decade.

- The horse disease still continues in the neighborhood of Princess
Anne, Comerset county, Md., several
valuable animals having died during
the past week, the others are very

- The Canada Southern Railroad Company have been obliged to cancel all their contracts and discharge many of their employes, being crippled by the complications in the affairs of Daniel Drew, who is a heavy stock-

- A young Abbeville minister, we are told by a South Carolina exchange, while travelling with his wife stopped en passent for her health. It was a case of collar-her, and all are "as well as could be expected.'

ABROAD.

- No Berlin bank has failed,

- Francisco Guerrazzi, who was proclaimed dictator at Rome in 1849, died on the 23d, aged sixty-eight.

- The Spanish Minister of Colonies proposes to go to Havana in person to study Cuban questions, with a view of making important reforms.

- The British Association in Bradford, have adopted a resolution urging the government to send an exploring expedition to the Arctic. - Edwin James is a candidate for

Parliament in Marylebone, and is making an active canvass. He has received numerous pledges of influential support in the contest.

- The Provinzial Correspondent says the visit of King Victor Em-Europe another guarantee of decisive and effective peace policy on the part of Italy, Austria and Prussia.

- The investigation at Glasgow into the running down of the ship Abeona by the steamer Alabama has terminated. The captain of the steamer has been reprimanded and his first officer, who was in charge at the time of the collision, had his certificate suspended for eighteen

- It is reported the Spanish gov ernment will soon address formal complaint to the French government, setting forth that the Carlist chieftain Seballs was permitted to pass through French territory and cross the frontier into Catalonia without hindrance, in violation of the obligations of neu-

LITERARY PERSONALS.

- Motley has a new work in press "The History of John, of Barneveld. - Hans Andersen has returned to Denmark from his stay in Switzer-

land. He is very weak, and suffer-- A subscription list is on foot in Ireland for a memorial tablet to the

Rev. Frank Mahony, better known as an accomplished scholar and wit, under the pseudonym of "Father Prout." - Mrs. John T. Audubon, widow of the famous naturalist, now in the

eighty-sixth year of her age, left New York last week, on her way to Louisville, Kentucky, where she will pass the winter with family friends. - Dr. Beke has published a book

to prove Mount Sinai an extinct volcano, and thus explaining the "pillar of cloud by day and pillar of fire by night," in Exodus."

A Word to the Intelligent Girls of the State.

Mrs. Spencer, in the North Carolina Pres-

byterian.] Hew many pathetic and thrilling stories are waiting the hand that shall preserve them for transmission .-There must be literary talent among the girls of this State-there must be some writer of acknowledged excellence and future fame now grown or growing up among us. I long to see the first flight that shall tell us of a stronger wing and a higher ambition than we have yet gazed upon.

have written a successful novel-or even a widely popular magazine Montgomery was attacked, robbed story. It is a sort of pleasure of which I have not, and never can have the slightest experience, but I can well believe that such exercise of the imagination, akin as it is to the creative faculty, must be productive of a high and pure delight. To write a really first-rate and universally acmen, women and children left to cepted and useful school-book, is something well worth doing, and being thankful for the ability to do. To make a new and important contribution to the literature of natural science such as Hagh Miller or Agassiz or Mrs. Somerville have given the world, is surely an object worth striving for. But if I were to choose I would prefer the chance of escaping oblivion on the wing of a devotional hymn, such as Kerr, or Cowper, or Wes- to her showed her weight to be 106 ley could write, which would bless

The Parker Tragedy-A Wealthy Pennsylvanian Shoots His Wife and then Blows Out His Own Brains. - PHILADELPHIA, Sept, 24.

Thomas B. Parker, aged 42 years, shot his wife this morning and then blew his brains out, killing himself instantly. The wife's wound's are serious, the ball entering near the right eye. The tragedy is attributed to jealousy. The parties lived in Kingsessing, a suburb of the city.

Parker, the actor in the tragedy, was formerly a member of a large iron establishment near Moorestown, N. J.; and retired recently, having acquired a large fortune. He was of a very jealous disposition, and to this is assigned the tragedy. The parties moved in the highest circles, and lived in an elegant villa. The affair causes much excitement in all circles. The wife was much younger than the husband. She still survives, but the wound is believed to be mortal.

Parker was enjoying an income of \$50,000. Thomas Brown Parker was the son of the late Isaac Brown Parker, who left an estate fully worth \$3,000,000, to be divided among two sons and three daughters. This estate comprises some of the most valuable properties in Philadelphia, including the ground on which the Continental Hotel, and American, now Grand Central, Theatre, stands. The exact provisions of the will left by the father, who had amassed this colossal fortune, were to the effect that the heirs were to enjoy only the income of their respective shares in order that the principal might be continued to be enjoyed by their children, and if any died without issue their share was to merge into the general estate for the benefit of the others.

His wife was the daughter of Robert Macgregor. They had been twelve years married. He leaves only one child, a boy three years old.

A Georgia Duelist's Extraordinary Experience. [Conversation Reported in the Atlanta Con-

stitution. Colonel Lay (rising with profound bow): Yes, Colonel, I have been engaged in forty-two affairs of honor as principal and second, and I concur gnt I came very near losing m

with you fully in your suggestions. It is the duty of a second to prevent a resort to arms if possible. I recollect in one of the first duels I ever life by having a fool for a second. He allowed me to fight the best swordsman in Europe with a rapier. I at that time was not so proficient as I am now in the use of that weapon, and considered my life as good as lost, but met my antagonist, and after parrying a few of his thrusts was compelled to allow him to pass his sword entirely through my stomach, the point coming out at my backbone. As I stood thus transfixed it occurred to my mind to do an act which I have never heard of being equalled before or since. I, with my left hand with remarkable presence of mind, coolness and firmness, seized my adversary's blade, holding it so firmly that he could neither turn it nor pull it out, and in that position plunged my sword entirely through my adversary's left breast up to the hilt, just one inch and a half above his heart; and, what is remarkable, we both recovered.

A "honeymoon car" is now run on the Pacific Railway for the use of bridal parties. Beautiful invention of the nineteenth century! How the mind loves to picture this home of peripatetic bliss. Rose-tint of matrimonial greenness, cushions of the softest down, where Angelica may lean to her heart's content upon Gustavus Adolphus. Canary birds sing aloft, while love paints hope in all the beauty of greenness and ver-dancy. This is indeed an idea worthy of Uncle Freddy Coombs and the Society for the Promotion of Matrimonial Alliances. Now may prosaic bachelors and fully graduated benedicts ride in the perfect enjoyment of their otium cum dignitate, without being forced to be the unwilling spectators of those beautiful endearments so delightful to the parties interested, but so harrowing to the feelings of the disinterested Here is a picture spectator. of fresh connubial felicity on the cars: He was a little man, with a white vest; she a small-sized giantess. They were married yesterday, and the newness still clung to that youthful and happy pair. How we did pity that little man. All that delicate creature's strength had vanished. She weighed 200, if a pound: and the manner in which she leaned up against that little man and crowded him into the corner of that seat, It must be a very pleasant thing to and sat upon him, and ternshed him, would have brought tears into the eyes of a divorce lawyer. We closed our eyes, and exclaimed with Macbeth: "Can such things be and overcome us like a summer cloud?" Bat it was the voice of the victim! We heard him complain, like a small mouse from beneath a haystack, to the tender accents of that mezzosoprano." "Oh, Hannibal! I am leaving all for you-you will protect me, won't you?" The little man looked herce but shattered, knows better now, an in their re-

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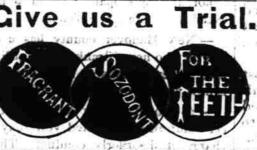
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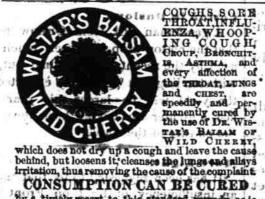
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