

THE TRANSCRIPT.

Friday, Sept. 20, 1867.

English Ignorance of American Affairs.

The great majority of the people of England have little knowledge of American Affairs. Nor is this to be wondered at when we consider that they obtain pretty much all their information from English newspapers which, as a general thing, do not give a fair statement concerning our public affairs. The American press quote liberally from the English press, and hence it is that our people are so much more conversant with English affairs than Englishmen are with those of this country. One would naturally suppose that the sympathies of England would have been entirely with the North, while putting down the most formidable rebellion the world ever witnessed. But not so. Never were a people more shamefully abused than those of the North. The London Times and other leading papers seemed to vie with each other in giving their readers the worst side of the picture. We will not deny that during our great struggle we had some able friends in England to advocate our cause, but they were comparatively few.

Our attention is more particularly called to this subject at this time from reading a letter from "Carleton" the able and very accurate foreign correspondent of the Boston Journal, who writes intelligently concerning this matter. He says: "Now and then you see an item—some accident or startling event copied from the American press, but no articles setting forth public affairs from the American standpoint. The meagre telegraphic dispatches sent through Reuter's Agency are often one-sided and so incomplete that no correct opinion can be formed as to what is taking place in America. All of the leading London newspapers have correspondents in the United States, nearly all of which give opinions instead of definite statements of facts. "We quote further from "Carleton's" letter:

"The Standard, which has a circulation second only to the Telegraph, has an American correspondent who commences his last letter, written from New York, in this wise:

"To an American it is by no means a pleasing reflection that there is not in the United States one statesmanlike mind."

With this for an opening sentence the correspondent goes on to show that America is great in her rivers, lakes and mountains, in everything physical—that her men of the West and Southwest are great physically, but that, alas! she has no men of mind.

"We are," he says, "a nation without one Statesman, without one philosopher, without one orator, without one scholar really great!" And this misfortune he further says: "Is due primarily beyond all doubt to our system of education."

"The best of American colleges do not deserve to take a higher rank than the best of English preparatory schools." From this he goes on to show the shallowness of American education; the moral dyspepsia which follows; the necessity which every American is under of rushing into political life; every boy in America being taught to believe that he is to be President, painting American life in such colors that one not knowing to the contrary would think that it was the sole thought of every man to get into office. He has this to say concerning Congress: During the past four years there have not been uttered in the American Congress a half dozen speeches that would not, if repeated in the British Parliament, provoke a tempest of ridicule and derision."

There have been clever men in the past, Mr. Clay, Mr. Calhoun, Mr. Webster and the Adamses, but they are gone—all greatness has departed. He looks not only at the past and present, but into the future, and states that the country will soon go in for reparation of its debt—but not in the next campaign. The West will have the controlling power, and will certainly repudiate sooner or later.

The Standard's correspondent is either a knave or a very stupid fellow: it matters little which. The American nation, then, is "without one Statesman, without one philosopher, without one orator, without one scholar really great!" Well, are we not in a sorry plight? Our colleges, which have sent forth into the world men who have made a world-wide mark, do not "take a higher rank than the best of English preparatory schools." We had supposed that our people as a whole were tolerably well educated, until we read the above, and we must believe it still unless better authority is furnished to convince us otherwise, than the asinine correspondent of the London Standard.

The predictions of such newspapers as the Standard, and their correspondents, have so often proved false, that it is, indeed, surprising that the people should longer take stock in them. They, however, do. Four years ago they were made to believe that, as a nation, we were irrevocably ruined. To-day they are taught that the constitution is destroyed and that the

country will ere longer repudiate its debt. Time will surely teach them that their teachers are false prophets.

Items from Washington.

Ex-Mayor Withers is in Washington for the purpose of being re-instated as Mayor of that city.

Reports to the Attorney General's Office show that large numbers of persons in the South are taking the oath prescribed by the Amnesty Proclamation.

An order was issued on the 16th by Gen. Grant directing Gen. Daniel B. Sickles, lately in command of the 2d Military District, to report in person at the Headquarters of the Army between the 17th and 21st inst.

The Intelligence of the 16th declares that the Judiciary is simply the judge of a law, but that the President is the judge of those public events and combinations which threaten the overthrow of the Constitution and the supremacy of the law. It therefore urges him to employ all his authority to preserve the Constitution and put down what it calls a wide spread conspiracy to overthrow the Constitution, as evinced in the enforcement of the Reconstruction act. The writer of the article has of late had frequent interviews with Mr. Johnson, and unusual significance is attached to the editorial in political quarters.

Gen. Schofield has ordered the election in Virginia for the 22d of October under the Reconstruction act, disregarding the suggestion which the President had made for uniform elections in all the Southern States on the first Tuesday in November. It is said that the President's friends declare that Schofield will certainly be removed unless he postpones his election order.

There is a report that Gen. Banks advised Gen. Grant to hold on to the War Office if the President should undertake to remove him.

Ex-Governor Pickens of South Carolina has been in consultation with the President. He is pleased with Gen. Canby; also thinks South Carolina will send several negroes to Congress.

The coin in the Treasury is about \$90,000,000, of which \$14,500,000 is in coin certificates. The amount of currency is \$45,000,000, making a total of \$144,000,000 now in the Treasury.

Personal.

Secretary Stanton left St. Albans Saturday morning, taking passage at Burlington on the steamer United States. He briefly addressed a large number of the Burlingtonians who had assembled on Central Wharf to show their respect for him. Senator Edmunds introduced Mr. Stanton, saying it was a pleasure for him to introduce a man who had proved so faithful to his country, when faithless and traitorous men were all around him: a man who deserved the office he had held and who would soon be restored to the exercise of its duties.

Rev. James P. Stone, who has been preaching for the Congregational church and society at Derby for two years past, will leave at the end of this month. Among the reasons he gives for severing his connection with that people, are, no house to live in, and want of adequate support.

By the death of Dr. Taylor, rector of Grace Church, N. Y., the Episcopal church in that city has lost one of her most eloquent, popular and influential pastors; and the low church party one of their most efficient members. He was rector of Grace Church for more than thirty years.

Hon. Justin S. Morrill, United States Senator from this State, who has been sojourning in Europe for several months, has returned home.

Hon. Thomas Amory Debois, one of the oldest and most prominent of the members of the Maine bar, died suddenly at Portland on Sunday evening, aged nearly 73 years.

Miss Anna C. Park, of Bennington, sailed from New York enroute for Greece, last week, and intends traveling in foreign parts for the coming two years, and will visit most of the noticeable points of historical interest in the Old World.

VERMONT STATE FAIR.—While the State Fair at Brattleboro last week may be considered a success so far as regards the quality of the animals and articles exhibited and the number of visitors in attendance, yet Vermont can and ought to do better. On Thursday, ten thousand persons were present; and the aggregate receipts were between thirty and thirty-five hundred dollars. The total number of entries were as follows: cattle, 184; horses, 125; sheep, 43; swine, 8; mechanical department, 145; floral hall, 85; poultry, 67.

The discussion upon grass, wool, &c., were interesting, as was also the address of President Angell, of the University of Vermont, whose subject was "Some of the Relations of Education to Agriculture." President Angell handled his theme with ability, and was listened to with attention.

The entries from this section of the State were few in number, they being confined mostly to Windham and the counties adjoining.

Base Ball Tournament in Burlington.

On Wednesday, the second day of the Tournament, the St. Lawrence Club, of St. Lawrence County, N. Y., played a game for the "stand of colors," resulting in an easy victory for the former. The score was as follows: St. Lawrence 35; Atlantic 21. Following which was a game between the Eagles of St. Albans, and the Homes of Burlington. The latter were no match for the former who won the game by a score of 78 to 27.

The Crescents of St. Albans played a game with the Burlingtons and came off victorious as the following figures will show: Crescents 40; Burlingtons 31.

On Thursday, the concluding game for the State Prize was played between the Crescents of St. Albans and the Alerts of Poultney. At the end of the 8th inning the Alerts stood 18 to the Crescents 46. On the first half of the 9th inning the Poultney Club claimed an unfair decision by the Umpire, and appealed to the Tournament Committee, who declared the Umpire's decision wrong. The Crescents then withdrew; the Alerts, after consultation among themselves, agreed to accept the Umpire's decision and continue the game; but the Crescents would play no longer. The Umpire then declared the game null and void. The following is the score as it stood at the end of the 8th inning:

CRESCENTS.		ALERTS.	
Lowie, Jr.	6	Clark, Jr.	0
Farrar, Jr.	2	Blossom, Jr.	3
LaBelle, Jr.	1	Martin, Jr.	3
Seaton, Jr.	4	Welch, Jr.	6
Whiting, Jr.	3	Brown, Jr.	6
Reed, Jr.	0	Oliver, Jr.	3
Hall, Jr.	5	Hollister, Jr.	0
Townsend, Jr.	4	Comer, Jr.	3
Saranian, Jr.	4	Bliss, Jr.	2
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The Atlantic and St. Lawrence Clubs then played for the \$100 prize, which was won by the latter. In the evening, prizes were awarded as follows: 1st prize, a silver ball and bat, to St. Lawrence; 2d prize, a silver bat to the Alerts of Poultney, subject to the decision of the President of the National Association; 3d prize, silver ball, to Eagles of St. Albans; prize of stand of national colors to St. Lawrence; prize of silver ice pitcher, to Arabs of Whitehall.

The State Prize, a Silver Bat, awarded to the Alerts of Poultney, subject to the decision of the President of the National Association. If the game is declared null and void by the President of the National Association, a single game to be arranged between the Alerts of Poultney, and Crescents of St. Albans, shall decide to whom the prize belongs; or if the protest of the Burlington Club shall have effect, the above named game shall take place between the Alerts of Poultney and "Burlingtons." If the game cannot be satisfactorily arranged as to time and place of playing, the prize will revert to the hands of the President of the Tournament Committee; the correspondence to be conducted by the Secretary of Tournament Committee, signed by Committee of Awards.

Senatorial Vote.

Below will be found the official vote for Senators for Franklin County, for which we are indebted to the kindness of the County Clerk, Hon. Joseph H. Brainerd:

TOWNS.	Chapp.	Barlow.	Burr.	Hall.	Alford.	Brigham.	Brainerd.
Georgia.	180	50	105	9	0	0	9
St. Albans.	482	355	401	296	590	590	590
Windsor.	160	58	128	109	190	96	96
Richmond.	162	45	135	112	228	112	112
Franklin.	139	79	149	96	96	96	96
Sheldon.	126	50	123	35	117	93	93
Fairfield.	139	445	120	132	130	132	132
Fairfax.	213	73	213	171	171	171	171
Pleasant.	78	38	71	29	134	75	75
Windsor.	114	33	113	101	109	102	102
Essexburg.	173	127	173	19	34	19	19
Berkshire.	97	76	88	84	32	18	18
Richford.	165	81	164	12	122	42	42
Montgomery.	139	46	139	1	150	5	5
Total.	2294	1296	2213	1056	3030	1024	1024

IMPROVEMENT IN HORSES.—At the State Fair at Brattleboro, a society was organized for the improvement of horses in Vermont. The Rutland Herald says:

It was agreed by all, benefactors as the Vermont State Agricultural Society has proved herself to most of our agricultural interests, and much to be doing for the pecuniary benefit of our farmers; they all fall in giving to us of late years that splendid specimen of the horse, which in the past has given prestige to Vermont as a horse producing State.

T. W. Park, of Bennington, was elected President, Geo. A. Merrill, of Rutland, Secretary, and Henry Horton, of Vergennes, Treasurer. Among the Vice Presidents is, Frederick Billings, of Woodstock.

Born Romney.—About noon, one day last week, three men entered the Milford (Mass.) Bank, knocked the Cashier, Mr. Bispham, senseless, gagged and tied him, then took \$52,744 in money, notes and securities and made good their escape. Mr. Bispham was not seriously injured.

Interesting Letter from West Virginia.

PUTNAM, C. H., WEST VA.

Dear Transcript:

The quill that I had selected and preserved for your correspondence, has been long as innocent of labor as a copperhead of loyalty, or a negro of sweet smells. Twice, during the last summer, the quill has trembled to write; once in a ruined town, once the fairest in this region, but which torch and shell had razed, and filled and surrounded with desolation, and again among the wild gorges of New River, where you can toss a stone into white waters eleven hundred feet below, and see under your horses that look like dogs, and hear the roar of a whirlwind that will carry a falling stone an hundred feet out of its way; and see around and beneath, hill sides all crimson and warm with miles of magnolia blossoms, and valleys white and cool with miles of laurel, while crag and peak protect the rivers and fret the sky, as I verily believe, they do nowhere else on earth, in the one place to tell you how terribly man could devastate, and in the other, what wondrous beauty is shut in by those sentinel hills, of which Wise, in one of his inspired moments, cried: "They milk the clouds." But the quill only trembled, and your readers were saved from reading what they would have declared incredible, and your compositor from work that might have driven him to despair.

Since I wrote you last, great changes have taken place. The South has been "reconstructed" again, and the negro becomes, in many States, a voter, and so protected by legislation and bayonets that if they will but be united, 4,000,000 blacks can rule 8,000,000 whites. And the new Era dawns.—Already the white loyalists of the South are quailing before the hurricane task of controlling millions of uneducated men; already the immense power placed in black hands, has taught a lesson to black heads, and the few good men who have tried to control and direct, are being overwhelmed. John Minor Botts is hissed at, and driven from a church by colored loyalists; the delegates of eleven hundred white Union soldiers of Richmond are refused admission to a "Republican Convention," and the plant kneed Hummatt is forced to rescue his falling star by an ingenious *tableau* performance, by which "two beautiful young ladies" trip upon the platform, and cry that no white man who has any prejudice against intermarriage of races, is worthy of a negro vote, that they would as soon marry black as white, and clinch their words by throwing themselves tragically each into a brace of black arms, and covering with fair hair and palpitating bosoms, two "dusky matted heads." And in another State the Union men who would not echo the cry of "confiscation and entire equality," are with mortification and rage, one supplant them and become the acknowledged leader of the party, who was cashiered and dismissed from a rebel regiment in 1862, because he whipped his female slave to death. I know the instances to which I refer are extreme, and that they are such as will always occur when vast numbers of uneducated, though well intentioned people are thrown into novel relations, and placed under heavy and instant responsibilities, and that besides we should not judge too unkindly of those upon whose shoulders we have thrown unequal burdens, and upon whose lives will fall the heaviest penalties of their errors, yet perils surround us none the less.

Chance threw me into the company of two somewhat different, though each in his own way renowned personages, on Monday last, General Thomas, and General McCausland, the one famous for eminently aiding to save a nation; the other infamous for burning a town, and driving women and children under the pitiless skies.

I passed a very pleasant hour with General Thomas, who was passing through here, on his way to New Orleans; my name is not Jenkins, and I will not re-hash for you what he said about politics, and Sheridan, and Johnson, &c., and in truth, about those men and matters he said very little, but I will tell you of his appearance: He has, I think, the most perfect face that I ever saw, and notwithstanding the newspapers, is in the most perfect health. His hair and beard are quite gray; he stands about six feet, would weigh, perhaps, two hundred pounds; has a thick neck and powerful muscles; he has a kindly face and pleasant voice, and impresses you as an honest man, but of determined will. He would make a good friend or neighbor, or brother-in-law, or President.

McCausland lives a few miles from here, and did he not carry next his precious person a certain magic scroll, signed A. Johnson, he would soon be looking for a cooler place. He is about thirty-five, tall and slim, with fair complexion, sandy hair and beard; he is awkward, and nervous; very conceited naturally, and has an unpleasant leer about his face.

And while I am in the portrait business, let me speak of others that I met on that day: Col. Early—brother and "chief of staff of Gen. Early—a tall, gray, feeble, nervous man, about sixty, one of the saddest men that I ever saw; Col. Fontaine—the Gen. McCallum of the rebel army—a slight white haired man, about sixty, an excellent public speaker, and one of the most genial men I ever met; Col. Paxton, a short vigorous man about forty. Hon. A. T. Caperton, ex-Confed. M. C., a slim, graceful man, fair almost to efficiency, with flowing white beard, piercing eye, and gentle voice, formerly a brilliant orator, and he gave us a brief

speech.

We were at a railroad convention, trying to effect means to connect the Virginia Central with Lexington, Ky., and thus make Newport News the nearest seaport to the West, and the shortest connection with the Pacific roads. At the close, Mr. Caperton said:

"But a few months ago a cry, swelling into the voice of millions rolled up to the very doors, and struck terror to the hearts of the citizens of Richmond. That cry at last died out; that cry is swelling again: from the plains of Ohio it rises; from the hills of Kentucky it gathers power, and even now it is sweeping up the valley of the Kanawha, and every vale adds its echo, and every hill-side its answering shout, until the mountains shall swell the mighty chorus and roll it down into the very gates of Richmond, this time proclaiming it not a doomed city, but a city destined to become one of the world's great marks; this time not filling hearts with terror, but lifting a whole people with ecstatic joy; and, thank God, we may now all give in that cry—on to Richmond."

There was something quite plaintive in a remark of Col. Fontaine, that although he should be debared from voting on the proposed subscription by Richmond, he would try and persuade his coachman to vote right.

As we have no election this fall, we are quiet, but, of course, the voices of the Presidential campaign reach us.—The first choice of this State would be Dr. Breckenridge, (of course, excepting Grant.) Gov. Morton is by far the most popular Western man, and Senator Fessenden is most popular of Eastern men. Local pride, and unbounded confidence point, also, towards Gen. Thomas.

The Transcript makes its regular appearance, and its coming is like a breath from the dear old mountains. I was somewhat astonished though, to read the resolutions of the "Union Club of Richmond," astonished that there could be found enough men in that good town, with little enough brain or honesty to swallow those nine resolutions, and cast an infamous slander upon Vermont's noble Representatives, and repeat the weak lie of inequality of taxation, and echo the most base, dishonest and traitorous cry that ever disgraced a party which would betray a nation, all in one short evening.

That Club is not at home. It may do for the desperate South, or the profligate West, or even the easy-virtued Middle States to raise this cry of repudiation, but for a "Union Club" in old Vermont to join, even in the piping voice of nine resolutions, is a shame. But, thank God, there is not an echo in all your hills, or a true heart in all your borders that can repeat the demand for the violation of solemn compacts, and the breaking of a nation's faith. We wait for the voice that Vermont has already spoken, for much as we criticize, and bitterly condemn, we yet feel that our whole destiny, and the very hope and life of the nation are bound up in the Republican party.

OPTICS.

WISCONSIN.—Five of the candidates for State Officers on the Republican ticket for Wisconsin were soldiers, viz: Gen. Lucius Fairchild is nominated for Governor, Gen. Thomas S. Allen for Secretary of State, Col. C. P. Gill for Attorney General, Col. Rusk and Lieut. Craig. The platform on which these soldiers stand endorses Congress and demands the impeachment of A. J.

FORNEY'S LETTERS.—We are glad to learn that Messrs. T. B. Peterson & Brothers, of Philadelphia, will soon publish in book form, Col. J. W. Forney's very interesting letters from Europe, which have appeared in the Philadelphia Press. The publisher will spare no expense to make of it a book which shall combine every feature of typographical excellence characteristic of the best publications of

this firm, with a moderate price. It will contain an excellent steel engraved portrait of the author.

The death of an old and respected citizen like L. B. S. Clark, who died Sept. 8th, aged 69 years and 9 months, deserves more than a passing notice. Without dwelling upon the painful circumstances attending his decease, we would remember his long life of industry, of active usefulness, and benevolence. He was one of the few men to whom we have never heard ascribed one dishonorable, unkind, or unchristian act. He had few words, but large sympathies. In his quiet way he took great interest in public affairs, and his word, or vote, were ever on the side of conscience. He gave cheerfully in answer to all calls for the promotion of the public welfare, and his home was the seat of peace and benevolence. A kind husband, an indulgent father, a good neighbor and citizen, an honest and upright man has gone home. We, who have known and honored him all our lives, mourn his sad decease, and trust and pray that those dearest to him may be enabled to see behind even this frowning providence, the smiling face of an all merciful and loving father.

An empty nest, what a scene! The paper folded in its place—But we shall never see again The gray locks on that aged face—The full, round life for which we grieve, Is breaking on the golden sand of Father, yet those who leave That life so precious, in their hands.

The Cincinnati Common Council has decided by a city ordinance that gas shall cost only two dollars per thousand feet.

On the 21st ult., Rev. Merrill Howard was ordained pastor of the Baptist church in Enosburgh. Introductory exercises were performed by Rev. G. Arms and G. Parker; Sermon, Rev. P. C. Hines; Prayer, Rev. A. L. Arms; Charge to Candidate, Rev. J. S. Small; Hand of fellowship, Rev. J. W. Buzzell; Charge to church, Rev. H. C. Leavitt; Concluding Prayer, Rev. A. B. Swift of the Congregational church; Benediction by the Candidate.

Rev. H. C. Leavitt, pastor of the Baptist church in Swanton, will close his labors on the first Sunday in October.

Philadelphia covered herself with glory by feeding the soldiers who went to the late war from all parts of the North and West; and now an association of Philadelphia, not "weary in well doing," have organized a scheme to shelter and to educate the orphans of the same brave men who were welcomed there in those troublous times. Riverside, New Jersey, is the site of their Institute, and the funds for its endowment are being raised by the Washington Library Co. of Philadelphia, by the sale of stock at one dollar per share. With each share a handsome steel engraving is given at the time of purchase; and, as a further inducement, all are entitled to one of the \$300,000 worth of presents to be fairly distributed to the stockholders; or, in other words, for every share of stock held a present is guaranteed. One present to be given away is worth \$49,000. Read advertisement.

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