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Evening State Journal.

Paris as it is Now. The following is an extract from a letter from a lady in Paris, dated December 20, and forwarded by balloon post. The writer says:

From what I hear from people well informed, this is the last three weeks more flow with, and people are to live during these three weeks in the streets and the privations of everybody are very hard to put up with already. Eggs are 1 franc 25 centimes apiece; butter is 30 francs, but there is no more; and milk is at a wonderful price. I have taken neither butter, eggs, nor milk for two months and a half.

Well said. The following paragraph, which we clip from the Norfolk Age Book, contains a whole volume of good, sound sense, and reflects great credit upon the enlightened intelligence of that paper:

The efforts of the Democratic press, the Norfolk Journal among the number, to perpetrate upon abuse, and vilify the private character of the President, are painful to witness; painful, because of the poor success they meet with in their undertaking. It seems too bad that so much time, labor and printer's ink should be wasted in such foolishness. This line of conduct but reflects on the authors of it; sensible people become disgusted with the efforts of the Democratic press, and they have nothing better to offer.

The French have sustained still another terrible defeat, but, though beaten, they do not yet seem entirely disheartened. The scene of the late encounter was near Le Mans, in the department of Sarthe, and about one hundred and twelve miles southwest of Paris. The defeated forces were the Army of the Loire, under the command of General Chanzy. The telegraphic description of the engagement brings to mind the battle of Gettysburg, which it resembled in many material respects.

COMMENDABLE INSTANCE OF HONESTY.—A lady of this city received the following letter a few days ago, which explains itself:

THE SAN DOMINGO COMMISSION.—The United States steamer Tennessee, fitted out at New York to take the commission to San Domingo, is now ready for sea. She is fitted up in first-class style, and has spacious accommodations for the commissioners, nine commodious state-rooms having been set apart for them and their secretary. The journalists who accompany the commission may not be so comfortably fixed, and will probably have to swing at night in hammocks, as the vessel has a full complement of officers on board, who, of course, occupy their rooms. It was understood that the expedition would start today.

TO-DAY is the anniversary of the battle of the Cowpens, in Sparta district, South Carolina, in 1781. In this battle, as our readers will remember, the Americans were commanded by General Daniel Morgan, and the British by Col. Tarleton. The British loss in killed, wounded, and prisoners was about 800, while the Americans lost only seventy men. A gold medal was given to General Morgan by Congress.

THE NEW YORK TRIBUNE, speaking of Porter's confirmation, says: "Let General Grant be on his guard against the usual malice of the man he has humiliated by a public pardon, and to whom the Senate has given the opportunity to exercise his mean malignity upon those officers of the navy who still preserve a little self-respect."

THE WRECK OF THE SAGINAW.—INTERESTING PARTICULARS.—A private letter received announces that Halford, the coxswain of Commander Sicard, of the steamer Saginaw, had arrived at San Francisco in the mail steamer from Honolulu. He was the only one saved from the boat's crew of Lieut. Tabot, lost in the surf at Kani Island. Halford stated that when he left the officers and crew of the Saginaw they were comfortably quartered on the Sand Island, living in tents, with plenty of turtle, fish, birds, birds' eggs, and water in abundance. They had a small amount of ship's provisions, but with the turtle, &c., had no apprehension about food. The Hawaiian steamer left Honolulu on December 26th, in command of Capt. Loug, a very able and experienced seaman, and there was no doubt that all the survivors of the Saginaw had reached Honolulu in safety. Lieut. Tabot was a gallant officer. He lost his life when he had almost reached the shore, and had but a few minutes to successfully navigate a small boat on the open ocean for over a month, and experienced all kinds of hardships and bad weather.

AN OLD MURDER MYSTERY.—REPORTED CONFESION OF THE MURDERER.—The murderer of Rogers, in New York, on the morning of December 31, 1868, has just been discovered in the person of a convict in the State Prison, named Francis E. Pinton. The discovery was made by E. Pinton. The discovery was made by E. Pinton. The discovery was made by E. Pinton.

DEATH FROM A SIGHT ACCIDENT.—On Thursday afternoon of last week Matthew Castwell, a young man about twenty-five years of age, and son of Joseph P. Castwell, Esq., of Elkton, Maryland, slipped on the pavement of the Howard house. He did not fall to the ground, but succeeded in catching on his hand, and walked on without serious discomfort. The remainder of the afternoon he remained on the street and spent the evening in social pleasure.

SUDDEN DEATH.—We are called upon to notice the death of another old citizen, Mr. Wm. T. Tidale, who died at his residence near Christiansville, in this county, on Monday evening last.

WHAT IS INSANITY?—At a murder trial in Memphis, wherein an attempt to establish insanity is made on the part of the doctor, Dr. J. R. Allen was called as an expert and testified as follows: I have been a practicing physician for nearly thirty years; I have had some experience in cases of insanity, having been for ten years medical superintendent of the Kentucky Lunatic Asylum, and during that time had over 2,000 crazy people under my charge; I have heard the hypothetical case read by Mr. Pheasant; I am here as an expert, and, before answering this question, would like to say that the more I studied the question of insanity the less I understood it, and if you ask me where it begins, and where it ends neither I nor any physician in the world could tell you; in fact, on occasions like this, lawyers make fools of themselves in trying to make assays of doctors.

PRIZES FOR FAST COMPOSITION.—The publisher of the Printers' Circular, in Philadelphia, with the view of determining who is the fastest typesetter in the country, offers three prizes:—1st, a solid silver composing stick; 2d, a silver medal; 3d, a bronze medal. The trial must take place on Wednesday, May 10, 1871, and on no other day, and is open to all competitors in the towns and cities of the United States or Canada in which printers' unions exist.

THE Lynchburg News says that the revival at the Baptist church in that city is still in progress, and the religious interest among the large congregation with which the church is constantly filled, appears to increase rather than to diminish. During this great revival eighty persons have professed conversion, thirty of whom have connected themselves with the church. On Friday night there were seventy-five penitents, all anxiously and fervently seeking the way of Eternal Life.

THE Boston Advertiser speaks of the new stamp act, which went into effect in England on January 1. The act contains 123 sections, taking about as many different articles. A tax of one penny is laid on every vote by ballot, and all receipts for two pounds and upward must be stamped. The Advertiser thinks it a bad comment on free trade.

LOCAL NEWS.

The French Tobacco.—Just prior to the beginning of the late war, the French government, through its agents in Richmond, purchased some 800 hogsheads of leaf tobacco, which was not removed either before or during the late war, though during the strife the Federal government had a partial consent for its removal, and French vessels came as far as City Point for it, but for some reason were not permitted to carry it away. The tobacco, at the evacuation of the city, was totally destroyed or so badly damaged as to be worthless. Thereupon, the Rothschilds, who acted for the Federal government, sued the State for its value, in the Circuit Court of the city of Richmond. The following is the entry in the case during the present term:

James De Rothschild, Plaintiff, vs. The State of Virginia, Defendant. The case was argued by the plaintiff's attorneys, and the parties hereto having waived their right to have a jury empaneled herein, the court having maturely considered this case upon the petition of the plaintiff, the answer of the defendant, William F. Taylor, and upon the facts agreed, filed herein on the 14th day of March, 1868, is of opinion that the law is for the defendant.

Mr. Garber and the Complaint of the Hackmen.—We take great pleasure in giving Mr. Garber, the subjoined communication from the city council, about which the complaint was made, and which we have no interest in the matter, further than that we desire to see all men receive justice from the laws, and equal and impartial justice from the officers charged with their enforcement.

Supreme Court Appeals.—Since our last report the following business has been transacted: (Judges Moncure, Christian, Anderson and Scales being on the bench.) Upon a petition of James Barrell, a writ of error is awarded to a judgment rendered by the corporation court of the city of Alexandria, on the 19th day of December, 1870, condemning said Barrell to the payment of \$1,100 for 11 years for murdering a colored girl in said city.

Those who cannot afford to go to Saratoga may now find their healing waters near home. John R. Rison, corner Main and Third streets, has in connection with water from the celebrated Excelsior Spring, which is kept constantly replenished by fresh supplies direct from Saratoga, from whence it is brought in by the Chesapeake and Potomac aqueduct, and is sold at his counter precisely as it flows from the spring. Dyspepsia and indigestion are cured by drinking this water precisely as directed to their relief.

Madison Ward Republicans.—There will be a meeting of the Republicans of this ward next Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock, at the Union Hotel, Seventh street. Business of importance will be brought before the meeting, and it is necessary that there should be a full attendance.

Returned.—Major John Poe, Jr., chief of police, has returned to Richmond from his visit to New York.

Proceedings of a Republican Meeting at DeWitt's Spring Park Yesterday.—In pursuance of a call from a committee of the city, a large and enthusiastic mass meeting was held at DeWitt's Spring Park, on yesterday evening, the 16th inst. The meeting was called to order by James Johnson, Chairman of the Conference, held at the same place on the 9th inst. The minutes of the preceding meeting were then read by the Secretary, and received and adopted; after which it was resolved to go into the election of officers, and Mr. John Oliver was chosen Chairman, and Mr. Wm. A. Lee, Jr., unanimously elected Secretary. The business of the meeting having been stated, the resolutions framed by the committee on business were then read, received and adopted as follows:

Resolved, That this meeting recommend to the Republican party of the city of Richmond, to resist the passage of the bill for the reorganization of the city, and to support the true principles of genuine Republicanism, and not with the bigoted nor designing men who would sacrifice the most cherished rights of the people, by converting the city into a scheme, thereby thrusting themselves into office; therefore, be it Resolved, That this meeting recommend to the several wards of the city, that they choose a new City Central Committee, and that the said committee be chosen from the ward, and not from Federal appointees holding office in the city; and that the said committee be composed of three from each ward, making fifteen in all, as the city is now divided.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

TO-DAY'S DISPATCHES. By American Press Association, EXCLUSIVELY FOR THIS STATE JOURNAL.

Congressional. Reported Exclusively for the State Journal. Washington, Jan. 17.—In the Senate, to-day, the bill authorizing the issue of \$300,000,000 additional 5 per cent. bonds, was taken up, and the House amendment concurred in.

Mr. Conkling presented a memorial from Horace Greeley and others, stating that they had instituted proceedings as far back as 1867, for holding an international fair at New York on the 100th anniversary of American independence. [This is the Philadelphia project.] Senator Lewis introduced a bill granting six sections of the public land per mile to the Shenandoah Valley railroad company to aid in the construction of the road from Hagerstown, Md., to Russellville, Tenn.

The House passed a bill declaring that all cargoes of goods in port on the 31st of December, 1870, should pay duty under the old tariff. The naval appropriation bill was reported.

King William to Visit Berlin. Reported Exclusively for the State Journal. London, Jan. 17.—Telegrams received here indicate an intention on the part of King William of quitting Versailles and the scene of active military operations for a short time. He will probably proceed to Berlin during his absence from military headquarters.

Paris News by Balloon.—The Troops of the City will still be hopeful. Bordeaux, Jan. 17.—A balloon arrived here on Saturday, which stated that the situation is in most respects unchanged, notwithstanding the fierceness of the bombardment, the effect of which has been vastly exaggerated. The firmest hope and reliance on the ability of the troops to defend the city, still exist.

Legislative Summary. In the Senate, Mr. Pendleton offered a resolution for the purchase of Elder's portrait of Gen. Lee. In support of his resolution, Mr. Pendleton delivered a brilliant eulogy upon the character of Lee, as he appeared as a citizen and a man. He was followed by Colonel W. H. Taylor, who, in view of the personal relations that had existed between himself and the General, said he thought it proper to state that the picture was the most life-like and perfect than any he had ever seen but one, and that one was in the Military Institute, and had been painted by a man who had never seen anything more of the subject than a photograph. This portrait was obtained. He was said to have delivered that it might never be removed from this chamber; that it might stand before future generations as a model of virtue, nobleness of soul and exalted character.

Mr. Massie offered as an amendment that \$500 be also appropriated for the purchase of a picture of Geo. H. Thomas, Lost. The resolution was then adopted.—Ayes 23; noes 9.

On motion of Mr. Courtney, Mr. Pendleton was requested to furnish a copy of his remarks to the clerk, and the same were ordered to be placed upon the journal. In the House, the bill modifying the charter of Washington College; also bill authorizing the city of Portsmouth to issue coupon bonds; also bill amending the act prescribing the duties and compensation of county officers, were reported.