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TRIPLE SHEET.

NEW YORK, WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 1876.

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

NOTICE TO COUNTRY NEWSDEALERS.—For prompt and regular delivery of the HERALD by fast mail trains orders must be sent direct to this office. Postage free.

WALL STREET YESTERDAY.—The stock market was one of the duller of the year. Prices were generally lower.

SALONICA.—Acting, no doubt, under orders from Washington, Rear Admiral Worden has sailed in the Franklin from Nice for Salonica.

THE LOUISVILLE RACES have very successfully opened the spring season in Kentucky, and the second day was quite as brilliant as the first.

THE ILLINOIS REPUBLICAN State Convention will be held at Springfield on May 24, and our correspondent says that there is no doubt but that Blaine will be its first choice for the Presidential nomination.

ANOTHER EXPLOSION of giant powder has terrified New Jersey and proved again the danger which attends the manufacture and the storage of this material.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT will make no final decision of the Winslow case till the answer of the United States to Lord Derby's despatches is received.

GENERAL AUGUR has been intrusted by the government with discretionary powers in complying with any request of the State government of Louisiana for the preservation of order by the United States troops.

THE NEW JERSEY CONVENTION.—The recent attacks upon Mr. Blaine have not hurt him much, if we may judge by the action of his own party.

THE WAR IN MEXICO goes on with energy, and it is clear that the fate of Matamoros will soon be decided.

MASSACHUSETTS BUSINESS TROUBLES.—The failure of a number of manufacturing establishments in the woolen trade in Massachusetts is an unpleasant piece of news for the country at a time when we are all looking to a revival of trade.

Mr. Schurz's Conference and Mr. Schurz's Address.

The address, of moderate length, read yesterday by Mr. Schurz and adopted by his meeting is not remarkable either for vigor of thought or force of expression.

The instruction it conveys addresses itself particularly to Mr. Schurz, although it comes rather late. The necessity he felt he was under of organizing such a meeting of notables in order to get attention to his address is an implied admission that talents alone, or eloquence alone, does not suffice for making a deep impression in politics without the adventitious influence of station.

But how much more efficient and influential he might have been if he had not broken with his party and could speak with all the authority of one of its foremost leaders!

Greatly to do quarrel in a sham when honor's at the stake.

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Magistrate. That corrupting system will never be abolished until men of standing and influence in both political parties shall attempt to educate their followers into a higher morality.

Do You Bite Your Thumbs at Me?

Our operative enterprises are apparently sustained on one side and the other by retainers as earnest and resolute in the cause of their respective houses as ever were the supporters of Capulet against Montague.

If a man may do what he likes with his own of course he may bite his thumb; but if he bites them demonstratively and in public no doubt the action may be made to convey as much meaning as if he invited a gentleman to tread on the tail of his coat or knock a chip off his shoulder.

Therefore the case is fairly before Montague Strakosch as presented in the cart of "Fair Play," and he may bite his thumbs again if he means it that way.

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The Shot-Gun Policy in the South.

Louisiana seems resolved to destroy the democratic party. Two years ago, when the country was on the point of accepting the HERALD's idea of a National Convention of Peace and Reconstruction, the White Knights, or some such gang, overturned the regular government, compelled General Grant to issue a warlike proclamation and revived in an hour the spirit of Sumter.

It is time for us to speak with the utmost plainness to our friends in the South. There can only be one end to this shot-gun policy.

These constant stories of assassination on the Red River, of conventions dissolved by force, of riots, with "twenty negroes killed and one white man wounded," of revolutions like that against Ames in Mississippi; this proscription of Northern men as "carpet-baggers" and of Southern republicans as "scalawags," this assumption that because a citizen of New York removes to North Carolina and dares to go into politics as a republican he must necessarily be a scamp and only to be treated as an outlaw, this ostracism and proscription, and, above all, these cruel, brutal, inhuman murders of negroes that we have seen in New Orleans, Memphis, Vicksburg and Colfax, and which we now witness at Bayou Sara, only defer a true reconciliation between the sections.

We can only attribute riots like those we have seen so often in the South, and which we now see in Louisiana, to the reign of assassination. The law-abiding men of that State must deplore it as much as we do in New York, and we trust they will take up arms and suppress it.

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with the Commune, which would certainly be made against them if a full pardon to the exiles should be given, and the advocacy of the measure by Prince Napoleon will not add to its strength with the Assembly.

A Highly Respectable Fare.

The gentlemen who are filling rôles in "third party" representations this year are enacting a farce which, while amusing enough probably to themselves, is not likely to be a success.

The King of Dahomey.

This redoubtable monarch of the jungle has extended a by no means diplomatically worded invitation to the British nation, represented by Commodore Hewitt, to "come on" and undergo the process of annihilation at the hands of his valiant amazons.

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year with the timid democrats of Western Pennsylvania lost that State to the democratic party. The issue upon the financial question is not as strongly made this year, but in all respects the action of the Convention will have a decided influence upon the canvass.

The Tramp of Armed Men.

Mr. Gathorne Hardy presents somewhat vividly the state of mind in which the British Ministry views the attitude of the continental nations and hears noises which it deems those of warlike preparation.

THE LATEST OF STANLEY.—Mr. Henry M. Stanley has not been heard from since his letters dated in April, 1875, and published in the HERALD of November.

PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

Californians are eating cherries. Kilpatrick is lecturing in Colorado. It is Bishop Simpson the Great Unknown? Longfellow is greatly bored by curiosity seekers.