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Imaginary Lions in the Way. Conservatism, like the slothful man of the Book of Proverbs, always says, "There is a lion without; I shall be slain in the streets."

We can all remember when it was assumed as an altogether incontrovertible truth, that the immediate and unconditional emancipation of the slaves of the South would be the signal for their general uprising, to engage in the pleasant pastime of cutting their former masters' throats.

Time passed on, and slavery was abolished in a day—immediately and unconditionally. And although the nation was at the time convulsed with war, and a rising on the part of the slaves would have met the moral sanction of the civilized world, yet not a single deed of violence was committed.

A similar experience, at least in its preliminary stages, we have passed through in regard to allowing the blacks to exercise the right of the elective franchise.

Well, yesterday there was an election in Georgetown, a real democratic, republican election, in which all the people, without distinction of race or color, participated.

Again, such a fact as this gives a new meaning to the expression "the people." The result of yesterday's election in Georgetown shows that what has hitherto been called the people in that city was merely a minority of the true people.

The Benefits of Life Insurance.

This subject of life insurance needs only to be understood to command the attention of people of all classes and conditions in life. Although it is rapidly gaining ground, the masses of the people, unfortunately for themselves, have not as yet participated in its advantages to any considerable extent.

As every man and woman must die, a policy upon the life of any one is a positive agreement to pay the amount provided for. The whole system is based upon natural laws; while, on the contrary, fire and marine insurance is founded on a calculation of chances, on a contingency which may never happen.

Congress and the Cotton Tax.—We are glad to see that the House of Representatives yesterday refused to agree to the amendment to the Tax bill striking out the tax on cotton, adopted in Committee of the Whole a few days since.

paying her first quarter's rent in advance; can rent a small farm, if she have sturdy boys to help her till it; in truth, can do a score of things that will place her feet upon the rock of independence, and pave for her and her dependent family a way to competence.

The various kinds of policies now in use are thus enumerated:—1. "The ordinary whole-life policy," upon which the premiums are paid during the life of the insured, or until the dividends are equal to the premiums, which is the case in some Companies.

Policies for large or small amounts are granted to all applicants in good health, and the same kind of insurance is sold upon the same terms to all. At twenty-five years of age an ordinary life insurance for \$500 will cost less than twenty cents per week; at thirty, it will cost less than twenty-three cents per week; at thirty-five, twenty-six and a half cents per week; and at forty, less than thirty cents per week.

Such is a brief exposition of the leading principles of life insurance, and of the benefits arising therefrom. To commend the subject to the thoughtful attention of every man and woman upon whom there are others dependent for support, is our earnest and impartial desire.

The Reform Movement and the English Government.

This speech made by Mr. Disraeli in the House of Commons upon the reform question, and the resolutions introduced by him in behalf of the Government yesterday, indicate with sufficient clearness the irreconcilable antagonism which separates the governing classes and the masses of the people of Great Britain.

The long and short of this is, that the English Government is a Government of "classes," and not of the people, and that the ruling classes are determined to hold on to their power as long as possible. They rightly judge that the extension of the elective franchise to the masses of the people would eventually change the existing order of things, and revolutionize the present English Constitution.

We do not wonder that John Bright and the masses look upon these resolutions as an "insult," and totally inadequate to the necessities and just demands of the English people. The agitation must go on. It is not impossible that the governing classes may hold on to their unjust power until the strong hand of revolution sweeps them aside.

The idea that the slight tax now imposed discourages the production of cotton is fallacious. We do not believe it diminishes the production a single pound. That tax is the only method by which the South can be made to sustain even a small share of the enormous burdens she has heaped upon the country, and the House has done well in refusing to abrogate it.

Mr. DeFrees and the Office of Congressional Printer. We are glad to see that Hon. J. D. DeFrees is likely to be elected by the Senate to the new office of Congressional Printer—an office which, by a law just passed, supersedes that of Superintendent of Public Printing.

IMPORTANT LETTER FROM EX-GOVERNOR BROWN, OF GEORGIA.—EX-GOVERNOR BROWN, OF GEORGIA, is out in a strong letter urging the people of that State to take immediate measures for reorganizing their Government in conformity with the Reconstruction bill which has just passed Congress.

THE MESSAGE OF GOVERNOR BRANLETTE, OF KENTUCKY, which we published yesterday, is only additional evidence of the wild spirit of lawlessness and disorder which prevails at the South. That Message is very good to go alongside of the resolutions of the Rebel Democracy of Kentucky.

THIS NEW COMET.—At the last sitting of the Academy of Sciences in Paris, M. Leverrier communicated details of the observation of the new comet discovered at Marseilles on the 23d ultimo by M. Stephan, but reobserved with greater care on the 25th ultimo, at 55 minutes past 8, mean time of Marseilles.

—The oldest of the superior officers of the French army, and probably of any army in Europe, Colonel André Marchal, has just died at Chalons-sur-Saone, in his one hundred and third year. He was born in Lyons in 1764. He entered the service in 1781, in the Cantabrian Hussars—a corps which became in 1791 the 5th Battalion of Light Infantry.

—Among the few brevet promotions after death confirmed by the Senate on Saturday was that of First Lieutenant Bayard Wilkeson, son of Samuel Wilkeson, of the New York Tribune, killed at the age of nineteen at the battle of Gettysburg, in command of Battery G, 4th Regular Artillery, promoted to be captain for gallantry in the battle of the Deserted House, and to be major for gallantry at Fredericksburg, and lieutenant-colonel for gallantry at Gettysburg.

—The Prince of Wales, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Duke of Cambridge, Lord Stanley, and all the members of the English Commission, are to be present at the opening of the Universal Exhibition.

—The French Emperor is frequently present at the fencing lessons given by M. Bonnet to the Prince Imperial. His Majesty, who is himself an able hand, occasionally does M. Bonnet the honor of crossing foils with him.

—Brussels contains 190,000 inhabitants; Ghent, 128,000; Antwerp, 124,000; and Liege, 105,000. During the year 1866, in the four collectively, there were 26,632 deaths and 17,587 births.

—A proposal to raise a statue to Voltaire in Paris has produced a violent outcry from the clergy, who denounce it as an insult to the Catholic Church and an outrage to Christianity.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

WEST SPRUCE STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—There will be religious services in the Lecture-room every evening this week, at a quarter before 8 o'clock. Sermon this evening by Rev. S. A. MITCHELL, of Concordia Church. The public are invited.

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MAJOR-GENERAL O. O. HOWARD.—The Seventh Lecture in the Historical Association Course will be delivered by General HOWARD, on the Freedom's Bureaucracy, on THURSDAY EVENING, February 28, at National Hall, MARKET STREET, about 7 o'clock.

THE JACOBS CREEK OIL COMPANY.—A meeting of the stockholders of this Company will be held on THURSDAY, the 29th day of March, 1867, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the Office of the Company, 220 N. 2d St., Philadelphia.

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