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IT is very clear that M. Thiers aims to put down the insurrection without the aid of the late "invaders." He does not wish it to be said in the future that his Administration was saved, only through the assistance of German bayonets. He does not propose to afford the rebellious Parisians an opportunity of boasting that they would have triumphed over the Government if the latter had not called in the "enemies of France" to back them. He has no idea of having it recorded in history that he was propped up, like Louis XVIIIth, with foreign bayonets. M. Thiers and his colleagues further realize that the final government, which they may be instrumental in bringing about, will have more prestige and more power, from their having put down the Paris revolt, unaided. This explains why it is that the German troops left around Paris, until the conditions of the peace treaty are complied with, do not take a hand in the fray.

It is also apparent that M. Thiers desires, as he declares in one of his circulars, to avoid as much bloodshed as possible. This explains why he has so far manifested very much the same disposition which President Lincoln displayed toward our Southern countrymen in 1860-'61. He would treat the Paris insurgents not as enemies, but as misguided friends.

WHAT BULWER SAYS.—Bulwer says poverty is only an idea in nine cases out of ten. Some men with $10,000 a year suffer more for want of means than others with $500. The reason is, the richer man has artificial wants. His income is $10,000 a year, and he suffers enough for being dunned for unpaid debts to kill a sensitive man. A man who earns a dollar a day, and does not go in debt, is the happiest of the two. Very few people who have never been rich will believe this; but it is true. There are thousands and thousands with princely incomes who never know a minute's peace. There is really more happiness among the workingmen in the world than among those who are called rich.

SECRETARY BOUTWELL is regularly retired about every three months from the Cabinet by enterprising Washington quill-drivers. He yet continues to "stick," and is pushing forward his funding schemes with reasonable hopes of partial if not complete success. On the 18th, he received from St. Petersburg an application for an agency for the negotiation of the new loan, accompanied by a subscription to $10,000,000 of the new bonds. This is a decided lift, and will go far toward stimulating the foreign demand for our securities. There is no reason why they should not command in Russia, Austria, and other European countries, the same confidence which they enjoy in Germany.

A PREDICTION NOT VERIFIED.—A scientific personage has got himself into difficulty at Trabreez, in Persia. Being distinguished in the art of astrology, there cultivated, he alarmed the whole community by predicting a fearful earthquake, which was to destroy the city. The end of the year came without the earthquake coming; and as the court and other notables were camping out in tents during the severe winter weather, to avoid the expected catastrophe, the votary of science thought it best to make a timely retreat before the fertility of his predictions was verified.

IT is not at all surprising that Canadian capitalists should be solicitous concerning their seal fisheries. In March a fleet of vessels sailed from St. John's, Newfoundland, and returned in three weeks' time with large cargoes. One had 12,000 seals, another had 23,000, the Lion 20,000, the Hector 28,000, and the Nimrod 21,000—104,000, valued at $812,000. Eighty sailing vessels and fifteen steamers, engaged in the trade, are reported as doing well. Each seal is valued at $3—$2 of which goes to the owners of the vessel, and the remainder to the crew.

THERE are prospects of an adjustment of the coal difficulties in Pennsylvania.—The General Council of the Miners' Union has decided to adopt the system of arbitration, and appointed ten members of the W. B. A. to meet a corresponding number of coal operators or capitalists. The Board thus constituted, met April 17th, and appointed Judge Elwell umpire. Attorney-General Wester has directed suits against the railroad companies for exorbitant charges of toll. Litigation is slow and uncertain, and years may elapse before the matter is settled.

Now that the Ku-Klux bill has passed the Senate there is a probability that the lives of the Union men at the South will, for a short time at least, be respected. The necessity of this legislation has been admitted by the independent Democratic press, and will be recognized by the country at large. The powers it confers are wholly constitutional, and its operations—for it applies to the whole community—will only be felt in communities where the laws are defied.

IT is reported that frosts have injured fruit trees in certain localities to some extent, but the prospects of a fair yield of fruit this year are generally good. The peach crop in Delaware and Maryland is expected to be a large one, and Illinois and neighboring States are said to promise an abundance of apples. The result, however, will be largely dependent on the character of the weather for the next fortnight.

THE ENFORCEMENT ACT.

An Act to enforce the right of citizens of the United States to vote in the several States of this Union and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all citizens of the United States who are or shall be otherwise qualified by law to vote at any election by the people in any State, Territory, district, county, city, parish, township, school district, municipality, or other territorial subdivision, shall be entitled and allowed to vote at all such elections, without distinction of race, color, or previous condition of servitude; any constitution, law, custom, usage, or regulation of any State or Territory, or by or under its authority, to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That if by or under the authority of the constitution or laws of any State, or the laws of any Territory, any act is or shall be required to be done as a prerequisite or qualification for voting, and by such constitution or laws persons or officers are or shall be charged with the performance of duties in furnishing to citizens an opportunity to perform such prerequisite, or to become qualified to vote, it shall be the duty of every such person and officer to give to all citizens of the United States the same and equal opportunity to perform such prerequisite, and to become qualified to vote without distinction of race, color, or previous condition of servitude; and if any such person or officer shall refuse or knowingly omit to give full effect to this section, he shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay the sum of five hundred dollars to the person aggrieved thereby, to be recovered by an action on the case, with full costs and such allowance for counsel fees as the court shall deem just, and shall also, for every such offence, be deemed of a misdemeanor, and shall, on conviction thereof, be fined not less than five hundred dollars, or be imprisoned not less than one month and not more than one year, or both, at the discretion of the court.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That whenever, by or under the authority of the constitution or laws of any State, or the laws of any Territory, any act is or shall be required to be done by any citizen as a prerequisite to qualify or entitle him to vote, the offer of any citizen to perform the act required to be done as aforesaid shall, if it fail to be carried into execution by reason of the wrongful act or omission aforesaid of the person or officer charged with the duty of receiving or permitting such performance or offer to perform or acting thereon, be deemed and held as a performance in law of such act; and the person so offering and failing as aforesaid, and being otherwise qualified, shall be entitled to vote in the same manner and to the same extent as if he had in fact performed such act; and any judge, inspector, or other officer of election whose duty it is or shall be to receive, count, certify, register report, or give effect to the vote of any such citizen who shall wrongfully refuse or omit to receive, count, certify, register, report, or give effect to the vote of such citizen upon the presentation by him of his affidavit stating such offer and place thereof, and the name of the officer or person whose duty it was to act thereon, and that he was wrongfully prevented by such person or officer from performing such act, shall for every such offence forfeit and pay the sum of five hundred dollars to the person aggrieved thereby, to be recovered by an action on the case, with full costs and such allowance for counsel fees as the court shall deem just, and shall also for every such offence be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, on conviction thereof, be fined not less than five hundred dollars, or be imprisoned not less than one month and not more than one year, or both, at the discretion of the court.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That if any person, by force, bribery, threats, intimidation, or other unlawful means, shall hinder, delay, prevent, or obstruct, or shall combine and confederate with others to hinder, delay, prevent, or obstruct, any citizen from doing any act required to be done to qualify him to vote or from voting at any election as aforesaid, such person shall for every such offence forfeit and pay the sum of five hundred dollars to the person aggrieved thereby, to be recovered by an action on the case, with full costs and such allowance for counsel fees as the court shall deem just, and shall also for every such offence be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, on conviction thereof, be fined not less than five hundred dollars, or be imprisoned not less than one month and not more than one year, or both, at the discretion of the court.

SEC. 5. And be it further enacted, That if any person shall prevent, hinder, control, or intimidate, or shall attempt to prevent, hinder, control, or intimidate, any person from exercising or in exercising the right of suffrage, to whom the right of suffrage is secured or guaranteed by the fifteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States, by means of bribery, threats, or threats of depriving such person of employment or occupation, or of ejecting such person from rented house, lands, or other property, or by threats of refusing to renew leases or contracts for labor, or by threats of violence to himself or family, such person so offending shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, on conviction thereof, be fined not less than five hundred dollars, or be imprisoned not less than one month and not more than one year, or both, at the discretion of the court.

SEC 8. And be it further enacted, That the district courts of the United States, within their respective districts, shall have, exclusively of the courts of the several States, cognizance of all crimes and offences committed against the provisions of this act and also, concurrently with the circuit courts of the United States, of all causes, civil and criminal, arising under this act, except as herein otherwise provided and the jurisdiction hereby conferred shall be exercised in conformity with the laws and practice governing United States courts; and all crimes and offences committed against the provisions of this act may be prosecuted by the indictment of a grand jury, or, in cases of crimes and offences not infamous the prosecution may be either by indictment or information filed by the district attorney in a court having jurisdiction.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON, February 23, 1871.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, that books will be opened on the sixth day of March next, in this country and in Europe, for subscriptions to the National loan, under the Act approved July 14, 1870, entitled "An Act to authorize the Refunding of the National Debt," and the Act in amendment thereof, approved January 20, 1871.

The proposed loan comprises three classes of Bonds, namely:

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SECOND.—Subscriptions for equal amounts of each class of bonds.

THIRD.—Subscriptions for equal amounts of bonds bearing interest at the rate of four and a half per cent., and of bonds bearing interest at the rate of five per cent.

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The bonds will be registered or issued with coupons, as may be desired by subscribers. Registered bonds will be issued of the denominations of $50, $100, $500, $1,000, $5,000 and $10,000; and coupon bonds of each denomination except the last two.—The interest will be payable in the United States, at the office of the treasurer, any assistant treasurer, or designated depositary of the government, quarterly, on the first days of February, May, August and November, in each year.

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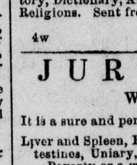

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