

SPRIT OF THE PRESS.

Editorial Opinions of the Leading Journals Upon Current Topics. Compiled Every Day for the Evening Telegraph.

CLEAN THOROUGHFARES.

From the N. Y. Tribune. There is nothing, in its way, more curious and at the same time more mortifying than the chronic wall which is raised by the newspapers over the condition of the streets of some of our principal cities.

Municipal uncleanness, however, is the rule all over the world. In Paris and London the evil man is banished to holes and by-ways, as an untidy housewife sweeps her dust into a corner, but the evil still exists.

This, however, is not enough. What is wanted is not comparative but positive cleanliness. This is what may be justly demanded of us, partly because, unlike foreign cities, we have a very small dirt-making, pauper population.

Again, who can say how great may be the danger of septicæmic streets? We may line our thoroughfares with fine buildings, exhibiting, by no means the grades of architecture, at least the charm of costliness, richly ornamented walls may rise upon either side.

These speculations may seem somewhat abstract, but there is no abstraction in the fact that filthy streets are the outward and visible sign of an immensely larger amount of uncleanness which is hidden from the public eye.

MR. SUMNER AND THE ALABAMA TREATY. From the N. Y. Nation. We may save two or three papers from a good deal of future embarrassment about what we said a fortnight ago of Mr. Sumner's correspondence with Mr. Bright to mention that we have taken much more effective measures than they show any sign of taking to secure the exposure of any errors there may be in our assertions respecting the contents of the letter, inasmuch as we have used, and are using, due diligence to obtain the letters for publication.

possible moment. The two journals which have undertaken to contradict what we have said confess they know absolutely nothing about the matter, and have nothing better to contribute to the controversy than the announcement that they do not believe our story—a fact which, for our present purposes, is of no importance whatever.

As regards the letter of recommendation (not of "introduction"—perish the thought!) of which the Springfield Republican so ingeniously tried to conceal the existence, we happen now to have before us Mr. Bright's account of it in his letter to Mr. Revere Johnson. He says he has a letter "from his (my) friend, Mr. Charles Sumner, speaking in very high terms of (you) Mr. Johnson, and of the general satisfaction with which his (your) appointment was regarded by men of all parties in the States."

We have thus far only paroled evidence of the contents of the letters, but it is the evidence of a person who has read them, and who has listened to Mr. Bright's remarks on them, and felt some mortification on the occasion; but we have always felt the letters themselves were also needed, and have lost no time in applying for them.

We need hardly say that we shall take good care to point out any inaccuracies into which we may have fallen in describing the correspondence, when we succeed in securing it for publication. In the meantime, let us modestly suggest to those friends of Mr. Sumner who doubt its existence, that a much more effective way of bringing his detractors to justice than rolling one's eyes over the Nation's blasphemies, will be to get Mr. Sumner or Mr. Bright to deny the existence of the letters.

WOMEN IN THE JURY-BOX. From the N. Y. Times. The arguments in favor of giving women the right of suffrage are sometimes stated by the query whether when women vote they are also to be called on to do military duty and to sit upon juries, and bear all the other burdens of citizenship.

We are quite willing to agree with this writer that our juries are not what they should be, but we should have liked it better if he had given us some foundation for his statement that admitting women to the jury-box either can or will reform it.

And for ourselves, we are unable to see the slightest prospect of improving juries composed of those classes by merely changing their sex.

This writer, however, seems to think that this would be an improvement. "Woman," he says, "in her verdicts would temper justice with mercy. It is a brutal cruelty to expose women in the prisoner's box, before a jury, court, and bar of men only."

Baron Bramwell, an English Judge of large experience, was recently called upon to give his opinion as to jury trials before a commission. He was asked whether he thought that a trial before a jury or before a judge was to be preferred in the majority of cases, and though he gave his opinion with hesitation, it was that if he wanted the truth to be ascertained in the particular case, he should prefer "an intelligent man who had been in the habit of exercising his faculties all his life on such questions, to twelve men who had not been in the habit of exercising theirs, and who might not be so intelligent."

PROPOSAL TO KILL LUNATICS.

It is proposed in England to kill lunatics. The proposition is limited, at first, to criminal lunatics; but the reasoning by which it is supported would naturally lead to the comprehensive and sweeping execution, including all lunatics; for all lunatics are liable at any moment to become criminals, and they are not amenable to the criminal law for their acts.

It has been customary in this country, especially in Massachusetts and some other New England States, to point to the constantly increasing provisions for the maintenance and care of lunatics, as a proof, of which they are most proud, of their advanced state of civilization.

This doctrine, to lay aside the discussion of its inhumanity, would be attended with considerable danger to wealthy people. The records of our courts abound with instances in which rich persons are placed in insane asylums by eager relatives, in order to get rid of them.

BUTLER ON LABOR.

It was to be expected that if General Butler delivered an address at a county fair it would not be like the agricultural addresses of other men. For it is the ambition of General Butler to attract attention to himself by behaving unlike all other men in whatever situation he may happen to be.

And the farm-laborer has no excuses for revolting, when his employer is so little better off than himself. We believe this to be true, so far as it goes, but it is by no means a complete account of the matter, nor will it remain true long.

This is the tendency of things, and, whether we deplore it or exult in it, is equally inevitable. But we quite agree with General Butler in thinking that there is no need at all of an artificial acceleration of it. Such acceleration is undoubtedly furnished by the special legislation in favor of individual or corporate capitalists, which General Butler justly deprecates.

We do not know either on what ground General Butler is entitled to pronounce that agriculture can never be "the most lucrative employment of men." In certain states of society it unquestionably has been, and there is no reason why the conditions which made it so may not recur.

General Butler's address is well worth everybody's reading. We are happy to have the opportunity of saying so, inasmuch as there is seldom anything of his that we can conscientiously commend.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

GRAND MASS MEETING.

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ON MONDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 27,

AT 7 1/2 O'CLOCK,

AT BROAD AND CHESNUT STREETS,

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Let our wealthy and enlightened MERCHANTS, our honest and sturdy LABORERS, our skilled and worthy MECHANICS, our busy and enterprising MANUFACTURERS, our learned and distinguished PROFESSIONAL MEN—let all our citizens, NATIVE AND ADOPTEE, whatever their circumstances or their occupations, join in this grand demonstration FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL, FOR THE FREEDOM, FOR THE HAPPINESS, AND FOR THE WELFARE OF ALL.

WHILE FREEMEN WATCH, FREEDOM THRIVES! The Republican Invincibles and other Campaign Clubs are cordially invited to attend.

The following distinguished speakers will address the meeting:—

- HON. HENRY WILSON, United States Senator from Massachusetts, GENERAL JOHN M. THAYER, United States Senator from Nebraska, HON. WILLIAM WILLIAMS, Member of Congress from Indiana, HON. WASHINGTON TOWNSEND, M. C., HON. O. J. DICKEY, M. C., HON. JOHN W. FORNEY, HON. JAMES B. CAMPBELL, HON. JOHN GOVODE, WAYNE McVEIGH, ESQ., AND OTHERS.

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REPUBLICAN MASS MEETINGS.—THE REPUBLICAN MASS MEETINGS, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, Lancaster—Hon. J. Delano, Monday—Hon. Harry White, Tuesday, September 28, West Chester—Hon. C. Delano, Middleburg—H. H. Rensch, Bedford—Thomas J. Bigham, Esq., Tionesta.

WEDNESDAY, September 29, Clearfield, Apollo, Armstrong county, September 30, Norristown, Montgomery county—Hon. C. Delano, Benjamin Haycock, Esq., Monday, October 4, Match Chunk, Pottsville—Hon. John Scott, Hon. G. A. Grow, H. Bucher Swoppe, Esq., Tuesday, October 5, Beaver—Hon. John Scott, Hon. G. A. Grow, H. Bucher Swoppe, Esq., Wednesday, October 6, New Castle—Hon. John Scott, H. Bucher Swoppe, Esq., West Greenville—Hon. John Scott, H. Bucher Swoppe, Esq., Kittanning—Hon. G. A. Grow, Esq., Friday, October 8, Meadville—Hon. John Scott, H. B. Swoppe, Esq., Clarion, Tyrone.

SATURDAY, October 9, Erie—Hon. John Scott, Hon. G. A. Grow, H. Bucher Swoppe, Esq., JOHN GOVODE, Chairman. G. C. W. HANDEL, S. F. GWINNER, Secretaries. 9 1/2 St.

REPUBLICAN MASS MEETINGS will be addressed by JAMES M. SCOVILL AND CHARLES J. HOLLIS.

TUESDAY EVENING, September 28, 7 1/2 P. M. WATERFORD. The ladies are invited to subscribe, at 100 for one share of new stock for each eight shares or fraction of eight shares of stock that may be standing in their respective names at the closing of the books on the 28th inst. Subscribers will be payable in cash, either in full at the time of subscribing, or in installments of twenty five per cent. each, payable in the months of October, 1869, and January, April, and July, 1870.

Stock paid for in full by November 1, 1869, will be entitled to participate in all dividends that may be declared after that date, and in full by November 1, 1870, interest will be allowed in installments from date of payment. Subscription books will be opened October 1, and closed November 1, next. CHARLES C. LONGSTRETH, Treasurer.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 18, 1869. The Lehigh Valley Railroad Company has declared a quarterly dividend of TWO AND A HALF PER CENT, payable at their office, No. 33 WALNUT Street, on and after Friday, October 15, 1869. CHARLES C. LONGSTRETH, Treasurer.

COUPONS.—THE COUPONS OF THE FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS OF THE WILMINGTON AND READING RAILROAD CO., maturing October 1, will be paid, free of taxes, on, and after that date, at the Banking-house of WILLIAM PAINTER & CO., No. 36 S. THIRD Street, Philadelphia. WILLIAM S. HILLES, Secretary and Treasurer.

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OFFICE OF THE FRANKLIN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 23, 1869. An Election for TEN DIRECTORS for the ensuing year will be held on Monday, October 4, next, between 11 A. M. and 2 P. M. J. W. McALLISTER, Secretary. 9 1/2 St.

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