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### French Postal Matters.

By the cable we have a telegram from Paris, stating that commercial parties in that city, particularly those having business connections with America, are much agitated in relation to the approaching termination of the postal treaty between France and the United States, which expires on the 1st proximo.

We are further informed that the French Government is disposed to renew the treaty immediately. This may be and no doubt is quite correct, as the reason why the notice was given by this Government to terminate the arrangement was because all the advantages were on the side of France, and the rates charged under it wholly at variance with the cheap postage policy now so generally adopted, 30 cents being charged on a single half ounce letter.

It will be remembered that the notice was given two years ago to terminate the arrangement on the 1st of February, 1869, and Mr. John A. Kasson, formerly First Assistant Postmaster General, was sent as a special agent of the Department to endeavor to effect a new arrangement, but failed to accomplish anything satisfactory. In order to come to some understanding, if possible, the existing arrangements were, by mutual consent, continued eleven months longer, to January 1, 1870.

When Senator Ramsey, chairman of the Post Office Committee of the Senate, was visiting Paris last summer, he, at the earnest solicitation of Postmaster General Creswell, consented to act as special agent of the Department in negotiating a postal arrangement between the two countries upon a footing at all in consonance with his instructions from the Postmaster General, and was compelled to leave in November without effecting any arrangement.

The Senator proposed a rate of ten cents for half ounce letters from all parts of the United States to all parts of France, and asked for an equal division of the inland postage; that is, three cents for the United States, three cents for France and four cents for sea postage, but the French authorities objected to the half ounce or fifteen grammes weight, and insisted on the ten grammes weight for a single letter. This point was reluctantly yielded. Again, the French Government exacted four cents as its inland rate. This could not be assented to, as it would be giving France a higher inland rate than our own, a provision all the more unjust from the fact that our territory is twenty times larger.

### Personal.

Fanny Fern is 58 years of age, and owns it like a man.

Two books from the son of Mrs. McFarland are soon to be published.

Mrs. James Fisk, jr., the wife of the "king of Erie," a Boston paper informs us, has in her possession $400,000 worth of diamonds.

John B. Gough, in a lecture on Friday night in Brooklyn, defended Henry Ward Beecher from the attacks of the "godless newspapers."

A foreign gossiper pleasantly records that among the other occupations of Vinnie Ream, in Rome, she is blasting out a bust of Brownlow with nitro-glycerine.

General Porter, of the Presidential staff, is in New York.

Ex-Senator Hendricks, of Indiana, is at the Metropolitan hotel.

General Edwin S. McCook, Illinois, are at the National.

Colonel Henry E. Alvord, United States army; John T. Crogstan, of Kentucky; John Mack, of Mexico; and Hon. John Hill, of New Jersey, are at the Ebbitt house.

C. H. Merritt, L. H. Mitchell, Henry E. Bowen, John S. Hoey, R. D. Tucker, G. W. Curtis, and H. N. Palmer, of New York; and S. T. Browne, paymaster United States navy, are at the Arlington hotel.

Gen. A. K. Hackett, of New York, is at the Metropolitan Hotel. The General has just returned from an extended tour through the Southern and Western States, and is en route for his home in New York.

Hon. A. A. Drake, N. J.; F. Knowland, N. J.; Wm. W. Griscom, Philadelphia; W. S. Murphy, Philadelphia; G. T. Thompson, Hartford, Conn.; B. F. Field, Chicago, Ill.; O. B. Northrup and family, N. Y.; S. H. Cary, San Jose, Cal., are at the St. James.

We regret to learn that Mr. H. S. Benson, of the National Hotel, is lying dangerously ill with congestion of the lungs.

### New Publications.

"Old Horse Gray, and the Parish of Grumbletown," by Edward Hopper. Published by Hurd & Houghton, New York. For sale by G. A. Whitaker & Co., corner of Seventh and D streets.

"Two Lives in One," by Vieux Moustache. Published by Hurd & Houghton, New York. For sale by G. A. Whitaker & Co., corner of Seventh and D streets.

"Put Yourself in His Place," by Charles Reade. Published by Sheldon & Co., New York. For sale by G. A. Whitaker & Co., corner of Seventh and D streets.

"Ecce Femina," an attempt to solve the woman question, by Carlos White. Published by Lee & Shepard, Boston.

"How to Amuse an Evening Party," "How to Cook," "Book of Conundrums," three interesting books for the holidays. Published by Dick & Fitzgerald, New York.

Our Streets.—While the war was going on and the heavy army wagons were traversing our streets day and night in all directions, there was much said about their condition, but since the restoration of peace and the taking off of the wagons, they have generally been put in order again, and will compare favorably with the streets of any city in the Union, taking into calculation the amount of open streets in proportion to the population.

The streets of New York have been a theme of complaint from citizens and visitors alike, until they have become a synonym of filth.

Philadelphia, with its straight, narrow streets, so easily kept clean, does not seem to be favored this year with efficient contractors, if we may judge by the following from the Philadelphia *Inquirer*:

"The streets of Philadelphia resemble more closely than anything else rivers of mud, that 'sticketh closer than a brother,' and is black, filthy and inodorous. Yet this is the first winter month, and the horror of dirty streets was never more hideous than at present. In former years the highways of the city only assumed their existing condition during February or March—at the close and not at the beginning of winter. What they will be by spring, if they continue undressed until then, it is not easy nor pleasant to imagine. To attempt to cross them now is to be obliged to wade through a vile, poisonous compound, destructive alike to health, comfort and cleanliness. As we have again and again urged upon the Board of Health, the remedy for this evil is in their own hands; they have only to withhold payment of all claims from those contractors who refuse to do their duty. They will fulfill their contracts if they are once assured that only by doing so will they receive compensation."

Another Impeachment Case Probable. It is stated that measures are being taken to secure the impeachment, by the House of Representatives, of United States District Judge Trigg, of Tennessee, whose course, it is alleged, has been such, in cases where the Government has been concerned, as to make impeachment a necessity.

## THE FORTIETH CONGRESS.

Closely identified with one of the most momentous crises in the annals of our country—its work, indeed, constituting the staple material of the history of that crisis—the Fortieth Congress will ever remain invested with a peculiar interest, not to Americans alone, but to all the students of the course of American political life. As time wears on it will rise into greater prominence, standing out from the level of those which preceded and followed it in *alto relievo*, like the First Congress in our own country, or the Long Parliament in England. Other Congresses may have boasted more brilliant intellectual lights, and their archives may embrace oratorical treasures of more classic finish and more impressive power. The difference is in the circumstances under which the Fortieth Congress was called to act; the new problems it was compelled to solve; the unforeseen difficulties which it was required to surmount. And whether it did its great work well or ill, the interest attaching to that work must, from the sheer force of circumstances, remain imperishable; and, whether as an illustrious example or an impressive warning, whether as a theme of national pride in its wisdom, or of regret for its folly, the men who composed it must take a conspicuous place in the history of their country. Those who approve and those who condemn their policy, those who admire and those who reproach the men themselves, will alike have the same desire to know as much as possible of their personal relations and their public acts.

We have had laid before us a work in two handsome royal octavo volumes, whose author, Wm. H. Barnes, seems rightly to have discussed the relations of the Fortieth Congress to posterity. It comprises a sketch of the measures of that body, and of the life of each of its members, accompanied by life-like steel engraved portraits, executed in the finest style of the engraving art, by the establishment of Perine, New York. The character of the work makes it eminently a book to occupy a permanent and honored place in the libraries of the people, and its style of outer dress and mechanical finish are such as those of such a book ought to be. The clear white surface upon which its pages are impressed, its attractive typography, superior illustrations, and substantial, yet elegant binding, united with the ability, taste, and scrupulous care displayed in the preparation of its contents, will separate it from the ephemeral historic literature of the day, and bespeak for it a place among the few favored works deemed worthy of preservation.

Of course in a work of such scope the different biographies are necessarily brief. The lives of the more prominent actors in the great legislative work which succeeded the throes of civil war, will find their historians in due time, and will be presented in greater detail than they could be here. But the work of Mr. Barnes supplies a special want, which could never be so well supplied as now, while the events in which the subjects of his sketches participated are still fresh. It is, as it were, a photograph taken on the spot, and which, from the nature of the case, could not have been taken in any other. Indeed, we might use the words photograph in a literal sense, for the photographer and the engraver have given us the lineaments of most of the members of the Fortieth Congress just as they appeared at the time to which the work relates, and this is a feature of the book which years hence will make it a treasure of rare value. What would we not give now for a work in popular form presenting us with faithful portraits of the members of the Continental Congress, or of the convention which framed our Constitution?

Although the work of reconstruction fell in part upon the Thirty-ninth and in part upon the Fortieth Congresses, nearly all the prominent actors therein were members of the body to which this work is devoted, so that it may properly be regarded as a history of reconstruction legislation. Besides this, it includes a number who were prominently identified with the war for the Union as generals in the field or as governors of States during the rebellion. It remains only to add that the book is eminently an American work, embracing the representatives of every section of the Union, and that it is non-partisan in its character, aiming simply to present a faithful portraiture of the Fortieth Congress as it was. Its interest, therefore, will not be bounded by geographical or party limits, but is sufficiently national to make it a book for all Americans. It will undoubtedly have an extensive sale.

(Communicated.)

### Hon. Reuder W. Clarke, late Third Auditor.

Editor of the National Republican: The *Morning News* of the 16th instant very gravely announces that the Republican has been imposed upon by "somebody" in charging "injustice to the management of affairs in that bureau," (Third Auditor's.) As to the correctness of the *News'* assertion of imposition upon the Republican I am ignorant. The Republican, I am confident, can and will guard itself from any and all imposition as well if not better than any paper published in Washington. My immediate object is to correct a gross error in the *News*, charging Mr. Clarke "to have been intolerant in his political opinions, and inclined to rate his clerks according to their disposition to agree or differ with him on public questions." This, to the employees of that bureau, is news of such decided untruthfulness that I beg leave to refer the *News* to the testimonial, engraved upon parchment, signed by all but one of the employees of the Third Auditor's office, and publicly presented to Mr. C. on Saturday, Dec. 4, 1869, in which, among other things, they "avail themselves of this occasion to tender you their heartfelt thanks for the uniform kindness, courtesy and gentlemanly bearing you have so eminently manifested toward us. Kind, conciliatory and paternal in the exercise of your official functions, you have silently and almost imperceptibly won our respect and esteem," &c. A little less "guile," and more of the spirit belonging to a "Christian gentleman," should have forbade the erroneous and uncharitable remarks of the *News* respecting Mr. Clarke in his absence. G.


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### Another Coal Mine Disaster.

We have received the following particulars of another mine horror. At 5 o'clock on Saturday morning last at Stockton, and near Hazelton, Pa., a coal mine caved in filling the shaft and tunnel with enormous masses of earth, and carrying two large houses down with it bodily, and choking the entrance to the mine.

There were several persons in the dwelling-houses, and these were carried down in the mass and buried hopelessly in the ruins. Of course they were instantly killed, although as yet it has been entirely impossible to reach their bodies. Some men, it is reported, were in the mine at the time, and are supposed to have been killed instantly. Ten persons in all lost their lives, and efforts are now being made to extricate their bodies. The houses fell a distance of forty feet, and were broken to fragments.

Another dispatch, dated Saturday at Mauch Chunck, gives us the following further particulars of the horrible tragedy:

At Stockton, two miles from Hazleton, about 5 o'clock this morning, the ground over a mine which has not been worked for fifteen years, gave way. One block of houses fell in so quickly that two families living in them had not time to get away, except one little girl, who got out of the house, but not far enough away to escape falling in. She fell on top of the houses, and was rescued. Three families living in the adjoining block had just time enough to get out before the whole block fell in. Ten persons went down with the houses, viz: George Swank, wife and four children, and Mr. Ratch, wife, child and mother. They are still in the mine, and must certainly be dead—either burned, smothered, or drowned.

The Hazleton steam fire engine has been throwing a continual stream of water into the hole since daylight to extinguish the flames. The firemen are doing all they can. They have taken charge, and extended a rope around the hole, allowing no persons inside. Trains are running every hour from Hazleton to the scene of the disaster, and will continue until the bodies are recovered, which will not be for some time, as the ground is cracked around for a considerable distance, and is still falling, so that it is dangerous to go to work. The excitement is very great, and is increasing. Families in the vicinity are moving out of their houses. It is the general opinion that others will fall in. There is also danger of the ruins taking fire. Messrs. Linderman and Skeer arrived this afternoon, and are sparing no pains to secure the bodies as speedily as possible.


New Advertisements.

LOST—IN THE SLEEPING CAR ON THE train from New York on Friday night, a POCKET BOOK containing money and papers. The finder can retain the money, and will confer a favor by returning the papers to W. Ryan Hotel office. (Sec'd St.) P. Yang

SPECIAL NOTICE.—FOR SALE AT LESS than cost, a very superior COUPEE CARRIAGE, built by the well-known builders, Brewhouse & Allgaier, of Philadelphia.
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PHOTOGRAPH ALBUMS,
AUTOGRAPH ALBUMS,
POSTAGE-STAMP ALBUMS,
Stereoscopes and Stereoscopic Views,
Children's Games and Building Blocks,
WRITING-DESKS,
Paper Mache, Rosewood, Mahogany and Inlaid WORK-BOXES,
HANDKERCHIEF BOXES,
GLOVE BOXES,
JEWEL BOXES,
DRESSING CASES,
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BUILDING MATERIAL FOR SALE.
District Quartermaster's Office, Washington, D. C., Dec 15, 1869.
Will be sold at public auction on WEDNESDAY, December 22, at 12 m., on Seventeenth street, between Pennsylvania avenue and H street, the following described building material:
About 35,000 Cypress Shingles, good.
" 20,000 feet inch Boards.
" 10,000 " inch Boards.
" 12,000 Joists, 1½ to 16 feet.
" 15,000 feet Rafters, 2x4, 2x6 to 8x8, 12 and 16 feet.
Also of Window frames Sash Doors, Doors &c. Terms cash.
By order of the Quartermaster General.
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Under and by virtue of a decree of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, in Chancery, sitting in a certain cause then pending, entitled Thos. B. Balch et al vs L. P. W. Balch et al., No. 1732, Equity Docket 5, passed on the 16th day of November, A. D. 1869, the undersigned will sell at Public Auction, to the highest bidder, on SATURDAY, the 18th day of December, 1869, at 3:30 o'clock, p. m., the following Real Estate, to wit: Lots A and B, in square No. 126, consisting of 9,360 square feet of ground, more or less, improved by a commodious and elegant three-story BRICK MANSION, and situated on the corner of Seventeenth and I streets north, in the First ward of Washington city, D. C.
This property offers rare inducements for investment. It is situated in the most desirable part of Washington city; is perfectly convenient to the Government Departments; the neighborhood improved by the erection of a number of first-class houses, and is in the immediate vicinity of the newly laid out public square, hereafter to be beautified.
Terms of sale: One third Cash, balance in 6 and 12 months, respectively, from day of sale. The deferred payments to be secured by the bonds of the purchasers or purchasers, with interest, and a reserved lien on the property.
All conveyancing and stamps at the cost of purchaser or purchasers.
One hundred dollars to be paid when the property is knocked off on the premises.
JAMES F. COSTIN, [Trustees.
THOS. B. BALCH,
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THE ABOVE SALE IS POSTPONED ON account of the rain until WEDNESDAY, December 22, (instant,) same hour and place.
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UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14, 1869.
On the petition of JOHN R. HASSINGER, of Brooklyn, N. Y., praying for the extension of a patent granted to him on the 1st day of April, 1856, and reissued in two divisions numbered respectively 2,415 and 2,416 on the 11th day of December, 1866, for an improvement in machine for making Carpet Lining:
It is ordered that the testimony in the case be closed on the 1st day of March next, that the time for filing arguments and the Examiner's report be limited to the 15th day of March next, and that said petition be heard on the 16th day of March next.
Any person may oppose this extension.
SAMUEL S. FISHER,
dec20-30d Commissioner of Patents.

Special Notices.

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NOTICE.—PROPERTY HOLDERS in Georgetown, D. C., Washington, are requested to meet this (MONDAY) EVENING at 7 o'clock, at the School-House on K and Tenth street, to consider the proposition now pending before Congress to tunnel said street for a railroad. 1t

THE NEW ENGLAND SOCIETY.—The annual dinner will take place on Forefathers' Day, December 22, at Masonic Hall, F street, corner of Ninth, at 5 o'clock p. m. Tickets $1, and may be had of the officers, or at W. F. Brett's Store, Ninth street, near F. Dancing in the Reception Room will commence at 8 o'clock. Tickets for only this part of the entertainment $1, to admit one gentleman and ladies. dec20-3t

DEPARTMENTAL FUEL PURCHASING ASSOCIATION.—Article 7 of the rules of the Association provides that the whole amount of fuel ordered by its members shall be paid for by January 1 of each year.
The Board of Managers have decided to extend the time until January 15, after which date no orders will be issued, and the amount advanced will be forfeited.
By order of the Board.
W. A. HUNT,
1t (Star) Sec and Treas.

HEADQUARTERS JOHN A. RAWLINS POST NO. 1, DEPARTMENT OF THE POTOMAC, G. A. R., WASHINGTON, December 18, 1869.—Special Order No. 3.—The two regular meetings of this Post for the present month (December, 1869) will be held on MONDAY EVENINGS, the 20th and 27th, instead of Friday evenings. The regular semi-annual election of officers will take place on Monday evening, the 27th instant, at which a general rollcall of the Post will take place, and every comrade of the Post is earnestly requested to be present to respond. None but members of this Post will be admitted.
By order of J. R. SMITH, Post Commander.
EDWIN C. KIRKWOOD, Adj'tant. dec20 2t

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF PROVIDENT AID SOCIETY, WASHINGTON, D. C., DECEMBER 18, 1869.—The several directors of the respective wards, the visitors of last year who desire to serve this year, and those newly appointed, are respectfully requested to attend the regular meeting of the Board, to be held at 7 o'clock on MONDAY AFTERNOON, at General Headquarters, corner of Fifth and E streets. Punctual attendance is requested.
A public meeting will be held in behalf of the Provident Aid Society, on THURSDAY EVENING, at 7½ o'clock, at Rev. Dr. Sunderland's, E between Four-and-a-half street. Prominent speakers will be in attendance—Hon. John W. Forney, Rev. Dr. H. Sunderland, Rev. Dr. S. Tustin, Clinton Lloyd, Esq., and others.
Remember the poor, and do not neglect coming.
S. WOLF, Secretary.

STREET NUMBERING.—THE bill for renumbering the houses specifies how it shall be done. Every dwelling-house or every 20 feet of vacant lot or public building is allowed a number. Any person can determine their own number. No person has the exclusive right to sell numbers; all can go to the painters and order for themselves. I am now numbering (in accordance with the law) for my New Directory. My men have samples. If they put up a wrong number, I will correct it at my expense. As some contractor advertised he would get up an opposition Directory, I thought to start even with him, and get my book out as soon as his. The public are informed that no injunction has been or will be served upon me in this business.
WM. H. BOYD,
Directory Publisher.
dec18-4t

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT. Will be published on the 15th of January, 1870, the first monthly number of the "American English International Peace-Maker and Emigrants' Guide," by Messrs. Coates & Sons, Washington, D. C., and London—
Thomas Coates, editor, formerly proprietor of the "Yorkshireman's Newspaper and Agricultural Herald."
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Mr. Frederick, the brother of Taylor Suit, esq., is an honored agent for subscriptions and advertisements for Washington, D. C. dec18-2w

SABBATH SCHOOLS OR SOCIETIES wanting a Stereoptican Exhibition during the Holidays can hire a new instrument, of unexpensive music, by addressing Rev. GEO. N. MARDAS, corner 8 and E seventh streets north. dec16-6t

OFFICIAL.
CITY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, WEST WING, CITY HALL, WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 23, 1869.
Notice is hereby given that an abatement of five (5) per cent will be allowed upon all taxes paid prior to January 1, 1870, in accordance with the act of the City Councils.
On the 1st day of February, 1870, the Collector will close his book, and all the property upon which taxes are due and unpaid on that date will be advertised for sale, without distinction of persons.
FRED'K A. BOSWELL,
City Collector.
nov24-10t

COKE! COKE!! COKE!!! AT TEN CENTS PER BUSHEL.—Orders for Coke are left at the regular places, at the Office of the Gas Company, 472 Tenth street; the grocery store of D. Connell, corner of First and H streets west; De Mott's drug store, corner of Eighth and E streets; Navy Yard; George W. Cropley's drug store, 110 Bridge street, Georgetown.
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NOTICE.—OFFICE OF THE MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, WASHINGTON, Dec. 15, 1869.—Policy-holders are hereby notified to renew their insurance for the year 1870, at the office of the company, on or before MONDAY, December 27, 1869.
nov15-eod2w J. WESLEY BOTELER, Sec'y.

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