

Just where intoxication begins has always been a delicate point, especially in the courts, which have been for many years wrestling unsuccessfully with the great question--Does lager beer intoxicate? In a late trial, however, a legal luminary has shed a flood of light upon the subject by giving it as his opinion that a man is not drunk "unless he is unable to find his way home."

Georgia proposes to issue certificates of indebtedness of very low denomination and receivable for taxes. It is expected that these certificates will circulate as currency. If they are issued with this object in view they must be regarded as "bills of credit," the issue of which is prohibited to the States by the Federal Constitution.

The troubles in Breathitt county, Kentucky, which have caused so much trouble and bloodshed there, now seem to be about ended, by the presence of State troops. The courts have resumed their sway again, and it is probable that the lawless men who have terrified the country will meet condign punishment.

The debt of Tennessee is at present \$25,000,000, and bears so heavily on taxpayers that actual repudiation has been suggested as possible. It is said that the Governor, when the Legislature meets, will recommend that the debt be scaled at sixty cents on the dollar, with a four per cent, which will probably be accepted by the Legislature and the bondholders.

In commemoration of the death of William Cullen Bryant, the New-York Historical Society held a meeting Monday evening in the Academy of Music. Among the large and brilliant audience were the President and Mrs. Hayes, Vice-President Wheeler, Secretary Everts, Attorney-General Devens, General Sherman, and many other prominent persons. The memorial address was delivered by George William Curtis. A resolution of thanks to the orator, proposed by President Barnard and seconded by Rev. Dr. R. S. Storrs, was adopted. After the meeting a reception was given to President Hayes at the residence of Frederick de Peyster.

REUNION. Equality of Greenbacks and Gold--No Excitement in New York--Slight Demand for Coin. In an interview with a representative of the Associated Press to-day, General Hillhouse, United States Sub-Treasurer, stated that resumption, so far as the working of his office was concerned, had been attended by a most gratifying success, and that there appeared to be no demand for coin, the payments there in exchange for paper being very insignificant. Up to two o'clock the Sub-Treasurer had received over \$500,000 in gold, in exchange for which was issued legal tenders and certificates of deposit, while on the other hand it was estimated that a disbursement of coin for the day would not amount to over \$65,000.

Calab Cutting's Illness. NEWBURYPORT, Jan. 2.--Calab Cutting has failed rapidly during the last 24 hours, his stomach now refusing all nourishment. His friends are hopeless, fearing the end is near.

Desperate Thievery. BOSTON, Jan. 2.--A bold attempt was made last evening to rob the jewelry establishment of N. G. Wood & Son, on Washington street. Robbers entered the store by breaking through the skylight and bound and gagged the only inmate of the place.

Brotherly Hate, not Love. NEW YORK, Jan. 2.--Jno. and Edward Wynne, brothers, were found by the Brooklyn police fighting this morning. John's skull was fractured and he is in a dangerous condition. His brother is under arrest.

The British Iron Trade. LONDON, Jan. 2.--Great excitement has been produced in the engineering trades, regarding a resolution of the London Iron Trades Employers' Association, to increase the number of working hours. The employers' association will meet Tuesday next to arrange the preliminaries for the resumption of fifty-seven and a half hours as the weekly quota of labor.

very large number of non-unionists, and it appears from what transpired yesterday at the informal meeting of workmen, that the following precedent made in 1871, when the non-unionists, for the most part, acted with the unionists, the former will adopt a policy of resistance. It is stated that the decision of the employers will depend to some extent on the result of an arbitration on the proposed reduction of five per cent in the wages of the iron workers, which has been commenced at Watlington. An award of the arbitrator is expected to be received by the end of the present week. So that the Iron Trade Employers' Association will have a decision before their conference next Tuesday.

NEW ENGLAND GREENBACKERS. The Amalgamated Society of Engineers has, according to the last annual report, a quarter of a million pounds sterling in hand. It is recognized as a Union which numerically and financially leads all other trades unions of the Kingdom.

Choosing Bulgaria's Ruler. LONDON, Jan. 2.--A Vienna despatch to the Times says: "As the time for the election of the Prince of Bulgaria approaches fresh candidates make their appearance. Prince Voghrides, who, although belonging to the same family as Bulgaria's present ruler, has been put forward, and it would not be surprising if an attempt should be made by the Porte and the Greeks in Constantinople to set up Prince Voghrides against the Russian nominee. But Prince Donkoff, Governor of Bulgaria, according to accounts, has taken care to be the master of the Bulgarian Assembly and make it elect whom Russia pleases. The Assembly has not been elected by a direct vote of the population, but by an indirect election, and care has been taken that a large proportion of the members of the Assembly should be persons holding official positions under the Russian government. Prince Batentberg is said to be a candidate, put forward by Russia, but there are those who believe that some one else is kept in reserve."

The Glasgow Bank Again. LONDON, Dec. 31.--Developments respecting the settlement of the affairs of the Glasgow Bank are very unfavorable. The liquidators made a preliminary report to-day of the result of their labors thus far. They have received £291,892 up to yesterday from the shareholders, upon whom rests the burden of paying the debts of the bank. The liquidators also reported that they had received £291,892 up to yesterday from the shareholders, upon whom rests the burden of paying the debts of the bank. The liquidators also reported that they had received £291,892 up to yesterday from the shareholders, upon whom rests the burden of paying the debts of the bank.

Shot Down in the Street. CINCINNATI, Jan. 2.--A special dispatch says, at a late hour last night, a man named Anthony Doemer was walking up Grand Avenue, Detroit, Mich., on his way home, when a sleigh containing three men came tearing along at a rapid rate. When opposite Doemer one of the occupants drew a revolver and fired. The ball entered Doemer's left thigh and taking an upward course, penetrated the lungs. He was wounded in the back to the pavement while the sleigh dashed on. One of the party crying out: "How's that for happy new year?" A policeman hearing the shot, came to Doemer's assistance. A surgeon probed for the bullet, but he was unable to find it. Hemorrhage set in, and the man will probably die.

English Commercial Failures. LONDON, Jan. 2.--The number of business failures, officially announced to the Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, during the year 1878, were 15,069, of which 2,643 were in the financial and wholesale and manufacturing branches of trade; 12,416 in the retail trades, professional pursuits, builders, publicans, working classes, etc., against 1,272, and 8,850 under respective headings in 1877, showing an increase of 4,087 failures last year over the preceding year.

WASHINGTON. Latest News from the Capital--Another Robbery--Examining Books of Revenue Collections. By Telegraph to the News.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 2.--Ten thousand dollars was stolen from the safe of the Disbursing Clerk at the Government printing office to-day. That amount had been drawn for paying employees and purchasing material. The safe-door was left open and the robbery was accomplished with comparative ease.

The Internal Revenue Commissioner has issued a circular to Collectors, announcing that immediately after the close of the present fiscal year, an examination of all collectors' officers will be made, to ascertain whether the public business has been accounted for according to law, and whether the public funds have been duly accounted for.

The President has received a copy of the resolution passed by the Tuller Committee requesting him to furnish to the committee all information in his possession relative to any violation of the rights of citizens of the State named in the annual message. The President has sent the resolution to the Attorney General for response.

The Rail Road System of Our State. Correspondence of the News. As is well known, the design of the projectors of our State rail road system, was that there should be a great trunk line from Beaufort Harbor to the West, with feeders running off from this main line, thereby building up a large seaport and making the rail roads constructed in the State conducive to building up the State. We all know how signally this plan has failed, and this failure has not been because these plans were unwisely laid, but because the legislature of North Carolina has acted without wisdom and foresight.

No Better Capital Than Politicians. RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 2, 1879. EDITOR NEWS--I note in your valuable paper of yesterday, a note as to the morality of the young gentlemen in our party. The article was well said, and they are certainly an example to other young men in the particulars mentioned; but will you allow an "old man," who has traveled much and been in many of our large cities North and South, to say that he is not surprised at the assertion that there is not an establishment in this whole country where there is uniformly more politeness and courtesy to those who have business with it than these same fine young men always extend to the nitrate of soda dealer, or the nitrate of soda dealer, or the nitrate of soda dealer. Politeness is now so rare, and especially so in public and government establishments, that when met with, as it is in our Postoffice, it should be specially commended. No young man ever started life with a better capital than politeness.

Interesting Discoveries. Washington Post. The lake dwellers are as interesting in their way as the cliff dwellers, and a new village of them has just been discovered by the shrinkage of the waters of the lake of Brience. Here they have left their footprints on the sands of time in the shape of stone hatchets, flint and bone implements, and the like. The experts declare that this to have been the age of copper, sandwiched between the bronze and stone ages. In the skulls small pieces have been trepanned, which were used as amulets. One of an infant's skull was put inside the heads of the dead to protect them from danger beyond death. Shall we be half as interesting to the people of the future as these are to us? And when they dig us up, with our good clothes and our bones and measure our skulls, and otherwise try to account for us, what sort of showing will get? Just now, probably, the paper catalog is the most expressive index of civilization.

An Important Meeting. Charlotte Observer. No publication, of any kind whatever, could have as great an influence upon the Northern mind as convincing it of the exact social and political status of the South, with reference to Northern men who have settled here since the war, as will the publication of the proceedings of the meeting of Northern settlers which is called to take place in this city on the 15th inst. We conscientiously believe that this meeting will be fraught with great results to the South; in the very nature and constitution of the body it cannot be otherwise. Every Southern man should feel a personal interest in it, and every Southern news-paper should forward the enterprise by every legitimate means in its power. Will our Southern brethren generally give it still further of their aid and influence?

THE REVISED SCRIPTURES. Completion of the New Testament--Difficulties of the Work--Anecdotes and Traditions of Scripture Translations--The Various English Versions of the Bible. London News.

The revisers of the authorized translation of the New Testament are to be congratulated on having completed their second and final revision of the work. The labor of conscientious translation is never slight, and the toil is not altogether lessened by being shared. It is easier for one translator or revisor to make up his mind than for twenty-four persons to make up twenty-four minds. Let it be supposed that all the twenty-four are agreed that a certain received rendering will not stand--and to suppose this is to suppose a great deal. Then come the different views about the necessary emendation. One will not do because the style in which it is couched, though lucid enough, is not the style of the old version which is being amended.

Another rendering may be disputed on those delicate points of scholarship in which Greek of every epoch is so uncommonly rich. A third version, perhaps, is accurate but clumsy. How are all the many minds of many men to be reconciled? The difficulty becomes greater when we remember that many American scholars collaborate with English Hellenists and divines. It is needless to say that while all these troubles would perplex revisors if they were merely amending such a translation as the "Pate" of the Master of Balliol, they beset revisors of a sacred text with vigor many times increased.

THE REVISED SCRIPTURES. Another edition of the Bible has crystallized a romance or a mythology. Every one is familiar with the useful superstition of medieval copyists, who believe that to make a blunder in the writing out of the Apocalypse was to commit an unpardonable sin. The Alexandrian copyists, who worked at writing in a spirit of commercial enterprise, did not look so close. If the early fragments of Homer on papyrus are any test of the accuracy of common copyists, they were more reckless than the most reckless in our day. The work is now in the hands of the revisors. They are in the hands of the revisors. They are in the hands of the revisors.

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Griffin's Free School Feast. Newbern Nut Shell. The regular annual feast to this school took place Saturday, the 29th of December, 1878, and Miss J. J. will be remembered by the many boys and girls who were made happy on the occasion. By the kind liberality of a number of our citizens, a most bountiful feast was given to these children. At the ringing of the bell boys and girls promptly responded to the call; and after singing that beautiful hymn, "Bring out the Bells for Christmas," and a blessing being asked, each one was furnished with one of Capt. Gray's famous wooden plates, and then the work began in earnest.

The long tables were lined with all the substantial, confectioneries, cakes, etc., and every one partook to the full extent of his ability. It would be difficult to have found a more happy set of children, and perhaps without this feast many of them would have had little or no enjoyment for Christmas. At the foot of the table was a huge holly tree, full of beautiful red berries and loaded down with presents. After the good things in that eating line had been disposed of, a distribution of the Christmas Tree presents were made, and the hearts of many a poor child was made glad in receiving a handsome toy or some more useful possession in the way of clothing, shoes, etc. Besides these little children, in the bottom of their hearts thanked the kind donors, and particularly thanked Mrs. Hannah Harrison, Mrs. Jane Hughes, Miss Mary Oliver, Miss Nash, Miss Ross, Mrs. M. S., Miss J. J., Miss Mary Ellis, Miss Mary Roberts, Mrs. Richardson, and Miss Daves, of Baltimore, who were present and did all in their power to make it a pleasant and happy time for the children. This school has been an unintermitted operation for forty years, except for a few months during the war it was handsomely endowed, but the great bulk of property was lost by the failure of several of the stockholders.

The number of scholars who are now taught free of all expense, averages forty, and we learn from Mr. William H. Oliver, who has charge of the property, that he will be enabled to keep up the school without any interruption so that there will be no interruption of opportunity at all times to receive a good education free of education free of Moses Griffin, deceased.

THE CURE FOR GOSSIP. A Vice that is Well Nigh Universal--Culture the Only Sure Antidote. Everybody must talk about something. The poor fellow who was told not to talk for fear that the people would find out that he was a fool, made considerable a fuss about it. He did not talk on some subject or other. Everybody must have something to say, or give up society. Of course, the topics of conversation will relate to the subjects of the day. If a man is interested in a subject, he will talk about it. If he is an enthusiast in art, he will talk about art. If he is familiar with literature, and is an intelligent and persistent reader, he will naturally bring forward literary topics in his conversation. So with social and business questions, the heart of the mouth speaketh. That of which the mind is full, that with which it is furnished, will come out in expression.

The very simple reason why the world is full of gossip is that those who indulge in it have not the culture that they must interest themselves in something. They know nothing but what they learn from day to day in intercourse with and observation of their neighbors. What these neighbors do, what they say, what they wear, what their social and business affairs, what they wear, these become the questions of supreme interest. The personal and social life around them--this is the book under constant perusal, and out of this comes the gossip which we call culture. The world is full of it, and in a million homes, all over the country, nothing is talked of but the personal affairs of neighbors.

What is the cure for gossip? Simply culture. There is a great deal of gossip that has no culture in it. Good natured people talk about their neighbors because, and only because, they have nothing else to talk about. Gossip is always a personal confession either of malice or impetuosity, and the young person who indulges in it, but by the most thorough culture relieve themselves from all temptation to indulge in it. It is low, frivolous, and too often a dirty business. There are country neighborhoods in which the gossip is a social and business affair, and pieces by it. Neighbors make enemies by it for life. In many persons it degenerates into a chronic disease, which is practically incurable. Let the young cure it while they may.

The Pope and the Catholic Cardinals. Courier Journal. The Pope proposes to have a full Sacred College of Cardinals, which for some years has fallen into disuse. The number of Cardinals is now very old, and the mortality has been heavy of late years, notwithstanding many new Cardinals have been created. The Pope will nominate twelve new members of the College soon, and it is reported that Ireland, England and the United States will be drawn upon for the list. It will be appointed to fill the late cardinal Cullen's place at Dublin.

Grant's Idea. N. Y. Sun. Two years in Europe have turned the head of Grant, and made him a confirmed believer in strong government and a firm supporter of the usage of kings and emperors. He hardly concealed this partiality for imperial grandeur in his interview with Prince Bismarck when he substantially expressed the opinion that Germany was the best governed country of the world, and that the United States would be benefited by adopting the same system.

Texas a Sheep-Raising State. According to the Galveston News, Texas had in Jan. of the present year 3,674,700 sheep, ranking as the third wool-producing State in the Union, although having only about 100,000 less than Ohio, and about half the number of California. Nueces county alone has 650,000 sheep; and here the remarkable fact is presented that the most southerly county of the United States is the banner sheep-raising county. Sarr, has 184,000 sheep, and these two counties have more sheep than Georgia, South Carolina, Florida and Louisiana together--more than the combined States of New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Levy's Champion (see shirt factory, Raleigh N. C.)