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A Warning to the House.

The suggestion made in the editorial columns of the NATIONAL REPUBLICAN yesterday to the effect that should the House, after the President of the Senate has announced Hayes as elected, attempt to elect Tilden, its action will be rebellion against constituted authority, and those participating in it summarily arrested, has attracted considerable attention. The Hon. Ben Wade said a few days since that should Hayes be declared elected by the Senate, and after the declaration has been officially made, the Democrats, believing Mr. Tilden to be elected, attempt to inaugurate him in New York, nothing will be done against this movement on the part of the Hayes government until Mr. Tilden attempts to infringe upon the rights of the national authorities. The moment he does this he becomes a traitor, and will be arrested. It is not probable, however, that the properly constituted authorities would permit such a government to be formed even. The proper course for them to pursue, in case the House attempt to elect Mr. Tilden after the Senate has announced Hayes' election, is to stop the proceedings of the House at once by arresting all the members participating in this revolutionary scheme. The House in this attempt might have the necessary two thirds majority of States for a quorum: in fact all the members of Congress might be present, yet it would not make the action of the House any the less revolutionary. Still, in the face of these facts, the Democrats in the House under the direction of Mr. Hewitt have determined to elect Mr. Tilden at all hazards if the Senate elects Mr. Hayes, and thus Mexicanize the country with a dual government. They might as well know the consequences of such a scheme now as when it is attempted. They will be promptly arrested and tried under the Revised Statute which says: "Any person who incites, sets on foot, assists, or engages in any rebellion or insurrection against the authority of the United States, or the laws thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment of not more than ten years and a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars.

A Floating Battery.

The *Union* manifests great trepidation on the subject of the electoral count, and cannot possess its soul with content upon declaring, for the five hundredth time, that the votes of four million three hundred thousand people of the United States must and shall be respected, but continually flies in the face of every newspaper correspondent who puts out a pet theory of his own in respect to that count—in case the result looks to the election of Hayes. This *cacoethes scribendi* on the subject is, to the mind of the reader, the best evidence of a conviction in the mind of the writer that there is no solid ground upon which to rest the faith he professes, but that security is thought to be rather in a demolition of the plans of the Republicans than in any intended position on the part of the Democrats. It is a sorry sight to see so exalted an understanding as that which sways the judgment of the editor cast out upon the sea of contention, without anchor or rudder, in so great a storm as the present, and to note its frantic efforts to gain a lodgment for logic, convinced, as it is, if it can only find a fulcrum it can overturn the foundations of the opposition. Mr. Blair has been a Cabinet officer for the only time in his life, and then received the consideration at the hands of the party he now traduces. But it is generally so—it is *always* so—with such as the *Union's* senior editor, if, once tasting the fruits of success, they are not always permitted to munch them, they will lay the axe to the root of the producing tree. *"Alia tentanda via est,"* quoth the sorehead.

An Ice and Snowy Suggestion.

Yesterday morning the city was mantled in drapery of the purest snow, and in the afternoon it had become transformed into grim, muddy slush. Of the miles and miles of splendid side pavements which adorn the city and ought to be of vast convenience to pedestrians, at least two thirds of them remained coated and daubed with snow slush all day long. We believe there is a city ordinance compelling the removal of snow from the sidewalks and road-crossings. If there be no such ordinance in existence, the proper authorities should at once create one, and compel its enforcement. To wade through muddy and mushy snow is not agreeable or conducive to health. To slip up on an icy pavement and feel the tingling forked-lightning pain creep along the spine and collapse in the roots of the hair and around the temples like a thunder clap is worse yet. But our taxpaying and devoted citizens were compelled to do these things all day yesterday. It should be acknowledged that they performed the task with consummate resignation and cheerfulness, according to the solidity of the pavement and the depth of the begriming slush. But even this disposition to submit to the outrage will not warrant or excuse its continuance. Hundreds of men and boys are idle in the city who would gladly remove the snow for a small remuneration. Give these people work in this direction, and there will be no danger in slipping up on the good they will accomplish.

Commissioner Smith's New Indian System.

Commissioner John Q. Smith's recommendations for a complete reorganization of the system of managing the Indians are receiving the favorable attention of all interested in the welfare of our nomadic races. His excellent scheme, which he has had under consideration for some months past, is to make the Indian Territory the permanent home of the Indians, on which are to be quartered all the wild tribes, with the exception of a few in the North and Southwest. For these provisions are to be made on the Yakama reservation, in Washington Territory; the Umtah reserve, in Utah, and the White Earth reserve, in Minnesota. These reserves will be set aside for a few scattering tribes such as would be liable to prosper better in a colder climate than that of the Indian Territory. To concentrate these tribes upon the reservations named could not be accomplished at once, but, as the Commissioner says, would take at least ten years at a cost of not less than $200,000 annually. The proposition, if adopted, to extend the laws of the United States over all the tribes, would give the effect of destroying their tribal relations by making each individual subject to the penalties of the law; also, giving each its protection.

Commissioner Smith has lent his whole energies and thoughts towards a solution of the Indian problem, and it is generally believed that the system he now proposes is a wise and sensible one, and will, if adopted, result in settling forever the vexed question which has perplexed the Government so long.

The Press Pirate Jumps the Country.

"There is a rumor in town that Charles A. Dana, of the New York *Sun*, has been compelled to fly the country in consequence of the criminal libel suit instituted against him by ex-Gov. Shepherd, of Washington, whose name he coupled infamously with a respectable lady. At last accounts he was in Canada."—*N. Y. Graphic of yesterday.*

Then Dana has fled. The Charles who parts his name in the middle with an A. He has suddenly vamosed to Canada to escape the summons to appear before the bar of justice in this District to answer to the criminal indictments made out against him by the grand jury. Here is a case where the wicked flee when some one pursueth. This is not the first time that the moral assassin has taken quickly to his lower limbs in order to escape the mandates of the law. For five years he has not dared to set his foot on the soil of Pennsylvania except in disguise or in a clandestine manner. For four years he has not ventured to show his person within the limits of the District of Columbia except under the protection of Congress. For ten years he has been hiding from justice and shrinking from the presence of the law, and now once more he has been compelled to forsake his home in New York, frightened and quaking at the baying of the dogs of justice which are scenting his scentable track. We say scentable, for it is oderized with scandal and libel and fraud. Tweed stole millions, became the great official criminal, fled to Spain, brought up in the castle of Vigo and was returned a prisoner to the Tombs of the American metropolis. Dana has robbed our best citizens of their good name, stolen the reputation of innocent women, marred respectability, scandalized fair character, disgraced journalism, and now with his filthy booty we find him flying precipitately from his sanctum and his home to avoid the grip of relentless justice which should have been fastened on his guilty person long ago. Personalities should be avoided, but when a man becomes a general and miscellaneous thief of character and an assassin of morals, adding to his iniquity a cowardly disposition to escape the punishment he knows he richly deserves, it is high time to call him and his infamous deeds by their right names, and in such plain English that those who run may read.

A New Way of Counting the Vote.

The Democrats claim that Tilden is elected, not only by the electoral vote, but by a popular majority. Per contra, the Republicans claim that Hayes has a majority of one in the electoral college, and would have had a popular majority but for intimidation and fraud practiced by the Democracy in the Southern States. Now, by adopting the same ratio of representation in all States for electors a sure test is secured. The *Inter-Ocean* says the basis being about 135,000 inhabitants to a Representative, and there being an average about one voter for ever five and three quarters inhabitant, it will give, in round numbers, about 23,500 voters to a Representative or elector, besides two for each State at large. Dividing the popular vote by 23,500, the number of electors due each State will be ascertained. The total number of votes in Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, and Ohio is 1,787,215. Now divide this by 23,500, and we have 76 electors actually due these States, while the present number is only 64. This is an increase for Hayes of 12. Now take the Southern States where peaceable elections are claimed by the Democrats to have been held—which States are Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia, and we have a total vote of 2,566,433. Divide this by 23,500, and we have 109 electors, while the present number is 128. This is a loss to Tilden of 19, which is just the number of electors in the three disputed States. Thus, taking the Southern States, without the three disputed ones, and New York, Indiana, and Connecticut, and we have 165 electoral votes for Tilden, while the Northern States give 166 for Hayes, making the latter's majority just one, the same as is now claimed by including the three disputed States. This does not include the 20,000 intimidated Republican voters. Will the Democrats, who are boasting so frantically about having Tilden or blood, meditate a little on these figures?

CONGRESSMAN BANNING was once a Republican, a devoted and hard-working one, in fact, so long as personal aggrandizement was the result of the devotion and work. When this failed him he joined the Liberals, and by them was sent to Congress. While Mr. Banning was serving his term in Congress the Liberal party lost ground rapidly, and in order to retain his seat in the House he dropped suddenly into the Democratic ranks, and became in his unimportant way the assailant of the Administration. Lately this policy turncoat has been exceedingly bitter towards the Republican party, which bitterness finally resulted in his making a premature and foolish war speech, fraught with choleric expressions and bombastic fume. Men with such dispositions as Mr. Banning exhibited in his last speech are the disturbing and troublesome element in the present crisis. They can be counted among Ben Hill's "ten thousand fools who are striking matches all around the magazine of the Republic," caring little whether the explosion destroys national unity or not.

WE LEARN from a well-informed man, recently from Illinois, that Senator Logan is morally certain to be his own successor Last summer there was a ring of hard-money Republicans formed, which united on Bob. Ingersoll as their candidate. The object was to punish Logan for his so-called inflation speeches. The actual result was to get the Independents already elected to pledge themselves to Logan, with a single exception of Miles Kehoe, who is a thorough-going Copperhead Democrat. The Democratic candidates are Cyrus H. McCormic, the reaper man, who is chairman of the State Democratic committee, an immensely rich man, and a goldist to the back-bone; President Coalbraugh, of the Union National bank, a hard-money man, in favor of remonetizing silver; Ed. Merritt, of the Springfield *Register*, whose stronghold is war in time of peace, and ex-Senator Trumbull. Logan is sure to be the Republican caucus nominee, and there are enough greenback Independents who are more likely to vote for him than they are Republicans who are likely to bolt. Senator Logan is, therefore, quite likely to come back for six years more.

THE granaries of the South are now fat with the harvest; her new school-houses have just begun their work of enlightenment; her enterprises are just getting nicely under way; the old sores of the war are about healed, and her people have just got through cleaning house and putting down carpets, and at this juncture the Northern Democrats step in with frowning eyebrows and flushed faces, crying, "We must inaugurate Tilden or fight." The South, however, does not seem to catch the war contagion. It calmly turns away from these warlike men, and says. "No, we have fattened military cemeteries enough for one century. We now propose to devote ourselves strictly to living peaceably and dying natural deaths. We know what war means, in all its calamitous details. We will have no more of it, through our instigation. Our graves are too green, our wounds too recent, our people too poor and our disposition too peaceable to fight for either Tilden or Hayes. If you can't count Tilden in without fighting, then fight; but count us out."

THE Democrats composing the Democratic half of the joint committee range in character all the way from first class down to the lower grades in the catalogue of political virtue. Mr. Bayard is the ablest Democrat in the Senate, and is more inclined to be reasonably fair than any other Bourbon there. Mr. Thurman is unquestionably a very judicious man, and one of large political experience, but he is as partisan as Mr. Randall. Mr. Ransom, who forms the tail of the Democratic portion of the Senate committee, will follow the lead of the other two, no matter what the consequences are. Of the Democratic portion of the House committee Mr. Hewitt takes the foremost place as Mr. Tilden's right bower and general manipulator. Mr. Hunton is an average Congressman, without any particular mark, unless it is a strawberry nose. Mr. Springer might be above the average of politicians had the roots of his tongue been properly anchored in his throat; but as it is we have to call him a restless brawler, who talks much without saying anything.

The First Shot.

At the investigation before the Police Commissioners yesterday Major Richards came forward, and was accorded the paltry privilege of a personal explanation. The Major, with both hands on his breast and his eyes raised to heaven, solemnly declared, in dulcet accents, that Mr. Billy Cook was not his lawyer, as stated in THE REPUBLICAN. Having thus briefly relieved himself of such a dreadful accusation, the model chief fell back several paces to the rear and sat down. Next arose Mr. Billy Cook, and he, too, denied that he was either Major Richards' defender or the gamblers' attorney. And we again assert, with renewed emphasis, that Mr. Billy Cook is both, and everybody knows it who reads the testimony and Mr. Billy Cook's course from the beginning of the investigation. Although Mr. Billy Cook makes such loud protestations that he appears in the interest of the truth, and representing the people's cause, he has made the most desperate exertions to keep witnesses from telling the truth. Whatever facts have been established, and there are some pretty strong ones, have been wormed out of Mr. Billy Cook's own witnesses by Mr. JOHN A. GROW, the advocate of right, and the people's faithful counsel. Yesterday the hearing of the witnesses on behalf of the public began, and a bomb-shell was thrown into the camp of blacklegs and rascals on the first fire. Mr. Billy Cook and his gamblers will have some difficulty in explaining away the evidence of Dr. Crowe and the corroborative testimony that will be adduced in support of it. This is but an earnest of what will be brought out before the investigation closes, and there is great probability of some hasty resignations before the New Year grows old.

New Year's Day Receptions.

On next Monday morning we shall publish a revised list of those who will receive their friends on New Year's Day. This list will embrace all those names we are authorized in writing to publish, and will be kept open until 12 o'clock on Sunday night, in order to accommodate all desirous of having the announcement made of their receptions. Great pains and care will be observed to make the list complete and satisfactory. We shall also gladly publish, free of charge, announcements of parties and other entertainments connected with the festivities of the New Year. We also wish to announce, and the present is as appropriate a time as will be found, that it is the REPUBLICAN's purpose during the approaching fashionable season to make a specialty of society news, and has perfected arrangements whereby it can furnish the public the most complete and reliable information of what transpires in society circles this winter. In the furtherance of this purpose we can be materially aided by outside parties giving us a word of information in time. Notices of proposed balls, sociables, private parties, weddings, tableaux, and other entertainments will be thankfully received and prompt attention paid to them.

SCARCELY HAS THE ATTENTION of the public been called from the closing graves of the unfortunate victims of the Brooklyn disaster when there is announced another most terrible tragedy on the rail, resulting in the horrible death by burning, crushing, drowning and otherwise violently, of a large number of human beings. The telegraph last night brings news of a fearful railroad accident near Ashtabula, Ohio, where a train of seven densely-crowded passenger coaches was precipitated through a bridge seventy-five feet high into the stream below, killing or wounding nearly every passenger. And what makes the news particularly appalling to this locality is the reported fact that the greater part of the passengers were from Eastern cities. We hope that no hearths in this locality will have cause to mourn the loss of any relatives or friends. Further details are necessarily watched for with anxiety.

THE Democratic Investigating Committee now laboring in South Carolina will make a unanimous report that Hayes and Wheeler have received the electoral vote of that State. Thus time gradually wears the hopes of the Democracy away. The testimony taken by the committee in Louisiana sustains that which was heard by the Returning Board. This adds another weight to the Democratic grief. And now from Florida comes the report that the action of the Supreme Court cannot change the electoral vote of that State as announced by the canvassing board. This seems to blast all the hopes of Mr. Tilden's friends, but, like the boy whistling through the graveyard to keep his courage up, they still insist upon Tilden's inauguration as President. This feeling, however, will soon pass away.

AS LONG as the Democratic press still insist upon it that the Republican party is preparing for war, the truth ought to be made known. Of course it is hardly policy to reveal it just now, yet frankness often accomplishes much good, and therefore it might be stated, for the benefit of these people, that Fortress Monroe is being overhauled and extensively fitted up for the reception of all revolutionary characters who may attempt overt acts against constituted authority. This is the only necessary preparation to be made at present.

A SOUTHERN exchange has the "belligerence" very bad. It says:

"THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN, Grant's organ, sends an issue to the States with a marked article under the head of 'Warning to Insurrectionists.' All we have to say is this: Grant will be home, Hayes will be stretched, and Wheeler will be put in his little black box if they try to keep out Tilden."

To be hung and stretched and put into a little black box certainly is not a pleasant outlook for the three distinguished gentlemen referred to, but it only goes to prove how ungrateful are the general run of republics.

ORE-GON for Hayes.

LEAP YEAR is about leaped out.

THIS is a Centennial winter, sure enough.

THE DECOY PEOPLE'S LAWYER—Mr. Billy Cook.

THE GREAT "OFFICIAL GAMESTERS"—"O. G's." Miller and McDevitt.

THE unique ponderosity of elector Cronin's nose has caused him to be known as "Vesuvius."

"THE wicked shall stand in slippery places." The wickedness of Washington yesterday was tremendous.

PARAGRAPHERS are greatly troubled since the discovery of the well-executed counterfeit one thousand dollar notes.

THE gamblers, when questioned concerning the investigation, invariably reply, "It is fair-oh!" It is not a subject to make game of.

THE wonderful meteor seen in the Western States a few days ago has been discovered to have been the transit of Cronin from Oregon to Washington.

CORRESPONDENTS of Detectives Miller and McDevitt will please remember the necessary affix of "O. G." (official gamester) when addressing them.

BY THE WAY, what condition is Fort Wayne in? It ought to be renovated and prepared for the reception of Democratic revolutionary material as it is found in the flesh.

SINCE MR. BILLY COOK insists upon calling himself the public's attorney in the present investigation before the Police Board, it is suggested that the word "Decoy" be prefixed to his name.

A DEMOCRATIC Congressman wrote a letter to a Southern paper, in which he said, "Oh for one hour of old Calhoun!" and the printer set it up, "Oh for one hair of old Calhoun!" which proved very hair-raising to the member, as he is baldheaded.

MR. BILLY COOK, Major Richards' defender, and the attorney for the gamblers, has grown beautifully small since his true character in the pending police investigation was exposed. What a nice coat of whitewash somebody would have received if Billy's little trick to deceive the public had not been detected in time. But alas! "the best-laid plans of mice and men aft gang aglee."

FORTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, December 29, 1876.

Senate.

The Senate was called to order at 12 m. by PRESIDENT *pro tempore* FERRY and prayer was offered by the chaplain.

Only twelve Senators were in the Chamber when the gavel fell, and at the close of reading the Journal there were nineteen Senators present.

Bills and petitions were offered and presented as follows:

By Mr. ALLISON: That the President's Sioux message be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. So ordered.

Also, that when the Senate adjourn, it be to meet next Tuesday. Adopted.

By Mr. WITHERS. Bill granting pension to Michael Griffin. Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. INGALLS: Resolution calling upon the Secretary of Interior for information in relation to the sale of land granted to the Galveston railroad.

MR. CONKLING APPOINTED IN PLACE OF GEN. LOGAN.

The CHAIR laid before the Senate a dispatch from Mr. LOGAN, dated at Chicago, saying that he was unable to be present in Washington to serve on the committee for considering the question arising in relation to counting the electoral vote, and asking to be excused from service on that committee. He was excused by the Senate, and the CHAIR appointed Mr. CONKLING to fill the vacancy.

MEMORIAL OF WADE HAMPTON.

Mr. GORDON presented a statement in the form of a memorial, signed by Wade Hampton and Mr. Simpson and sixty-eight others, claiming to be Governor, Lieutenant Governor and members of the Legislature, setting forth the political condition of the State officials, the formation of the two Legislatures, the inauguration of the two Governors and the political affairs generally of the State of South Carolina, and praying relief from Congress. Mr. GORDON asked that it be read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

It was read, and

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN moved to amend by striking out Judiciary and inserting Privileges and Elections.

The question was taken and decided in the affirmative, when a division was demanded, which, being taken, disclosed the absence of a quorum, when

Mr. MORRILL, of Vt., moved an adjournment. He yielded for Mr. GORDON to offer a resolution setting forth that Wade Hampton had been legally elected as Governor of South Carolina, that his government was republican in form, and recognizing it as the legal government of the State. He asked that it be printed and lie over, which was ordered, and at 12:30 the Senate adjourned till Tuesday next.

House of Representatives.

Mr. LANE, of Oregon, presented a number of memorials of the Legislature of his State in relation to settlement of public lands, improvement of rivers, and also in relation to fixing the proper boundary line of the State. All of which were appropriately referred.

The House resumed consideration of the unfinished business pending at the adjournment last Friday, which was the consideration of the private bills adopted in Committee of the Whole, all of which bills were passed by the House. Among them was one granting a pension of $30 per month to Mrs. Julia H. Totten, widow of the late Assistant Inspector General James Totten.

The SPEAKER then called the committees for reports of a private nature, but none of them had business prepared to be reported.

Mr. BRIGHT, of Tenn., made an effort to get the House into Committee of the Whole on the private calendar, but as there was no quorum present objection was made, and the House then, at 12:35, adjourned.

POLITICAL NOTES.

Warlike politicians will find ready-made armies at the toy-shops.

Banning must be classed among Ben Hill's "ten thousand fools."

The Democrats are engaged in "official playing."—Trying to euchre President-elect Hayes.

Cronin was better calculated to fill a vacancy than any other man in Oregon; his mind runs that way.

It is a pity that no one was able on Christmas Eve to put in Tilden's stocking that one necessary vote.

The Democratic managers attach a great deal of importance to noise. They are regular gongs, so to speak.

W. D. Griswold, a staunch Democrat, has a very poor opinion of Tilden, and he is not slow to give his reasons. He knows Samuel.

The State capitol building of Iowa has already cost $2,000,000, and will require $1,000,000 more capital to finish it. But it will be a capital building.

The Democrats in Congress, as a last resort propose requesting Dr. Schliemann to look up that lost vote among the tombs on the Acropolis of Mycenæ.

The Milwaukee *Sentinel* has no doubt that the Southern people will prefer the peaceable inauguration of Hayes to the violent inauguration of Tilden.

The *Globe-Democrat*, of St. Louis, proposes giving one year's subscription to the Governor with the shortest message next month. This is G. D. liberal, as *Barnwell Slote* would say.

If Mr. Cronin fled to Virginia to drown his remorse he did wisely. The well-known hospitality of Virginians doesn't permit a friend to drown his remorse in any fluid that costs less than six dollars a gallon.

The Charleston *News*, (Dem.) says: "Those who pay taxes to the Chamberlain officials do so because they are obliged. The public will know where to place such persons." That will be, we suppose, in the list of proscribed persons who during the canvass bought meat of Republican butchers and employed Republican blacksmiths.

An intelligent colored voter of Florida recently, in conversing with a Northern visitor upon the negro vote in the State, said: "I did mean to vote for the Republican President and the Democratic Governor because I knew and liked him. But I just voted the straight Republican ticket. Tell you, sir, the Republican party changed me from property to a voter, and I ain't a going back on it now." This expresses about what the colored voters of all the Southern States feel.

ART NOTES.

Work on the Michael Faraday statue has been resumed by Mr. Burch, a pupil of the late Mr. Foley.

The gardens of the Luxembourg have just received a monumental fountain by the sculptor Carpeaux, and a group by the late sculptor Ferraud.

Etching is becoming more popular in England, and M. Legros, who is a French master in the art, has been appointed a professor of it in South Kensington. This branch of the fine arts is now exciting considerable interest in New York also.

The Assyrian, Babylonian and Aramaean antiquities last collected by Mr. George Smith, who reflected honor upon England, are now in course of examination and arrangement in the British Museum, and are chronologically from the time of Nabopolasar to that of Nidintabal, their story will fill an important gap in ancient history.

The current number of the *Gazette des Beaux Arts* contains, among other things, an elaborate article on the works and peculiar style of Mascacio, and a long discussion of the merits of the English etcher, Evershed, who, in the opinion of the *Gazette*, is not a brilliant colorist like Seymour Haden, and has not the strength of Edwin Edwards, but is especially happy in the delineation of lithe and elegant figures.

Among the interesting objects in the crypt recently discovered by Viollet-le-Duc in the miserable plot of ground bought by them near the church of S. Rocco, Rome, are a gold and silver cup with reliefs representing an Eastern king hunting monkeys; a funeral bed, with frame work of oak and decorations of bronze, and a box inlaid with bas-reliefs of ivory coated in gold, and showing lions eating human bodies.

Mr. Woolner, who recently finished the much-admired bust of Charles Kingsley for Westminster Abbey, is now engaged upon an heroic statue of Captain Cook, which will be placed on a pedestal thirty-five feet high in Sydney, Australia. The captain is supposed to be on the deck of his ship, peering through a telescope at the coast of New South Wales, which has just come within his vision. The inhabitants of the colony are said to venerate the memory of the brave old navigator who discovered for them the existence of land where had been supposed to be only a desolate waste of waters.

LITERARY NOTES.

"Sylvester Sound, the Somnambulist," is a very humorous and entertaining novel, by Henry Cockton, author of "Valentine Vox, the Ventriloquist," and a half dozen other popular stories. It is full of clever hits and unexpected turns and amusing selections.

The "Memorial Poems" of James Russell Lowell—that read at Concord April 19, 1875, "Under the Old Elm at Cambridge," and the ode for the Fourth of July, 1876—have been issued in a neat red-line volume, which will be very welcome to the author's numerous admirers.

Hood's best time for working was at night, when the house was quiet, and his family could hear him moving about his apartment or laughing at his own odd creations. Pecuniary troubles forced him to give up his pleasant England home and for a time reside on the Continent. One of the fruits of this residence was "Up the Rhine."

Royal authors are no longer uncommon personages. In two years days there are Victor Napoleon, the Shah, Dom Pedro, the Bourbon Count of Paris; and now appears Louis I. King of Portugal, who says that he is at least capable of good scholarly work by seriously taking up the task of translating "Hamlet" into his own language. He is a man of good mind, and is said to know English as well as he does Portuguese.

Wm. Howitt, who contributes "A Letter to a Young Naturalist" to January "St. Nicholas," is one of the oldest of British authors. He was born in 1795, and since 1831, when his first volume appeared, has been a diligent patron of the press. He and his excellent wife Mary have produced numerous works in common. There is no more pleasing partnership in the whole history of literature.

That wise and merry person, Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, has been turned into German by a courageous gentleman, Herr L. Absholom. He has made the title of the Autocrat of the Breakfast Table read, "Der Fisch-Despot." The *Nation* thinks that "a cold sweat must have stood on Herr Abenheim when he attempted some of the numerous verses of the Autocrat." In translating the "One-Hoss Shay" he could find no equivalent for "one hoss," poor man.

FASHION NOTES.

Diamond thimbles are the latest.

The napkin is for the knees—not for the throat.

White plush hats are the latest millinery mutation.

Colored cashmere is fashionable for morning wrappers.

Tortoise shell combs always create an elegant impression.

Ball dresses are now worn high at the neck in high circles.

In China snow white coney fur is considered the most elegant.

Some imported dresses are so richly trimmed as to baffle description.

A faint green silk, the color of a new salad, looks well by gaslight.

Gossamer waterproofs are so light that one can be rolled up in the pocket.

CURIOSITY SHOP.

—A quail on toast is worth two in the bush.

—It takes four years to grow lilies from the seed.

—In eating soup, do not twist your arms like distended wings.

—What is demanded of the gas-metre inspectors—a fair count.

—The favorite day with Washington belles is weddin's-day.

—Always to be found on the Cunard steamer—English males.

—Always at war with each other—Spring sunshine and December snow.

—Peculiar circumstances—All the wide-awake railroads run sleeping cars.

—A Washington, Pa., gent has espoused his fourth bride in the same pair of gloves.

—J. H. Goodnight has just been sent to the Kentucky lunatic asylum. Good night!

—In Lapland dead human bodies are frozen hard. This is a kind of ice cremation.

—Many a young man who considers himself an Apollo is only an Apollogy for a man.

—The man of quiet habits and tastes goes about the house in slippers and takes his bitters behind the door.

—It is proposed to put a roof, composed of glass and iron, over the whole of the ruined town of Pompeii.

—That "Gainesboro' hat" is called nine parts hat and one part animated broomstick, with clinging drapery.

—"Mark the soft-falling snow" does not apply to an avalanche from the house-top that smashes your best hat.

—The export of canned meats the past year amounts to nearly $1,000,000, or nearly double what it was the year before.

—Tramps out West now claim that they are Philadelphia cousins, who have just dropped in to return a Centennial visit.

—Moral for young married men residing in the suburbs. When you miss the last train at night, you're sure to catch it at home the next evening.

—Now that he is wearing the new embroidered slippers her fair hands worked for him, he thinks how much more comfortable the old ones were.

—The old story: A laborer, aged nineteen, has been tried at Norwich, England, for a dangerous assault upon his wife's mother. Penal servitude for seven years.

—An English writer says that at a country fair in Wales you are expected to exchange some little token with every man you meet. If you don't it will make the Welsh rare a bit.

—A Broadway (N. Y.) India rubber firm recently telegraphed to St. Louis, "Arctic shoes, St. Louis size, are not built in this city. But we can send you a model of the Great Eastern."

—Every once in a while some scientist rises and says that the moon is dead. This scientific fact is what makes young lovers on a frosty night linger at the gate and look up at the corpse.

—The records of the Arctic expedition show that the total abstainers were stronger and more capable than the drinkers; were less liable to scurvy; suffered less from cold, and could do more work.

—Don't get up and cuss when you happen to sit down on a coal-hole cover; sit still a moment and meditate on the fact that the people of Southern California are now doubled up with green cucumbers.

—A Louisiana paper wants to know what a New York citizen would think if he saw in New Orleans the most beautiful girls in the world? Probably he would think of—in New Orleans—more lasses.

—The Paris police have just been armed with a small but powerful little lamp, which they conceal under the overcoat, but by whose aid they can instantly throw a blinding light on objects and identify offenders.

—This season the ladies go to balls and parties in long, black, fur-lined circulars, and look like a lot of escaped nuns with their hair fixed decently. But they are infinitely better and warmer than opera cloaks.

—The tramp has rights which the Supreme Court of Ohio is bound to respect. It has decided that conductors have no right to eject passengers from trains for stealing a ride except at regular stations of the road.

—"Jamie, why do you not be after the getting the life of you insured?" "An' why should I, my honey?" "Ah, indade, that after you are dead and gone you may be sure of a comfortable subsistence for yourself and family.

—Brown, poor as a church mouse, married a rich widow. Soon stretched upon his death bed, he made the following codicil to his will: 'I bequeath to my loving wife all her property, provided she forever remains a widow."

—The young women of a New York congregation are invited to bring to a church fair cakes of their own baking, and we have the most positive assurance that the object is not to kill the patrons of the institution. But it is a curious proposition.

—A citizen of Huntington, Vt., has a cat which is in the habit of going into a stable on cold winter nights and getting on the back of one of the cows and remaining there during the night, having discovered that this is an effective way to keep warm.

—Justice Willes, of England, was in the habit of interrupting counsel. A lawyer who was thus annoyed one day said to him: "Your lordship is even a greater man than your father. The chief baron used to understand me after I had done, but your lordship understands me before I begin."

—"I'm a Philadelphia alderman," said a pompous little man, as he approached the turnstile on the opening day of the Centennial Exhibition. "Oh! that's no matter," answered the gatekeeper. "That don't exclude you. Pay your fifty cents and you can go in just the same as the rest."

—Rustic, who had just been informed of the meaning of the "B. D." affixed to the parson's name on the preaching notice: "Bagheler of Divinity! Then that there man's a bachelor, an' he preaches, by my ways o' thinking!" Informant: "Why not?" "'Cause he calls himself a bachelor, an' I knows he's a married man!"

—"See the Great Bear," he remarked, as he stood at the kitchen window, coal scuttle in hand, and pointed up into the starlit heavens, "see how each glit—ah, that's the dipper," he added, as she hit him over the head with the first tin that came handy, and made him see stars as he waltzed down the cellar steps to the coal bin.

—The college boys are at home for vacation. This is usually the season when the head of the family looks over their accounts, and on coming to the items discreetly recorded as "charity," pauses and mildly inquires if college students are expected to support the entire charitable systems of Massachusetts and Connecticut.

GREEN-ROOM NOTES.

Miss Eytinge is reported at Pittsburg, Pa.

Albani is the reigning sensation in Paris.

Mrs. Oates and her troupe are in New Orleans.

Borders at Daly's are in future to be printed on zinc.

Clara Morris is suffering from a violent attack of neuralgia.

"Sardanapalus" leaves Boston for [Springfield on January 3.

All the managers are making their scenery uninflammable.

Madame Nilsson is to sing next month at the Vienna Court theatre.

Four new exits have been made from the auditorium of the Union Square theatre.

Dion Boucicault is revising his five-act play written by Mark Twain and Bret Harte.

Toronto will bask in the smiles of Miss Adelaide Neilson for five nights after January 24.

Mrs. Chanfrau, supported by her own company, will play in Reading on the 5th of next month.

On Christmas afternoon and evening "Pique" was presented in Brooklyn by the Fifth Avenue Company.

Miss Laura McNeil, an actress attached to a company of traveling artists, died November 24, at Tyler, Texas.

E. L. Davenport will play a two weeks' engagement at the Walnut Street theatre, Philadelphia, commencing January 8.

Herr Wachtel has met with great success, and drawn crowded houses as Raoul in the "Huguenots" in Amsterdam and Rotterdam.

Mr. Boucicault will be accompanied in his provincial tour by Mr. Geo. Hoey, who will play Robert Fiolliot in the "Shaughraun."

The engagement between Mlle. Grevy, daughter of the former President of the French Legislature, and Capoul, the opera tenor, is reported as broken off.

The widow of the great pianist, Sigismund Thalberg, who will be recalled as a daughter of the great bass, Louis Lablache, has entered a suit against Mlle. Zare Thalberg to prevent the latter from singing under her father's name.

Paulton, the famous dramatic author, was invited by Garrick to write a ballet with plenty of smart dialogue in it for the present lessee of Drury Lane. "Oh, I see," said the author actor wag, "you want a ton of chatter for a Chatterton."

In the Superior Court of New York on Thursday last, in the suit of Hiram B. Phillips, administrator of Chas. M. Barras, against David Bidwell, for royalty for the use of the play of "The Black Crook," the jury gave the plaintiff a verdict for $3,000.

The musical people, at last accounts, were distributed as follows: Liszt was in Pesth, Wachtel in Berlin, Rubinstein and Marie Heilbronn in St. Petersburg, Clara Schumann and Pauline Lucca in Baden Baden, Wagner and Pictorn in Italy, Vieuxtemps in Paris, Anna Mehlig in Stuttgart, and Patti in Russia.

In the recently published "Life of Moscheles" we find an entry in his diary dated November 22, 1846, (Mendelssohn being then thirteen years of age,) to the following effect: "This afternoon I gave Felix Mendelssohn his first lesson without losing sight for a single moment of the fact that I was sitting next a master and a pupil."

Henry Irving is performing "Macbeth" in London. He contemplates giving "Richard III," with the original text delineating the high-comedy of *Richard's* character. The critics are opening the question whether *Glaurer* was as bad as he is painted. "Mr. Irving," the New York *Herald* correspondent says, "will probably present a sentimental, regenerated *Richard*."

"Harold," Tennyson's new drama, is pronounced by the critics as superior to "Queen Mary." It opens at the period when William was yet Duke of Normandy, Edward the Confessor (a Norman in religious feeling) on the throne of England, and Harold, one of the four sons of Godwin, the most favored of the nobles about the throne, and the Saxon candidate for the succession.

Fred. Kent, a low comedian, once very popular, stopped a panic in a Brooklyn theatre by rushing to the foot-lights, striking an attitude of mock tragedy, and shouting in tones that pierced every part of the house: "Better stay 'round—better stay 'round—goin' to cut a watermelon soon!" The effect was instantaneous. There was a roar of laughter, momentary diversion, during which the fire was supressed, and the farce went on.

Mr. Hermann Linde, the German gentleman who recites in his own language from memory, and without a single omission, half a dozen plays or more of Shakspeare, gave a long scene from "Julius Cæsar," in Baltimore, the other day, in English, and without reference to the text. It was done after merely two weeks' study, and his foreign accent was very slight. He expects to be able, after six weeks' diligent application, to recite the entire play in English, and with so little German accent as to be thoroughly agreeable to his American auditors.

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