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TRIPLE SHEET.

NEW YORK, TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 1875.

From our reports this morning the probabilities are that the weather to-day will be cooler and clearing.

Persons going out of town for the summer can have the daily and Sunday Herald mailed to them, free of postage, for \$1 per month.

WALL STREET YESTERDAY.—Stocks were lower, and the tendency is apparently toward further depression. Gold was steady at 117 & 116 1/2. Foreign exchange was firm.

THE BINGLEDERS of the crew of the American schooner Jefferson Borden, who mutinied on the high seas, will be sent to this country for trial from England.

MOODY and SANKEY are still fighting Satan tooth and nail in the great city of London, and have enlisted the children under their revival banners. The arch enemy is evidently losing ground under the persistent attacks of the two modern apostles.

A DUEL of unusual ferocity was fought near Havana on Friday, between a citizen of New York, Dr. Algeon Sydney Curtis, and a Cuban merchant named Salvador Cortesal. We give the full particulars of this shocking encounter, which was ended by the suicide of Cortesal, who apparently believed he had killed his adversary.

AMHERST AT WORK.—We publish to-day an interesting account of the preparations being made by the new crew of Amherst College for the forthcoming struggle between the graduates of the year on Saratoga Lake. They will prove formidable antagonists as far as pluck, will and muscle are concerned.

THE INDIANS.—A tribe of the Comanches, who have been raiding for five years in Texas, have agreed to surrender, and it is expected that the remaining hostile Apaches in that State will follow the example. But the Indian trouble is one which, when suppressed in one place, always breaks out in another. Now the danger is at the Black Hills.

THE SIOUX INDIANS, who have had a long but apparently fruitless talk with the "Great Father," are now in New York, and are having a good time, seeing the sights and receiving invitations everywhere previous to their departure for the Plains, where they may turn up again at their old pranks of murder and rapine. It is a disgrace to our civilization that these outcasts should be permitted to appear at public assemblages in this city, wearing the trophies that they tore from their defenceless victims. They parade the scalps they have taken with the utmost nonchalance. Yet they are the "nation's wards" and are protected by our benign government.

THE JENOME PARK RACES.—The second day's races of the spring meeting of the American Jockey Club commence at three o'clock this afternoon at Jerome Park. The principal event will be the race for the Westchester Cup, which will bring out some of the principal horses entered for the meeting. It is to be hoped that the races will not be prolonged on account of starting difficulties to the same unwarrantable extent as on Saturday last, and that some effort beyond the gratuitous exertions of the clerk of the weather will be made to avoid the disagreeable presence of clouds of dust. The immense attendance on the first day of the meeting is a good augury of the interest taken by the public this season in one of the noblest racing associations ever organized in America.

The Mayor Over the Seas.

We are afraid that His Honor the Mayor was premature in declining the invitation of the Lord Mayor of London to visit the ancient capital of the English race and become the guest of the Corporation at Guildhall. In this season of centennial celebrations and international exchanges of amity the tendency of Mayors and Lord Mayors to come together is a beautiful illustration of the advancement of civilization. It is not long since the chief municipal officer of Paris and the chief municipal officer of London had a pleasant assemblage, with more than the ordinary manifestations of friendship. The meeting of Paris and London was a noted event in this, that history has no incident more frequently repeated than the contest between the great French and the great English Power in which London and Paris took so prominent a part. Therefore, when we see the two mighty cities of the world in social converse, in the exchange of courtesies and friendship, Frenchmen doing honor to Englishmen and Englishmen forgetting the triumph of Waterloo in courtesies toward Frenchmen, nothing is more natural than that this feeling of international affection should take a wider scope, and that the Mayor of New York should be asked to accept the hospitality of the Lord Mayor of London.

The mere circumstance of Mr. Wickham becoming the guest of the Lord Mayor of London would in itself be interesting. Lord Mayors from time immemorial, and the present Lord Mayor particularly, have been famous for their hospitality and their patriotic desire to manifest on every occasion the glory of England. We have never had a chief officer of this municipality more competent to represent the best phase of the American character than Mr. Wickham. He sings a good song and tells a charming story. He is an American from the top of his hat to the sole of his boots. No one who has seen him review the processions on St. Patrick's Day or the gathering of Masons could fail to note his military bearing, his Napoleonic prowess. Mayor Wickham at a dinner party recalls what we have read of those charming ambrosial feasts which form so pleasant a part of the literature of England and Scotland. The difficulty between England and America, so far as social sentiment is concerned, is that Englishmen too often form an ideal American, impossible in every feature, based upon the exaggerations of our humorous writers and the follies of many of our citizens who go abroad. The best idea we have of other nations is the character of the people they send to us. When we recall the character of many of those who visited the Old World in the last few years we can well understand why the advent of a Mayor, a real Tammany Mayor, from New York would be looked upon at Guildhall with interest if not with alarm. Mr. Wickham would contribute largely to a better understanding between the two countries by boldly making his appearance in Guildhall and showing that as an officer he is in every essential a Mayor as well as a gentleman.

It would be a deprivation in some respects to lose Mr. Wickham, but when we think of those who would attend his visit to London we can reconcile ourselves to the surrender. We have many men in our city, especially those in authority, whose departure for London would be a comforting sight. He might take Mr. Green, in order to show the authorities of London how to manage financial affairs in such a way as to give the least amount of satisfaction to the greatest number of people. He might invite Disbecker to instruct the sanitary authorities of London that the comfort of the people is more largely served by the greatest amount of nuisance and decomposition. There are a body of police surgeons who have arrived at the astounding discovery that no place on this Continent—Saratoga, Long Branch, the parks of the Rocky Mountains or the table lands of the far-reaching Sierra Nevada—can compare for salubrity, healthfulness and natural beauty of scenery to the Harlem flats. We do not know anything that would afford us more pleasure than to see our Mayor slowly steaming down the Bay, with Disbecker and Green and the police surgeons and about two-thirds of the present officers of Tammany Hall accompanying him as his body guard.

If the Mayor should desire to make his visit to London not only a matter of enjoyment to himself but of comfort to the city he might extend his courtesies and invite other gentlemen of distinction. There is the Hon. John Merrissay, for instance, who, if really put upon his mettle, could make as great a sensation in London and elsewhere as any of our leaders. There is the Adonis of the New York democracy, the Hon. Thomas J. Creamer, a man of large wealth and influence, who could teach the rising generation of London politicians many things as yet unlearned in their lessons of political management. There is our silent chief of the Tammany Sachems, John Kelly, who could keep the peace as imperturbably as Grant. If the Mayor were so disposed he might take the whole Beecher trial—Judge, counsel, contestants, jurymen and all—and deposit them in London under the ministrations of Messrs. Moody and Sankey with much benefit to our people, whatever the result might be to true religion. Mr. Tilton and Mr. Beecher have both about exhausted their influence in New York. There is no knowing what they would be able to accomplish in London. Beecher and Tilton might succeed Moody and Sankey. The achievements of Moody and Sankey show that there is no better field for the development of true American talent than this exhausted old metropolis. London has been in many respects a field for the manifestation of unappreciated American genius. It was in London that Barnum accomplished noble results with the India rubber "nurse" of Washington, the woolly horse and Tom Thumb. It was in London that famous financiers succeeded in inducing ingenious investors to buy barren Utah lands under the impression that they possessed real silver mines. It is in London that clergymen whose idea of the practical workings of Christianity is based upon the instructions of Mr. Barnum have succeeded in revolutionizing the religious world from its centre to its circumference, and bringing duties and processes and ladies and gentlemen of high degree to the foot of the altar in a condition of hysterical devotion. With examples like these what could Beecher

The Nuisances of New York.

The folly of trying to conceal great nuisances by official misrepresentation was never shown more strikingly than in the late report of the police surgeons upon the Harlem flats. The coercion of these officers by a Commissioner resulted, first, in the exposure of the true condition of the flats, and, secondly, in the exposure of the means that had been used to hide it. If Mr. Disbecker had been a wise man or an honest official he would have either avoided the blunder of attempting to prove the pest beds to be wholesome or he would have addressed himself to the difficult labor of making them so. But the course he chose to adopt has convinced the public that he is personally interested in the garbage outrage on the public, or, what is almost equally as bad, that he is totally unfit for his position.

The surgeons' report did not cover up this infamy of the Harlem swamps, but, on the contrary, led to retraction and investigation. The cooked-up report not only failed to accomplish its own purpose, but has elicited unanswerable testimony to the existence of the nuisance. Commissioner Voorhis on Sunday visited the scene, and bears witness to the truth of the statements in the HERALD. The Common Council has taken up the subject, and yesterday continued an investigation, which the public expects to be thorough. The Board of Health has also considered the matter, and as a remedy lies directly within the power of that body we hope it will not hesitate to apply it firmly and without delay. The Board of Health can compel a citizen to remove a nuisance and make him pay the expense, and it should deal with the contractors just as it would with private persons. We do not say that Messrs. McQuade, Ambrose, Jones, Mills and the other model contractors should now be obliged to remove the filthy, pestiferous organic matter with which they have filled the flats, for in the heat of the summer season that step would be dangerous to the health of the city. But they should be compelled to at least repair the injury they have done the community by using powerful disinfectants in the garbage fields and covering the mass of rotteness already deposited by three or four feet of pure, fresh earth. If it is, as we believe, in the power of the authorities to make the contractors bear a portion of the expense of this purification, the public will be gratified to see the penalty imposed; but under no circumstances should they be paid the balance of the money due them from the city until they have removed the intolerable nuisance which their own recklessness created.

The authorities should not limit their attention to this nuisance only, though, of course, it is the most dangerous of all that now threaten the health of the metropolis. The Boards of Health of New York and Brooklyn held recently a conference in respect to the petroleum factories on the East River, which poison the air with their smells. As the ships and steamers from New England approach New York by the entrance of the Sound their passengers are regaled on the one side by the odors of Harlem flats and on the other by the stench of the petroleum refineries of Long Island. They are between the Scylla and the Charybdis of stinks, and unhappily can escape neither. Then there are the foul streets, several of which are described in our reports to-day. All of these nuisances should be abated now, before the extreme heat converts them into sources of widespread disease, and we shall gladly assist in exposing all cases of the kind to which our attention may be called. The matter is one in which every citizen has a direct interest, for the health of the entire community is threatened by the filthy portions of the city.

General Sherman and General Buell.

We print this morning a letter from General Buell in response to our suggestion that he might find it convenient to discuss the parts of General Sherman's book commenting upon himself and his campaigns. General Buell is a distinguished, and, as the country believes, an unfortunate soldier, whose career during the war was interrupted by invidious circumstances rather than by his own action. Although the references to General Buell in the work of General Sherman are, so far as we can recall them, of a conciliatory and altogether of a courteous nature, the General is disposed to take issue with the commander of the army as to the estimate he places upon the battle of Shiloh. General Buell believes that it is the effort of the author to "conceal the faults and misrepresent the facts of that battle." At the same time General Buell concedes the important fact that it is proper that all who took any part in the recent war should now place upon record their remembrance of it. He agrees with the HERALD in looking upon General Sherman's example as calculated to stimulate that object. General Buell reserves his final judgment of the work of General Sherman until another time. We need hardly say that anything he chooses to write upon the subject will be read with deep interest by the country. No one is more competent to write upon the war than a scholar and soldier and gentleman as accomplished as General Buell.

Suicide and Insurance.

By the judgment of the highest Court of the State of Maryland it appears that a man's right to take his own life in certain circumstances is still intact. In that State a gentleman had insured his life on the ordinary form of policy, by which the insurance is void "if the assured shall die by his own hand or act." He subsequently hanged himself and the company refused to pay, which there is reason to believe is the common rule with insurance companies in all circumstances. The company was sued and held liable; they appealed, and again the inexorable judgment was that the sum of the insurance was due to the heirs, *felix de se* to the contrary notwithstanding. It was held by the Court that there are circumstances in which a man may take his own life that do not come within the prohibition of the clause in the policy. They hold that the policy only prohibits an act that is deliberately intended by a sound mind. If a man looking into the muzzle of a revolver fire it by accident he dies by his own hand literally, but by an unintentional act, and for such a loss the company must pay; and inasmuch as insanity interrupts healthy volition, an insane man cannot be presumed to intend his own death any more than the man does who kills himself by such an accident. It is not our duty to reconcile the view the Court takes of suicide with the view taken by some philosophers—especially in England—who argue that the mere fact of suicide is evidence of insanity, and that, therefore, there cannot be any distinction as to suicides intended and suicides not intended. In the absence of such a duty we contemplate the decision with satisfaction. Insanity has been most ingeniously used to defraud the gallews for many years, and if it can now be employed in the interest of a much defrauded public to compel slippery insurers to come down with their duff we shall be glad to know it.

WEST POINT.—The all important question as to whether the fair visitors from Vassar College were frightened or not during their late raid on the cadets at West Point, when the boys executed a brilliant charge, seems to be as far from solution as ever. A cadet comes to their rescue to-day, and defends them against the insinuations thrown out by "One of Benny Havens' Boys."

MR. EVARTS yesterday resumed his speech in the Brooklyn trial, and ridiculed the story of Mr. Beecher's alleged suicidal inclinations and the controversy about the paternity of the boy Ralph. He complimented Mrs. Woodhull for her delicacy of trust and honor, so far as it was exhibited at the trial, and proceeded to argue that Mr. Tilton was on intimate terms as a visitor at her residence. Mr. Everts, it is expected, will conclude his exhaustive argument to-day.

The University Crews at Practice.

By the word coming in from New England and all over the Middle States there is promise of a very brilliant aquatic meeting at Saratoga on the 13th and 14th days of next month. While the work of the next few weeks must reduce the weights of the rowers considerably there is already abundant proof that most of the crews will come to the score heavier than their respective colleges have usually sent, and hence, as all seem to be taking a good share of hard work, fitter for the arduous strain of wind and back and limb that is in store for them on that Wednesday morning. Occasionally a team, the Wesleyan, for example, has even at this early day thinned down to racing weight, and though they have done so more than once before, and yet made a capital second, the experiment is at best hazardous. A little extra beef on a man, especially in our hot summer months, will generally render him able for long tiring work whether on land or water than he would be without it.

A very noticeable feature of the training at most of the colleges is a decidedly greater attention to legwork than formerly, and less to enlarging the arms. The sliding seat has in part led to this, the rower finding that the more firmly he braces his feet against the foot-board—technically, "kicks his stretcher"—the more effective work results. Of course, too, the present style of rowing, introduced by Captain Cook, of the Yale crew, and learned by him in England, which has been more generally adopted this year than ever before, by cutting down the forty-three or forty-four per minute of former days to thirty-six or thirty-seven strokes, renders each stroke more deliberate and so likely to be more thorough and give the legs more to do. Not only will there probably be more uniformity also in the style of the first six or eight crews this year than ever before, but when the fast European amateur teams row next summer on the Schuylkill and at Saratoga and over other famous courses it will be found that their stroke and ours have at last grown much alike. And as two or three favorite builders get about all the orders for the boats the races become more and more nearly a test of the actual skill and strength and staying power of the oarsmen. A very welcome incident of the contests this year is the marked increase of interest in the single scull race. Mr. Kennedy's performance the other day near New Haven shows him to be, what any careful observer even a year ago would have found him, a really formidable man, and, close as the various races promise to be, perhaps no safer prediction could be advanced now than that he will be able to make sure that the winning colors in the single scull race go where some months ago we thought it likely, and still think it likely, the colors of the University race of 1875 will go, and this notwithstanding the loss of one valuable man—namely, to the institution whose well appointed and costly new boathouse to-morrow, for the first time, floats its flag over the waters of New Haven Bay.

The Office and the People.

The keynote of the discussion attending the letter of the President in reference to the proposition to nominate him for a third term is involved in the idea that the office of the Presidency is greater than the people. One difficulty with President Grant's letter is that he so regards it. This applies in a large degree to the political leaders of both parties. It has been the tendency of modern political discussion—at least since the close of the war—to regard the President as in some respects the father of the people. We address the incumbent of the White House very much as Spotted Tail and Red Cloud and the Indian chiefs do when they come to beg for blankets and corn and rifles. He is our "Great Father." This arises partly from the centralization which has crept into our politics as a necessary consequence of the war. It arises also from that sentiment of adulation with which time servers and office holders and politicians generally surround the Chief Magistrate of the country as the dispenser of patronage. The truth is that in no republican government, especially in America, was it ever intended to make the President anything more than the chief ministerial officer of the people, and not in any sense their ruler.

An Aspect of the Railroad War.

One of the letters of the Postmaster General on the subject of the transportation of the mails between Washington and this city has more interest for the public than is usually found in communications of this nature, for it deals with a point that Postmasters General will be compelled to keep in view in future contracts. It appears that the department makes its contract with one railway company to carry the mails and then leaves it to that company to make its own contract with other companies in cases where it does not own all the lines over which the mails have to go. If, then, these companies quarrel between themselves the company that has the government contract cannot fulfill its obligations, and delay necessarily ensues. It may be responsible and the government may be able to punish its delinquency in that way, but that does not secure the regular and prompt discharge of the function that the postal authorities are charged with, and the indication is that no future contract for carrying mails over a route divided between several lines will be complete or secure as beyond possibility of mishap unless the government has a guarantee in the contract by which the carriages of one road are allowed to pass over other roads.

The Battle of Bunker Hill.

We publish elsewhere a communication from Mr. George S. Ellis in reference to this great national event, the centennial celebration of which is close at hand. It gives a graphic description of the bold stand made by a small portion of the hastily organized Provincial Army against the veteran soldiers of England, and ascribes to Colonel Prescott the principal share of the honor of that memorable day. Not even the disastrous retreat of the British column from Concord and Lexington inspired the redcoats with such wholesome fear of the determination, courage and unconquerable spirit of the newly awakened patriots of America as did the short and bloody struggle on Bunker Hill, when a few thousand farmers beat back their best troops and were only compelled to retire through lack of support and want of ammunition. Then the British Cabinet understood what a difficult task it was to bring those "rebellious colonists" to terms. The topographical map of Bunker Hill, as it appeared during the historic fight, will allow a complete study of the action.

The Characteristic Crime.

So many negroes have suffered, and which seems to be the besetting sin of the desperadoes of the colored race, has been repeated in Maryland. The victim was a farmer's daughter, and the circumstances are revolting. The dastardly perpetrator has been arrested, and will, likely, dangle at a rope's end ere long.

Ciaffini's Silks.

We shall be very much surprised if the action of the District Attorney in causing the arrest of the agent of one of the richest mercantile houses in the country on the charge of having purchased silk goods knowing that they had been smuggled will not be one of the most important acts of his administration. If properly sustained by the evidence and by the general government it will lead to the most salutary results. Without expressing an opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the party implicated the position is this:—A buyer of the house of H. B. Ciaffini & Co. is accused of having purchased for the use of that house a large quantity of silks at a less price than they would have been worth had the duty been paid. To the argument that these silks might have been a depreciated lot, which had fallen in value on account of the exigencies of the trade, it is answered that the purchase was made, not from parties engaged in the buying and selling of silk, but from the clerk of a liquor store. This is a serious matter for a distinguished and rich house. The District Attorney deserves credit for making his point upon a firm strong enough to defend their representative and widely enough known to receive from the public all the consideration due to their high commercial character.

The lesson that we trust will be taught by this action of Mr. Bliss is that our dealers, our merchants and importers cannot exercise too much scrutiny in dealing with the government. If a package of silk is offered to a merchant at a less price than the duty would justify the inference is irresistible that it was smuggled. If a merchant purchases goods upon which such a suspicion can fairly rest he is morally as much a criminal as the adventurer who evaded the customs laws. In our rush to get rich we are not always careful about the means of making money. We are afraid that our best merchants have not always looked at their purchases with open and inquiring eyes. If a cheap assortment of desirable goods can be found free from legal imputation they are too apt to take them as gifts from the gods, and are not always anxious to know whether they paid the duty. We trust that it will be found that Mr. Ciaffini's agent in this matter is unjustly accused.

The South Pacific Islands.

An earthquake, succeeded by a tidal wave, has caused immense loss of life and damage to property in one of the South Pacific Islands.

The Point of Honor.

Alexander, the man who was shot four times by a police officer in Philadelphia, refused before his death to tell the name of his murderer, and in Brooklyn a similar case has occurred. A rowdy was stabbed fatally three times in the lungs on Saturday night, and when asked to tell who was his assailant, replied, "I'd die with the name of the fellow in my throat before I'd give him away." The point of honor thus shown is very coarse, and in some respects criminal, yet it is a point of honor. Bad as this concealment is, it is better than the educated and deliberate treachery which is so frequently found in higher circles of society.

PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

- Rev. F. H. Weninger, of Cincinnati, is registered at the St. Nicholas Hotel. Mr. Matt. H. Carpenter, of Wisconsin, yesterday arrived at the St. James Hotel. Senator A. T. Caperton, of West Virginia, is residing at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. Pay Inspector W. W. Williams, United States Navy, is quartered at the Hotel Brunswick. Paymaster George L. Feibiger, United States Army, is stopping at the St. Nicholas Hotel. Deputy Attorney General Charles S. Fairchild, of Albany, is stopping at the Hoffman House. Major Peter C. Hains, of the Engineer Corps, United States Army, is at the Brevoort House. D. McDonnell, Registrar of Waterloo, Canada, has been appointed Centennial Commissioner. Mr. Matt. H. Carpenter, of Wisconsin, yesterday arrived at the St. James Hotel. Senator A. T. Caperton, of West Virginia, is residing at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. Pay Inspector W. W. Williams, United States Navy, is quartered at the Hotel Brunswick. Paymaster George L. 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