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Official Journal,.....Donville Cuzer.

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First ward,.....Joseph B. Brand.
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Fourth ward,.....Benjamin Evans.
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Sixth ward,.....A. T. Grigby.
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Tenth ward,.....T. W. Brown, Sr.

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Sixth ward,.....Anthony Pack.
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Tenth ward,.....Ardelia White.

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Official Journal,.....Donville Cuzer.

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Regular meetings, at the Mayor's office, in the Court-House, first Tuesday of each month, at 7 o'clock P. M.

Scientific Miscellany.

Experiments in the artificial coloring of the corolla of flowers have been for some time conducted by Prof. Sachard, of Padua. The idea is not new but the methods employed are original. He simply causes the flower to drink certain colored solutions—chiefly aniline—which penetrate the tissues, modify color, or, in fact, dye the corolla and veins of the corolla. It is known by gardeners that hortensia receive a blue tint from the mixture of iron filings with the soil around the plants. Pansies and stocks have their flowers colored in fifteen minutes if their roots are immersed in a solution of green aniline. The plant, however, dies within a week when thus treated. Watering the soil with a colored solution produces no effect, as the coloring matter is absorbed by the earth.

In the peninsula of Paman, in Russia, a tomb dating from the thirteenth century before the Christian era has been discovered. In it was found a gold collar ornamented with lions' heads; a crown of the same metal adorned with precious stones, having in the center a sash with a Cupid on its wings; a round gold brooch with a pith representing Venus holding Cupid in her arms; a collar of pearls; ear-rings, chains, rings, bracelets in gold, and vases of silver. The tomb is supposed to be that of a young girl.

Various savants have tried to apply to the color sense the principles of the evolution theory. They represent that our ancestors of prehistoric and even of historic times had but an imperfect sense of colors, similar to that of the color-blind of the present day; the latter being regarded as a degeneration, or a primitive state. Arguments in favor of this view are drawn from the designation of colors in very old books, such as Homer, the Bible, etc. Dr. Dor, of Lyons, combats this theory, contending that color-blindness is largely due to a lack of proper training and education, and that Aristotle was able to distinguish rainbow colors as readily as the average of our contemporaries. He shows from the very writings upon which the new theory was based numerous passages indicating very highly developed ideas of color, while modern literature abounds in inaccurate color-designations. In conclusion, Dr. Dor brings facts from the most early historic times, those of the Egyptians and ancient Assyrians, to prove that the color-sense was developed as much as to-day, even at that distant period.

The mysterious power, electricity, is undergoing every kind of manipulation by enthusiastic scientists in endeavors to adopt it to the performance of man's work, and its many applications attest its inestimable value. A new suggestion, and a striking one, is the use of electricity as a means of executing the death penalty. A German writer impressively describes the plan of execution: "In a

dark room, draped with black, and which is lighted only by a single torch—the chamber of execution—there shall stand an iron image of Justice, with her scales and sword. Stern Justice is popularly supposed to have no bowels, but the German goddess will carry a powerful battery in her inside; and this battery will be connected with an arm-chair—the seat of death. In front of the chair shall stand the judge's tribunal, and only the judge, jury and other officers shall be present with the criminal during the ceremony of execution. This will consist in the judge's reading the story of the crime committed by the prisoner, who will be rigidly manacled to the forehead arm-chair, and when this is done, the judge will break his rod of office, and toss it into one of the scale-pans of justice, at the same time extinguishing the solitary torch. The descent of the scale-pan will complete the electric circuit, and shock the wretch into the next world.

The metric system has now been adopted by twenty-eight different nations, including a majority of the civilized world. In eleven countries it is in exclusive use; while in several, as Germany and France, there are penalties for using any other measures.

Prof. Proctor expresses considerable confidence in the success of Edison's electric light. He thinks it not improbable that the heat of the sun may be at some time utilized in driving the electric generators.

An English chemist claims to have succeeded in crystallizing carbon. Specimens of the crystals are said to have been shown to Prof. Tyndall, who pronounced them undoubtedly diamonds.

A man was lately killed in Kansas by the fall of an acanthus—a very unusual occurrence, notwithstanding the large number of acanthi which annually reach the earth's surface.

The attention of sight-seekers has for more than a year been attracted to the Kane Geyser, or spouting water, situated in the valley of Wilson's River, near the line of the Philadelphia and Erie railway, and four miles from Kane. It was drilled in the spring of 1878 to a depth of 2000 feet, but petroleum not being found in paying quantities, the casing was drawn and the hole abandoned.

In drilling, fresh water veins were met with to a depth of 384 feet, which was the limit of the casing. At 145 feet a heavy "gas vein" was struck, and the gas allowed free escape while drilling was continued. When the well was abandoned, the fresh water flowed in, and the conflict between the water and gas commenced. The water flows into the well until the pressure of the confined gas becomes greater than the weight of the superincumbent water, when an explosion takes place, and a column of water and gas is thrown up to a great height. This occurs at present at regular intervals of thirteen minutes, and the spouting continues for one and a half minutes. Measurements have shown the column to vary in height from 102 to 136 feet. The gas of the mixture can be readily ignited, when, after nightfall, a grand spectacle is presented. The antagonistic elements of fire and water are so promiscuously blended that each seems to be fighting for the mastery. At one moment the flame is almost entirely extinguished, only to break forth the next instant with increased energy. During sunshine the spray forms an artificial rainbow, and in winter the column becomes encased in huge transparent ice chimneys.

A wick for petroleum and spirit lamps is now manufactured entirely of glass by a German firm. It is said to produce a more brilliant light than the cotton wick. It is not consumed in the flame, but wastes away slowly by fusion.

The tremendous energy concentrated in a flash of lightning is shown by Prof. Mayer, of the Stevens Institute, in an observation from which he concludes that at least five hundred square miles of the earth's surface had its electrical condition changed at each flash of the lightning.

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