A MAMMOTH NEWSPAPER.

Sheet Six by Eight Feet in Size Printed in 1859.

Probably the largest single sheet newspaper ever printed was The Illuminated Quadruple Constellation, published in New York July 4, 1859. It was six feet by eight feet four inches in size, four pages to a side. A copy of it is now owned by John S. Jones, the veteran editor of The Westporter-Herald, of Westport, this state, says the Hartford (Conn.) Times. It was given to him by Miss Elizabeth De Revere, of Tarrytown, N. Y., and was originally the property of her brother, an intimate friend of Mr. Jones' younger days.

Each page of this mammoth paper has 13 columns. The length of the columns is 18 inches. The paper weighed 200 pounds to the ream and cost $60 a ream—12 times more than a ream of Herald, Times or Tribune paper cost at that time. The weight of the paper required for the limited edition of 28,000 copies was equal to that required for more than 200,000 of the Times and Herald. To produce the mastodon paper it required eight weeks of unceasing labor of nearly 40 persons.

The paper is elaborately illustrated, portraits including those of President Buchanan, Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, Horace Greeley, James Gordon Bennett, Edward Everett and a number of others. Pictures are given of Gen. Jackson at New Orleans, Gen. Scott entering Mexico, Perry on Lake Erie and kindred patriotic subjects. Columns upon columns of miscellaneous reading matter are given. The paper sold at 50 cents a copy, with ten cents additional when sent through the mail.

The wonder to the average printer is how the massive forms were "made up" in order to stand "lifting," and, above all, where there was a press in those days with a bed sufficiently large to accommodate so great a sheet. Mr. Jones has written to old-time printers and newspapers in New York seeking information on this point, but so far without success. He has yet to find among them a person who remembers the sheet.

Twenty-five dollars have been offered for Mr. Jones' copy, but he says it is not for sale.

HAD TO PAY.

Suspicious English Traveler Neatly Fooled by His Guide.

A somewhat obnoxious Englishman recently went for his usual summer holidays, and chose as his resort a small village away among the mountains of Scotland. Not long after he arrived at the place he was told that there were some remarkable echoes in the neighborhood, but he determined that he would accept no mere reports that were circulated in regard to the matter.

Being exceedingly suspicious as to the nature of these echoes, he resolved to make careful investigations, and, taking a native of the place to show him some of the most celebrated spots, he sallied forth, determined to expose the scheme of trickery which he believed was in existence.

The "Southron" behaved in such a dictatorial fashion to the worthy Scot, and spoke in such tones of command, that the latter resolved to embrace the first opportunity of taking the stranger down. By and by a splendid chance presented itself, and the guide conducted the Englishman to a hill not very far from the door of a wayside alehouse.

"Shout as loud as ye can: 'Twa pots o' beer," said the Scot.

Though he had been very suspicious in regard to the echoes, the visitor was not suspicious enough at that moment, and promptly did as he was told.

"I don't hear any echo," he remarked, after pausing a moment.

"Nor do I," said the guide, with the utmost coolness; "but here's the man with the beer!"

The Englishman had, of course, to pay.—London Tit-Bits.

The Force of Habit.

An amusing instance of force of habit is reported in an English newspaper. A lady walking in the country with a brother lately returned from the war in South Africa was greatly alarmed, not at the sound of blasting from a neighboring quarry, but at her brother's falling flat to the ground at the instant. She, of course, assumed that he had been injured; but it turned out that he had been in the habit for months, by order, of prostrating himself on the veldt at the sound of a gun. Mechanical obedience of this kind has been effectively utilized in the case of suspected deserters. An abrupt shout of "Halt" brings any man who was lately in the ranks to a sudden standstill.

STORY OF WOMAN'S DEVOTION

Cost Her $5,000, and She Married Another Fellow at That.

A remarkable story of a woman's devotion to the man she loved is evolved from a decision handed down by the Illinois supreme court. It probably ends one of the most famous suits of the McLean county courts. It has been running the gamut of the upper and lower benches for seven years. When Charles Whitney fled from Cleveland, O., in 1894, and experts put to work on his books by his employers, Daykin Bros., showed that he was short $10,000 in his accounts, the first chapter was written. Olga Greenwaldt, a society girl of this city, loved Whitney, and at once took steps to get him out of the scrape. She exerted every effort to settlement with Daykin Bros., and finally succeeded in securing an agreement from them to cancel the indebtedness by the payment of $6,000. Miss Greenwaldt owned a three-story business building here, valued at $10,000, and she offered to give this to Thomas Paige, of Cleveland, O., a friend of Whitney, as security for the loan of $6,000. Paige finally agreed, but when he sought possession of the property he was denied, and later was made a defendant in a suit to set aside this agreement and to secure the return of the $6,000.

Miss Greenwaldt did not marry Whitney, as was predicted, but instead married a Peorian named Hieronymous. The case was fought in the various courts, and many adverse decisions were handed down. Now comes the supreme court reversing the previous ruling awarding the property to the woman, and instead gives it to Paige. The higher court finds that Paige was an innocent party in the efforts to free Whitney, and that he was innocent of the alleged compounding of a felony. Paige is now privileged to secure possession of the property so long in litigation. Whitney, who was the object of Miss Greenwaldt's friendship, is now in China.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

GERMAN PROFESSORS.

Not as Liberally Paid at Home as When Teaching Abroad.

The price of brains in Germany, like other marketable commodities, seems to be regulated by the law of supply and demand. There was pointed out to me the other day one of the most eminent and learned scholars in the world, whose compensation for the last eight or ten years has been $52 a month, and the good man seems to be satisfied with his income. Another of the most famous pundits in Germany has been living on $60 a month since he could remember, with an occasional honorarium from some magazine for an article. We have heard how much Mr. Astor pays his cook and Mr. Whitney the jockey that rides his horses at the races, and the profits derived by the authors of sensational novels are enough to hire a whole faculty of the ablest and most learned German professors.

As a rule salaries are much lower in this country than in the United States, except in a few official positions. The ministers of the empire receive three or four times the amount paid to our cabinet ministers in Washington, and they all have handsome houses to live in free of cost and servants paid by the government, but their subordinates have about one-third of the salaries paid to men occupying similar positions in the executive department of the United States. —W. E. Curtis, in Chicago Record-Herald.

GAS EATS UP OXYGEN.

Why Ventilation Is Necessary When Rooms Are Lighted.

Some interesting calculations were made the other day to show why extra ventilation is necessary at night when the rooms are lighted.

That the amount of oxygen in a room is decreased alarmingly by our methods of illumination the following simple statements show:

A man may exist for an hour in a fair-sized room hermetically sealed if he has no light burning. Place a lighted candle in that room with him and his existence will be shortened by 15 minutes.

If he has a lamp instead of a candle in order to make himself more comfortable with additional light, he would live only half an hour.

If he had two good gas burners, he would scarcely have time to make his will, for he would not live more than five minutes.—N. Y. World.

Poor Advertisement.

A business man who gets drunk and reels around the streets is getting a mighty big advertisement; but it isn't a good one.—Atchison Globe.

BREVITIES OF FUN.

"Handsome is as handsome does," says the proverb; but if a girl is handsome she does as she pleases.—Chicago Daily News.

"Here!" he growled, "what do you mean by waking me out of a sound sleep?" "Because, dear," replied his wife, sweetly, "it was such a distressing sound."—Philadelphia Press.

"Germans always have trouble trying to pronounce the English 'v.' There is Dermyer. He always calls poetry 'werse.'" "Maybe he has been reading some of yours, and intends to call it that."—Indianapolis News.

Grandma—"Now, Willie, what are they going to do with you when you grow up? What is your ambition? Little Willie (putting down his 'Deadwood Dick')—"I'd like to have people tremble like aspen leaves at the very mention of my name."—Boston Christian Register.

At the Hospital.—"To be sure," said the kindly minister to the man who had lost both his legs in a railway accident. "You have been seriously injured, but you must be grateful that your life is spared." "Yes," said the sufferer, trying to look cheerful; "I can't kick." — Somerville Journal.

Local—"I am writing a short notice about the appointment of our townsman, Lakwit, to the position of town auditor. I really can't say that he has any fitness for the place, and yet, on personal grounds, I prefer to associate his name with the appointment in some complimentary way." Editor in Chief—"Why can't you speak of him as a man of rare good judgement? I am sure there is no one of our acquaintance whom good judgement is so rare."—Richmond Dispatch.

GREEN STATION AGENT.

Flagged the Train Because Somebody Might Want to Get Off.

A railroad man told this story to the conductor in charge of the train on the next track.

"The La Crosse division established a new flag station the other day," said he. "It's nothing but a whistling post, but the road built a platform and laid a sidetrack.

"There was not enough business to pay the company to put a regular agent out there, so the old fellow who keeps the store was appointed as a kind of an agent. Well, the first day after he got his appointment, the through passenger train was coming at about 40 miles an hour, and there was the old fellow on the platform, waving his little old red flag. The engineer put on the air and the train stopped at the platform. When the conductor jumped off there wasn't a man in sight except the man that ran the store.

"'Where's your passengers?' the conductor asked him.

"'Why,' he says, 'I haven't got any passengers.'

"'What did you flag us for?'

"'I thought mebbe someone wanted to get off here.'

"What do you think of that?"—Milwaukee Sentinel.

WANTED STOPPING UP.

Case Well Diagnosed That Might Fit Many a Church.

The congregation had suffered much discomfort from a very perceptible draught in church. The matter came up for discussion at the vestry meeting, when various remedies were suggested. After much talking the vicar addressed himself to an elderly parishioner, who had hitherto been silent:

"Can not you help us in our difficulty, Mr. G——? We should be glad to hear your views."

"Well, sir, bein' as you've appealed to me, I can only say that agen you're 'alf-way thro' t' sermon we begins to feel like as tho' thee's a deal o' waste wind a bout."

This was greeted with laughter, in which the vicar joined, remarking:

"Possibly our friend finds my discourses to be of a breezy character."

"Dear, dear, no, sir! My meanin's simply this. When we've bin perched i' one spot for well-nigh 50 minit a list'nin' to yer, we're more'n ever persuaded there's a 'ole somweer wants stoppin' up!"—London Tit-Bits.

X-Rays and the Heart.

Doctors state that by means of the X-rays it is possible to determine beyond doubt whether heart disease is or is not present in any particular case. Under the penetrating rays the whole outline of the heart can be discerned and anything abnormal in its size or shape detected.

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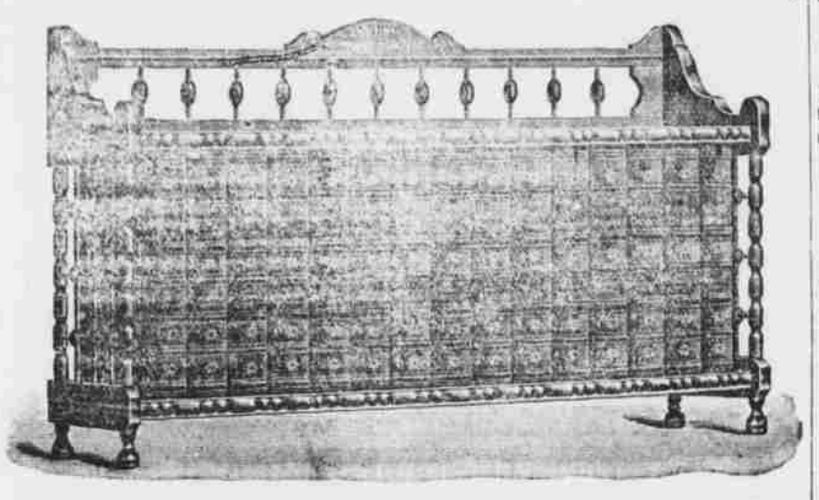

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All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them for allowance to the administrator within one year after the date of said letters or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from the date of said letters they will be forever barred.

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