GENERAL NEWS.

A curious case of domestic civil war has arisen in Allamakee Co., Iowa. The two towns of Lansing and Waukon each claim the right to be considered the seat of justice of that County. The laws of that State allow the people to determine the place of their County-seat every three years, provided a properly-signed petition to that effect be presented to the Board of Supervisors. In accordance with this system, the voters have declared for Waukon once and for Lansing three at as many elections. Each town has a fine court-house. In 63 Lansing again received a majority of the votes, but Waukon claimed 190 votes more than were allowed her. All county legal proceedings pro and con, it is said, have been made for the last two years at Waukon, the Lansing officials having refused to accept the County records. By timing their arrival in the night, they succeeded in their purpose and left the town before Lansing knew what they were doing. A majority of the people, however, organized, and, after a spirited skirmish, Waukon was vanquished and the spoils of war recaptured and borne back to Lansing in triumph. Waukon declares that the end is not yet.

A fearful hail storm passed over Friendsville, East Tennessee, on the 16th. A correspondent of THE TRIBUNE says that hail of the size of hen's eggs fell for about 15 minutes. The damage done was immense. The fields of wheat were cut down, corn was completely destroyed, garden vegetables were beaten into the earth, fruit was knocked off the trees, fowls were killed, and a great number of window panes were broken in. The destructive path of the storm was about two miles wide. Twenty-four hours after the storm had passed loads of hail stones could be gathered in many places.

A few days ago one W. F. Bond was buried alive by the caving in of a sand-bank in which he was at work, near Eau Claire, Wisconsin. It was three hours and a half before his fellow-workmen could rescue him. When first brought to light he was of a purple color; after rolling him on a board and bathing him thoroughly with spirits, his natural life-like color was restored to his face and neck, and his ears were really warm; but all efforts to restore him to life were fruitless.

The Lyons County (Iowa) *Register* reports the affecting of every member of a large family of that vicinity by trichinosis. They had occasionally partaken of uncooked but well cured ham of their own raising. One of the family, who had never eaten the ham, was the only one who was not affected by the disease. Two of the family died in great agony, and post mortem examinations revealed multitudes of the trichina worm in the muscles.

At a late meeting of the Franklin Institute at Philadelphia, Professor Morton, in referring to novelties in science and art, gave a description of the new and extensive water works of Paris. On a recent visit of the municipal authorities to the subterranean reservoirs, they were successfully illuminated with the electric light, affording splendid views of the many bridges, docks, canals &c., together with the various mechanical contrivances necessary to carry on the stupendous works.

St. Louis papers of the 16th report the recovery of $6,000 which was stolen from the car of the United States Express Company a short time since. The principal robber was arrested on suspicion and led to confess the robbery and to disclose the place of concealment of the money, which was found under a brush heap about four miles from the scene of the theft.

We have reports of an unusual number of severe storms and tornadoes. On Wednesday last, a tornado passed over Oil Springs, Canada West. A large hotel recently erected was blown to the ground. Much damage was done to derricks and oil works. During the tornado a boiler bursted, killing one man and severely injuring others. The storm also passed over Ingersoll, doing a great amount of damage. The force of the storm tore up large trees by the roots.

A correspondent of *The Cincinnati Gazette* gives an account of the ceremonies at the laying of the corner-stone for the new buildings about to be erected at Tawawa Springs, about three miles from Xenia, Ohio, for the Wilberforce University, an institution of learning belonging to the African M. E. Conference, and devoted to the instruction of colored persons.

The corner-stone of the new Astronomical Observatory at Princeton was laid on Wednesday. The cost of the Observatory will be about $ 8,000, the largest portion of which is a donation from Gen. N. N. Halsted, and $2,500 comes from the estate of the late Gen. Van Rensselaer. The telescope will probably cost when mounted about $10,000.

Two boys of Memphis, one 17 years old and the other 14, made up a duel a few days ago, in consequence of some quarrel. They used pistols, but the seconds were sensible enough to load them with blank cartridges. When the would-be duelists found this out, they wanted to attack each other with knives, but were prevented.

A correspondent of *The Louisville Courier* states that on the 13th inst., while some men were getting out large stones for dressing for a banking-house in Springfield, Ky., they found encased in one of the blocks a live frog, which leaped out of the cavity in which he had been closed, upon the ground, but, giving signs of distress, was placed in a bottle, where he lived till the night of the 17th, when he died.

An extensive haul of counterfeiters has been made on the Pottowatomie Indian reservation, in Kansas, with $50,000 in bogus greenbacks and $5,000 in fractional currency. The arrests disclose a large organization, reaching from the St. Lawrence to the Rocky Mountains, which has issued spurious bills to the amount of one and a quarter million of dollars.

An Adrian (Mich.) correspondent of *The Chicago Tribune* details the murder of his wife and step-daughter by Isaac Vanscoter, a farmer of Medina in that State. Some domestic disagreement, when Vanscoter knocked his wife down with an ax, and then knocked his daughter in the head. Returning to his wife he split her skull open, and then attempted to shoot his son. He was secured and lodged in jail.

A suit recently came up in the San Francisco courts, involving the question of taking greenbacks at par where coin had been generally considered the only sound medium. A passenger on a street car tendered a greenback, which was discounted by the conductor. Judge Rix decided that the companies must take the greenbacks at par.

The Cleveland Leader says that more rain fell at that point during the storm of last Sunday and Monday than ever before since meteorologic records have been kept, in an equal time. The lower part of the city, ship-yards, foundries, &c., are submerged.

The Dalles (Oregon) *Mountaineer* details the passage of the falls and rapids of the Columbia River by the steamer Okanogan, it being the first time a similar exploit was ever performed. No accident happened to the venturesome captain, who risked his boat and his life in the expedition.

The various organizations of the Odd Fellows in Cincinnati have united in the enterprise of purchasing a lot of ground, whereon they propose to erect a building that shall equal in grandeur of architecture and size any public building in the United States.

The late Augustus R. Street of New-Haven left handsome donations to Yale College in his will. He gave to the Yale corporation the New-Haven Hotel, with furniture, &c., all complete, the proceeds of its sale to go for the position of the Hall of Fine Arts. Other buildings were likewise given to the same corporation, to be employed as the trustees may decide.

Some burglars, who entered a drug-store at Nashville, Tenn., intending robbery, knocked over a bottle of acid, which fell on the feet of one, burning it to the bone, and making it impossible for him to leave the store. His squeamish companions deserted him, and he was discovered in the morning by the porter, and sent to jail.

On Friday of last week, Mrs. Bennett of Edinburg, Johnson Co., Ind., was murdered by one Ditman, who was prompted to the act by jealousy arising between him and the woman deceased, who had been his partner in some exhibition. After the murder, Ditman walked to a saloon, took a drink, and was smoking a cigar when arrested.

A shocking accident at Louisville on the 14th resulted in the death of two estimable young ladies. By the giving way of a privy floor they were precipitated into the vault, and suffocated before the fact of their being there was made known. We have noticed a similar succession of accidents similar to this during the past few weeks.

Statistics of 500 Congregational Churches in the West show that more than one-quarter of the whole number of male members served in the Union army during the war, including 154 church officers and 61 ministers. About one in six of those in the service lost their lives.

The Italians in London had held a meeting to raise subscriptions for the assistance of the wounded in the war. A handsome sum was contributed on the spot, and another meeting of Italian workmen in London was shortly to be held for the same object.

In Ashland, Ohio, just before the commencement of the performances for a circus, the complete chandelier exploded, setting fire to the tent, and creating a panic in the audience, several members of which were severely injured in the rush for the exit.

A man in Macon County, Tenn., having learned that the Freedmen's Courts were abolished, construed it to mean the restoration of Slavery, and immediately took possession of a negro boy and put him to work. He has been arrested and taken to Nashville.

A petition to abolish corporal punishment in the school of Cambridge, Mass., has been circulated and extensively signed, since the excitement arose consequent upon the whipping of a young lady in one of the schools last week.

The state of Southern domestic economy may be judged by the fact that the Texas journals are publishing the account of a woman who has rendered herself famous by cooking a decent breakfast for herself and husband the morning after her servants took unceremonious leave.

A letter to the Department of Agriculture, from Medina County, Ohio, says that in one township alone 400 sheep died from exposure during the fearful storm of the 17th and 18th. It is thought that the loss in that County alone will foot up 7,000 head.

The history of the Pennsylvania regiments is to be written up by Col. Samuel B. Thomas. Mr. Bates, the Deputy State and School Superintendent, is to travel over the State in search of the required facts.

The Roman Catholic clergy of the diocese of Boston have just subscribed $14,000 toward the erection of the new cathedral in Boston. It is expected that four years will be required to complete the structure.

A select committee of the Ohio Senate, appointed to take consultation in regard to preparing measures for the regulation of the railroad, telegraph and express companies of the State, is in session. An interesting report is expected at the next session.

The Hibernia Fire Company of Philadelphia propose to visit the International Exhibition in Paris in 1867 and take with them their engine and 1,000 feet of hose. The excursionists will number 75 men, and the estimated cost of the trip is $200 per head.

Extensive beds of peat exist in Wisconsin, and business men of Milwaukee are beginning to make an article of commerce of it. A machine now in use manufactures 50 tons of dry peat per day. The peat is ground fine, pressed into bricks, and dried in the sun.

Forty of the rioters at Marquette, Mich., who had been engaged in the strike at the Iron mines and in preventing our new hands going to work have been arrested and committed to jail.

All the troops stationed in Utah are now concentrated in two garrisons. Eight companies are at Camp Douglas and three companies are at Fort Bridger. The headquarters of the district are still at Salt Lake.

Dr. Potter of Tionesta, Venango County, Pa., recently drove a pair of horses 100 miles, on an ordinary country road, in 9 hours and 15 minutes, stopping once to feed and twice to water. He afterward refused $10,000 for his team.

The recent break in the Erie Canal has so filled the canal with boats upon either side of the interruption that it is estimated that no less than 2,000,000 bushels of grain are en route for the Eastern markets.

Two sharp hops near Rockford, Ill., recently killed seven lions, full-grown heads to their feet, and collected $10 each on tickets to spectators. The hops were evolutions upon which a county bad been offered.

GENERAL NEWS.

In Holland, Massachusetts, the other day, the sexton was seen driving into town at a brisk pace, in a hurt frolicking skeleton buggy, with a coffin strapped to the axle, and a funeral procession coming up in the rear as fast as possible.

The Prescott (Nevada) *Miner* doubts if there is in the whole land a place of equal size and prominence with Prescott, and settled by Americans so utterly destitute of religious privileges.

The "Birmingham and New-Haven Railroad Company" advertise that "until they can get money to buy cars, they will run coaches over the route, and have bought one coach to accommodate the travel."

A man was found on the levee at Louisville, on the 23d, with 110 stabs in his body. His ears were cut off, both eyes were torn completely out, and the body was otherwise frightfully mutilated. The case is involved in much mystery. The body is not yet identified.

Correspondence from Napa Valley, California, says that never since the settlement of the Valley by Americans has there been such copious rains at that season of the year as fell on the 25th and 27th of May. It was thought that great damage had been done to the crops, but this fear proved groundless.

The subscription books of the Richmond and Newport News Railway Company was opened in Richmond recently, and $600,000 subscribed on the spot. The charter requires a capital stock of $1,000,000.

Ex-Lieut.-Commanding Nicholas of the Navy has been twice arrested as the supposed robber of the Bowdoinham (Me.) Bank, on account of his resemblance to the description given by the family of the cashier of the leader of the gang.

It is reported of the late Mme. de Marguerites that she at one time introduced the theatrical novelty of a curtain of mirrors, which, when lowered between the acts reflected the whole audience.

The South Carolina and Tennessee Railroad Committees, appointed to consult with Northern business men in regard to an additional railway communication, were being received at Louisville on the 23d.

A collision occurred in Detroit River on the 22d between the propeller Cleveland and a barge. The propeller was sunk and six persons injured. There will be a heavy loss upon the freight.

It is stated that a contract has been made for the completion of the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad. The section ending at Willimantic will be finished in twenty months, and the whole road to Fishkill in about three years.

Gen. Lersundi, the new Captain-General of Cuba, has addressed a circular to the officials of the island, forbidding the circulation or public reading of "books and periodicals of exaggerated ideas."

The steamer Deer Lodge arrived at Sioux City on the 1st inst., having made the 2,175 miles from Fort Benton, on the Upper Missouri, in nine days—an average of over 240 miles per day.

The Memphis Post congratulates its readers upon the fact that the Metropolitan Police have been put in charge of keeping the peace in that city, and thinks there will be no more riots against the negro.

Pelican eggs from Pyramid Lake are for sale in the California markets at about 75 cents per dozen. They are about three times as large as hens' eggs and said to be quite as palatable.

Sandusky, O., as a port, has three great staples, grape, fish, and lumber. *The Register*, of June 12, reports thirteen vessels unloading lumber at the wharves on the previous day.

Snow and ice are still to be found in the northern part of Oxford Co., Me. In the north-western portion of the State the trees are just beginning to put forth their leaves.

The receipts of the Boston places of amusement in the month of May were $51,543. The Boston Theater was the most productive, its receipts being $16,086.

Reports from the Confederate colonists in Mexico give a gloomy aspect to the prospects of those who thus emigrated. Neither the climate nor the people suit them.

A company in New-Haven is manufacturing compressed stone for building purposes. It is made of sand, pulverized quartz and silicate of soda.

The traffic upon the overland route to the mines is immense. On the 21st of May there were reported 1,000 wagons between Salt Lake City and Montana.

The Interior Department at Washington is to be closed at 3 p. m. daily. The other Departments will probably follow this example during the hot weather.

A report from Huron County, Ohio, states that a great many sheep were lost by exposure to the severe storm of the 17th and 18th.

Mayor Harris of Cincinnati is severe on vagrants. He sentenced one of them—a woman—to one year in the House of Correction.

One steamer recently left St. Paul with 4,000,000 feet of logs, and 1,300,000 feet of sawed lumber in tow, most of it designed for the St. Louis market.

The doctors of Norwich are disputing as to a recent death in that place a part claiming that it was caused by cholera, and others disputing it.

The roof of the new depot of the Michigan Central Railway at Detroit, now being built, to supply the place of one burned a few months ago, covers 300,000 square feet.

Six gentlemen of New-Hampshire recently caught 400 pounds of trout in eight days in Lake Sarasac, in Northern New-York.

At a wolf hunt in Eagle township, Wisconsin, seven wolves were killed on one farm. They had been making sad havoc among the sheep.

Mr. P. Acheson of West Troy, N. Y., while digging a well found an old wooden box containing $4,000 in gold coin.

A blacksmith in Toronto has absconded, after the disclosure of the fact that he had been manufacturing pikes for the Fenians.

A mare purchased a short time ago by Colonel Wood, of Chicago, for $1,050, and for which he was afterwards offered $4,000, died last week.

Mt. Lebanon, Pa., has a Maine Liquor law of its own. No liquor is sold there in less quantity than three gallons.

In Clayton, Alabama, as a negro was ascending the scaffold to be hanged, a commutation of the sentence to a ten years' imprisonment arrived from the Governor.

A boulevard encircling Nashville, and connecting with the forts and earthworks which surround that city, is talked of.

Minnesotians are urging the improvement of the Minnesota River which they claim may be made navigable for 150 miles from its mouth.

Mr. E. L. Clark of Atchison County, Kansas, was robbed of several thousand dollars on the 23d inst by highwaymen.

The establishment of a glassware manufactory in New-Bedford, Mass., is talked of, and a large amount of capital for the enterprise, has been provided.

A large bed of plumbago has been discovered near Houghton, Lake Superior, which is said to be of a superior quality.

About seventy new cottages are to be erected upon the camp-meeting ground at Martha's Vineyard the present season.

The safe of the late Dr. Webb, who was killed at Little Rock, Ark., was robbed of Government bonds to the amount of $70,000.

The State Teachers' Association will hold its Annual Meeting at Geneva, commencing July 31, and continuing three days.

The German singers of Buffalo, Erie, Cleveland and Pittsburgh have determined to hold their next annual festival at Erie City, on the 20th, 21st and 22d of August.

Alabama papers estimate that 1,000 convicts will be sent to the penitentiary in that State before Christmas. Nearly one-half that number are now in jail, awaiting trial.

A new police system has been established at Paterson, N. J., where it was much needed. The cost of the force is estimated at from $6,000 to $7,000.

A grand Trotting House Fair is to be held in Buffalo on the 14th, 15th, 16th, and 17th of August. Over $10,000 are offered in premiums.

The Ordnance Bureau at Washington have ordered two more 20-inch guns for the navy to be built at the Fort Pitt Works in Pittsburgh.

A 12-inch strawberry is reported from Chicago. It is doubtful. Chicago is a big city, but should not make too big boasts.

A blind inventor has invented a gun which may be fired 100 times in a minute. The stock of cartridges is confined in slides along the barrel.

The Chicago Zouaves propose visiting Boston in September.

The Connecticut Soldiers' Orphan Home will be located at Cromwell.

The freedmen of Columbus, Miss., have organized a fire company.

A 5,000-pound fire-alarm bell is to be erected in Pittsburgh, and rung by electricity.

At Medford, Mass., is a house built in 1634, which is still in fair condition.

A Newport paper reports the capture of a sword-fish off Block Island, which had a "sword" four feet in length.

During the month of May, 40,153 acres of land were entered at the Land Office at St. Cloud, Minn.

Watermelons in Montgomery, Alabama, are $1 50 each.

A Baltimore court has decided that no title can be acquired on property won at a raffle.

The Cincinnati Commercial speaks of the President's return to Congress of the joint resolution as a "brevet veto."

A woman in St. Vallier, Canada, after taking a dose of medicine, last week, slept 36 hours.

Peaches have appeared in New-York. In Georgia they are getting plenty.

A whale was seen off Union River, Maine, on the 23d.

The change of gauge of the Morris and Essex Railroad is nearly completed.

A woman died in Cleveland last week from drinking too much ice water.

The Fiftieth Anniversary of the Organization of the New-Haven Greys is to be celebrated shortly.

California papers report a very unusual number of tourists for the Yosemite Valley and region this year.

The Fire Alarm Telegraph has just been erected and tested at Buffalo.

Colored laces are being manufactured.

IMMIGRATION.—The return of the number of immigrants that arrived at Quebec from the 1st of May to the 15th of June, 1866, shows that the total for this period was 17,245, against 4,909 for the corresponding period of 1865, showing an increase this year of 12,336. Of the total nearly 11,000 were Germans, mostly bound for the Western States, British immigrants form but an insignificant proportion of the whole.

FOREIGN MISCELLANY.

AN ANCIENT DINNER.—The excavations at Pompeii are going on with an activity stimulated by the important discoveries made at almost every step and the quantities of gold and silver found, which more than suffice to cover the cost of the works. Near the Temple of Jupiter, of which an account was recently given, has been brought to light a house, belonging to some wealthy of the time, as the furniture is of ivory, bronze and marble. The remains of the original dinner, in the room, are especially of extreme richness. The floriage consists of immense masses, well preserved in parts, of which the center represents a table laid out for a grand dinner. In the middle, on a large dish, may be seen a splendid peacock, with its tail spread out, and placed back to back with another bird, also of beautiful plumage. Around them are arranged lobsters, one of which holds a live egg in its claw, a second, on another dish, appears to be fricasseed, as it is open and covered with herbs; a third, a rat *farci*, and a fourth a small vase filled with fried grasshoppers. Next comes a circle of dishes of fish, interspersed with others of pastrikes, tarts and quails, whose all have their heads placed between their feet. Then comes a row of sausages of all forms, supported by one of eggs, oysters and olives. The walls of the triclinium are covered with Pompeian paintings of birds, fruits, flowers, game, and fish of all kinds, the whole interspersed with drawings which lend a charm to the whole not easy to describe. On a table of rare wood, carved and inlaid with gold, marble, agate, and lapis lazuli were found amphore, still containing wine, and some goblets of onyx.

AUTHORSHIP OF "ECCE HOMO."—There are some books that deserve notice from the peculiarity of their reception, as much as from the peculiarity of their style and contents. Of these "Ecce Homo" is certainly one. That can be no common book which, on a well-worn subject, without name or previous fame, without even the aid of censures from popes, or bishops, or convocations, has run its way into seven editions within as many months. That can be no common style which has ranked among its reputed authors personages of every grade and section of English society, and yet still remains a secret. There is a legend floating about London that the publisher invited sixteen persons to dinner to meet the author of "Ecce Homo," who resembled none more than they came. But how much more curious a banquet might be given if all those to whom the book has been ascribed were invited to meet each other! The dinner party would include, among others, the most celebrated of Roman Catholic divines, the most learned of Roman Catholic laymen, we know not how many Nonconformist ministers, three essayists and reviewers, an archbishop of York, innumerable young fellows of colleges, a Republican professor, a female novelist, a leading journalist, an Irish historian, a Scottish poet, a Scottish duke, a master of Trinity, a dean of Westminster, an advocate-general, a poet-laureate, a Chancellor of the Exchequer, a High Church Vice Chancellor, a law stationer, a chemist, an unknown sea captain, and the Emperor of the French. No "Imaginary Conversations," no "Dialogues of the Dead," no feast at Solomon's house in the New Atlantis, would equal the charm of that surprising entertainment. [Macmillan's Magazine.

HOW TO GAIN AN AUDIENCE.—Everybody, says a Paris correspondent, knows conscripts, when examined by a council of revision, are stark naked. A short time since, Victor Mallet, Sub-Perfect of Valenciennes, was President of the Council of Revision. A number of young conscripts had been examined, when, to the surprise of everybody, a man 50 years old, with an immense beard and grey-haired head, came stalking perfectly naked into the room. The gendarme, whose business it was to introduce the conscript, had become so tired seeing naked people, he really saw no more, so listless were his nerves, and had let this old fellow in unconsciously. The Sub-Perfect exclaimed, angrily enough: "What is the meaning of this joke? What does that man want?" The peasant replied: "Why, you see here, Mr. Sub-Perfect, I've got something to say to you—something important. I have tried every way to get at you but never could. I was told you were going to preside at the Council of Revision here to-day, and as I wanted to see you, I put on the proper costume, and here I am, Mr. Sub-Perfect, and what I want is—I want you to diminish my taxes."

THE PARISIANS AND THE EMPEROR'S LETTER ON THE CRISIS.—The publication of the Emperor's letter caused an immense sensation in Paris. A sudden but drenching shower of rain fell at the moment when the evening papers made their appearance, which they did at an unusually late hour. Notwithstanding this untoward circumstance, crowds assembled round each of the *kiosques* simultaneously demanding the *Moniteur du Soir*, in which the Imperial letter was expected to be published; and, on discovering the mistake, *La France*, in which it really was published, was eagerly bought up. In several places along the Boulevards groups might be seen listening to one among them who benevolently read aloud the anxiously looked-for document. The Passages de l'Opera were completely blocked up, and till midnight the police had enough to do to prevent public circulation being stopped.

BOURBON CONSPIRACY.—The Paris correspondent of *The Morning Star* publishes the following curious respecting an alleged Bourbon conspiracy discovered in Paris: The prefect of police, M. Pietri, has informed that 40 or 50 young men belonging to the Faubourg St. Germain Legitimist Society had entered into a secret correspondence with the King of Naples and had determined to devote themselves to his restoration to the throne of the Sicilies. They had fixed on the Abruzzi as the place of rendezvous, whence they were to carry out their plans. The French authorities, however, who had a sharp eye on their proceedings, and who know all their names, forwarded a list thereof to the Italian Government, accompanied by the respective photographs of these champions of the Bourbon race. If, as is supposed, they have started for the Abruzzi, they will easily be detected.

DISTURBED CONDITION OF NAPLES.—Arrests are of daily and hourly occurrence, and especially among the clergy, who have a firm hold on the superstition, if not on the affections, of the masses. Forty-two other prisoners from Terra di Lavoro, twelve of them women, were brought into Santa Maria last week, and on Friday a razzia was made among the priests at Castellamare. These arrests may be a political necessity, but that very necessity shows a social state which renders peace desirable for the consolidation of the interior. If there is enthusiasm here, there is wide-spread discontent; and such marvelous conversions were made in 1860 that, even among the Liberals, there are many who are not to be trusted. [Times's Naples Correspondent, June 4.

GRISI.—A Paris letter to *The New-Orleans Picayune*, says: Here is a letter which Carlotta Grisi (the airy dancing and bewitching woman) has just written Mons. Jules Janin from her sequestered Swiss cottage: Friend, if you would ever see an admirable herd of beautiful Swiss cows, give the preference to the Swiss girl, Carlotta Grisi! Of all the poesies I have danced, of all my dreams, nothing remains but a herd grazing the grass of my meadow, and giving me in exchange a tub of milk every evening. I have, in the good part, believe me, I press real grass with these light feet which never touched the earth, so the fibers of the restless soul. I do not touch earth, and I go with my feet in wooden clogs to contemplate this rustic opulence without knowing what society is. Adieu, excellent man, love me always."

LAMARTINE.—The Council of Ministers in Paris has lately had under its consideration the state of the affairs of M. de Lamartine, who has long been involved in financial embarrassments. M. Rouher is said to have proposed to the ex-member of the Provisional Government a pension of 40,000f. for life, which should be inserted in the budget subject to the approval of the Legislative Body. In consideration of this pension M. de Lamartine would have to make over to the State all his assets and liabilities. Lamartine has declined this proposal, and intends, it is said, to settle in Sicily.

THE AMAZON.—In a lecture on the Amazon, delivered in Rio Janeiro, Professor Agassiz said the general impression in regard to the Amazon River was very erroneous, not only in regard to the climate of that region, which he had been informed was unhealthy, but also as to its fertility. He found the valley of the Amazon uncommonly fertile and its climate very healthy. It was his opinion that it would one day become the mart of the world, supporting in comfort 20,000,000 of inhabitants.

GARIBALDI'S CAMPAIGN.—The plan of Garibaldi's campaign, it has been said, is twofold—a mountain warfare in Southern Tyrol and a maritime expedition up the Adriatic. There are some who suppose that a landing is contemplated on the coasts of Istria or Dalmatia, or even lower down in Montenegro, or in the Turkish Provinces. What sympathy or support the Italians might meet with among those half-civilized and barely-known tribes we deem it idle to inquire. It would seem far more probable that a *coup de main* is intended on some point or points of the coast between Trieste and Venice.

AERIAL NAVIGATION.—A society has been organized in London for the purpose of "promoting the Science of Aerial Navigation." The Secretary has issued an address, in which he proposes the balloon to be the fulcrum, from which, with comparative safety, men can learn to fly as easily as they learn to swim by the aid of a life preserver.

ANOTHER ROMULUS.—A boy of 12 years has recently been rescued from a she-wolf's den in a jungle near Delhi, India. Like Romulus and Remus, he had been suckled by her, and when caught, ran on all fours very swiftly, and was fonder of raw meat than anything else. So says *The Delhi Gazette*.

A society of teetotallers was held on Monday evening the 11th inst., at Radley's Hotel, London, in order to meet Neal Dow, just arrived from the United States. An address was presented to the General, and he received a threefold welcome—"first, as an American ought to be welcomed by Englishmen, Secondly, as an anti-Slavery American ought to be welcomed; and lastly, as an American advocate of prohibitory laws against the sale of alcoholic drinks."

An explosion recently occurred in the fireworks manufactory of M. Aubin, in Paris. The firemen found 12 dead bodies. Every person in the place at the moment of the explosion perished. Close by in another building were discovered six other corpses and nine men frightfully injured.

A Parisian has conceived the notion of opening an exhibition, at 10 centimes a head, to show a million of money spread out in gold pieces. He thinks he will have a rush of visitors, as the curiosity to know what a million is like is universal.

In Switzerland the telegraph is the property of the State. An office is established in almost every village and the charge is uniform, one franc for 25 words, irrespective of distance. The dispatches are printed, and the establishment yields a large revenue to the Government.

A curious invention is to be tried in Paris. An iron tube is to be run up the side of the trees in the public gardens which require constant watering in Summer. Up this tube water is to be forced so as to produce an artificial shower when needed.

A letter from Vienna mentions that Prince Lichtenstein, the commandant of the Austrian cavalry, has suddenly become insane, and that the calamity is attributed to vexation at Marshal Benedek being appointed Commander-in-Chief instead of himself.

A Paris writer says the Emperor has had private wires attached to his different telegraphs, and sends private telegrams with his own hands to Count Bismarck at Berlin, and Gen. La Marmora at Florence.

It is said that the Austrian Government have intimated their intention not to permit any Military Commissioners to be attached to the headquarters of their army in the event of war breaking out.

Lately a child was pecked to death in London by a gamecock. The owner of the cock treated the matter very cavalerly, and thought his furious bird of more importance than the lives of children.

According to the Vienna papers, Queen Victoria has addressed a letter to the Empress of the French, asking her Majesty to use every exertion on behalf of the preservation of peace.

Letters from Italy mention that the flags of the volunteers bear on one side the Roman she-wolf and on the other the lion of St. Mark.

An autograph of Cromwell, at a recent sale in London, brought £3, while one of Nell Gwyn brought £1 8s. more than Oliver's.

Kossuth has, it is said, received a great number of invitations from Hungarians to put himself at the head of a revolution in Hungary in case war breaks out.

A Paris letter says that red is going out of style, and the prevailing and sought for color now is yellow.

Twelve hundred persons are employed in the printing establishment of M. Paul Dupont in Paris.

KANSAS—The Republican State Committee will meet at Topeka September 5.

PERSONAL.

The telegraph has reported the fact of a difficulty between H. Rives Pollard, editor of *The Richmond Enquirer* and Samuel James, a relation. The first difficulty was in Pollard's own room on Tuesday evening. Wednesday morning's *Enquirer* contained a card from Pollard, giving his account of the affair and stating that at 10 o'clock that morning he would "publickly" post James as a liar, poltroon and coward. At the appointed time a large crowd had assembled to see the posting and the probable fight which would ensue. Pollard appeared in the scene with a gun upon his shoulder and a colored man in the rear with posters and paste-pot. One of the hand bills was posted upon announcement, and James was looked for, while the bystanders intrenched themselves behind all sorts of outbuildings to escape the expected bullets. But a squad of policemen arrested the belligerent Pollard and took him off to the courts where he was released on bail.

MRS. GORDON IN LONDON.—Among the congregation on Sunday morning, the 10th inst., at the Baptist Chapel, Camden-road, Holloway, was the widow of the late Mr. George Gordon of Jamaica. Appearing for the first time at any public service and in this country it was natural that she should seek to be found among those of the same denomination as her late husband, and who have so warmly defended his character. The Rev. F. Tucker, B. A., the Minister of the chapel, in the devotional part of the service, in touching language referred to her bitter bereavement, expressed thankfulness for the manner in which she had been sustained under her heavy trial, and besought on her behalf all the strength she yet needed in the circumstances of sorrow in which she was placed.—*Morning Star.*

The Chicago papers give an account of a quack Doctor, who had been practicing for years in that city, and yet who appears to have not a particle of medical knowledge or skill. Some of his methods have been absurdly outrageous, but he has accumulated a fortune by his practice. For a young girl who was dying with the consumption, he ordered that a compound of coal tar, vinegar, and assafœtida should be put in a large jar and kept constantly stirred by her bedside, and although the stench was horrible the sufferer had to breathe it till she died. A patient was suffering from sore eyes. The learned physician told her, with great solemnity, that the fat which was to work the cure must be the fat of cat. Furthermore, that the cat which gave the fat must be black. A single streak of white would spoil the charm, and the fat of gray or brindled cat would strike the patient stone blind.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.—Miss Florence Nightingale, the illustrious Sister of Charity during the Crimean war, has addressed a charming letter to Chevalier Sebastiano Fenzi, a citizen of Florence, about the service to wounded and sick soldiers in time of war. She remarks that, though a hopeless invalid, she would not hesitate in making the sacrifice of her poor life if she thought it could hasten the triumph of the Italian cause only by half an hour.

A monument has just been erected over the grave of Owen Lovejoy, at Princeton, Illinois. It is made of four large blocks, the shaft being one of the largest in marble ever erected in the West, weighing 8½ tuns, and rests upon a perfect cube, supported by two square bases. On the upper one is the name "Lovejoy," in high relief. The cube contains on the front side the following (beside other inscriptions of members of the family): "Owen Lovejoy, born January 6, 1811; died March 25, 1864."

The decease of Prof. Mussey, one of the most learned, scientific and practical surgeons in New-England, is widely lamented. He was connected with Dartmouth College, at Hanover, N. H., from 1814 to 1838, subsequently removed to Cincinnati, and gave up practice about ten years since. One of his sons, Dr. W. H. Mussey, was United States Medical Inspector during the war, and another is Brevet Brig.-Gen. R. D. Mussey, who was at one time Private Secretary to President Johnson. Prof. Mussey left directions for a post mortem examination of his own body.

It is related in a biographical sketch of Dr. Mussey, whose recent death at Boston we have noticed, that in the "Deacon Giles' Distillery Case," which was tried some 30 years ago in Salem, Dr. Mussey and the Rev. Dr. Justin Edwards were offered as experts; the former testified to the effects of the use of alcohol upon the human body; and the latter was offered (but not received) as an expert to testify to the effect of alcohol on the human soul!

The New-Bedford Mercury notes the fact that a young lady to whom her late father left a clean million of dollars, with the income of about $1,000,000 more, has filed allegations against the will, charging that its execution was obtained through fraud and undue influence. Her reason for this course seems to be that there were other legacies of about $30,000 to other parties. What a comfortable wife that woman would be to an economical young person.

Col. J. H. Blood, City Auditor of St. Louis, has suddenly departed from that city. It appears that he became converted to Spiritualism, and was enchanted by two different strange women who were industrious in draining his purse. In order to rid himself of their companionship, and also of the suspicions of his business acquaintances, he suddenly left for South America. There is no defalcation in his accounts.

A Florence correspondent of the *Siecle*, writing on the 4th inst. of a conversation he recently had with Mazotte Garibaldi, eldest son of the patriot General, says: "Without wishing to penetrate the plans upon which the son was bound to keep silence, or which are not yet settled, I simply asked for an opinion. 'I think you would do well to wait in Florence,' he replied. 'I am waiting in Florence.'"

Salem, Ohio, must be a pleasant place for ministers. The Baptist Church has been sued by its pastor for $1,000 pay. The defense set up was the smallness of the congregation, and the alleged fact that the preacher, who was a carpenter, agreed to work at his trade on week days, and take whatever the congregation could raise him. Result of the suit not yet known.

A. Weidman owns an interest in *The German Democrat* of Pittsburgh, of which one Mr. Kuhn is editor. The proprietor was surprised to read, a few days ago, an article in his own paper in which he was denounced as a pettifogging lawyer, nonentity of confidence or esteem. He proceeded to cowhide Kuhn, and the matter goes to the Courts.

The Auburn [Cal.] *Stars and Stripes* has a request from "Captain Tom" of the Placer tribe of Indians, to make the paper tell every man and every woman that his beloved wife Maude is "heap dead." "She was a little sick two week, heap sick one week, and made dead after dinner on Monday." The sorrowing widower says she was "heap good woman."

The cane owned by Mr. Lincoln and used by him for the few of his last years, is in possession of Frederick Douglass. Mr. Lincoln having signified to his wife his desire to present Mr. D. with some token of regard, this cane was selected by Mrs. Lincoln after her husband's assassination.

Major-Gen. Sherman having been invited to be at Boston on the Fourth of July, replies to Mayor Lincoln that it will be impossible for him to do so, as he intends to be at Dartmouth College on the 17th to attend the graduation of the class embracing his nephew, Henry Sherman. He will spend a day in Boston about the 12th.

The wife of a clothing merchant of Baltimore, eloped on Tuesday last with a Colonel formerly of a New York cavalry regiment, and took with her $11,000, her husband's money, which she had authority to draw from bank, her husband being in Europe. The elopers were overhauled at York, Pa., and the wife brought back, but the Colonel escaped with all the money.

The Morning Star states it on authority that the Princess Mary does not lose, by her marriage, the title and name by which she has made herself so generally popular; she will not be Princess of Teck, as that title implies a lower social status than that which she already holds, so that she will be still Princess Mary of Cambridge.

Years ago the "Sat Lovegood" papers had an extensive circulation, and had a good deal of wit, although very broadly and sometimes very vulgarly expressed. Their author, Capt. G. Harris, has reappeared in print in comments upon the dresses of the day.

The Sandusky Register says that Jay Cooke, after a few weeks of hunting and fishing about his home upon Put in-Bay-Island in Lake Erie, "has become so tanned and countryfied by his rustication that 'financial circles' will hardly recognize him."

The De Forest prize, of a gold medal, for the best English oration by a member of the Yale senior class, was awarded on Monday to Mr. EDWIN T. HUBBELL, of Bridgeport, Conn., his subject being "The Executive in the National Government." John C. Calhoun was one of his competitors.

The name of the man arrested on suspicion of being the murderer of the Squibb family in York County, Pa., is Charles Wilfred, alias Henry Myers. He has been identified by the old lady, who was mortally wounded but not killed outright.

James E. Murdoch, the actor, will read Washington's Address in Madison, Ind., on the Fourth of July. The Declaration of Independence will be read by a woman—a precedent suggestive of the privileges claimed by the recent Reform Convention at Syracuse.

Suit has been brought against the Western Stage Company of Iowa, by Charles A. Sherman, for $100,000 damages for the drowning of his wife, child, and another by careless driving of one of the company's coaches several years ago.

In the list of lecturers to appear at Indianapolis during the coming season are the names of Alexander H. Stephens, Fred. Douglass, Horatio Seymour, P. T. Barnum, John B. Gough and Wendell Phillips. Variety enough certainly.

A letter from St. Petersburg says that the Czar is in such fear of his life since the discovery of the conspiracy of which Karakozoff was a member, that he has now shut himself up in the fortress of Cronstadt.

Mrs. Susannah Green died a few days ago at St. Albans, Vt. She was the first woman married in that town, and had lived ever since that event, 76 years, on the farm where she died.

Mr. A. D. Richardson of THE TRIBUNE is to deliver the address at the triennial celebration of the Westfield (Mass.) Normal School, on Thursday, July 19. Mr. Samuel Burnham of Boston will deliver a poem on the same occasion.

Woodbury Curtis of Portsmouth, N. H., lately ran away from that place with his wife's sister. They were arrested and brought back, and the matter compromised by his paying a sum of money to his wife and leaving her.

Mr. Kelly, THE TRIBUNE correspondent who was arrested by the Canadian authorities as a Fenian, but shortly released from custody, gave