

A Maine woman has secured a divorce from her husband on the ground of desertion, alleging that he went to temperance meetings six days during the week and on Sunday went to church.

The career of the famous Little Pittsburg mine, near Deadville, furnishes a good example of the vicissitudes of mining. Once stocked for \$20,000,000 and paying dividends on that vast capital, it has recently been sold on a judgment for \$20,000.

There has been an extended discussion in the press of late of a single term for the presidency. It is quite evident that an amendment to the federal constitution to that effect will be pressed before congress, with every probability of its passage and submission to the several States.

If there are any congressional contests to be made, let the matter go before the Senate or House committees on elections, but break up the mischievous, demoralizing and partisan investigations, which are to hear any evidence however irrelevant it may be, if it only abuses the South; and issue futile denunciations of this section on every possible occasion.

Most of the time of the last session of congress was taken up by the tariff; a large portion of the present session promises to be devoted to a similar discussion. The Democrats seem determined to force the Republicans to debate their own tariff bill, certain that the discussion will place them in an awkward light before the country, if it does not cause serious dissensions in their ranks.

Mr. Chandler has announced his determination to energetically press his resolution to investigate the late Louisiana State election. He thinks there will be no trouble in passing it, and hopes that he will have his committee working by the holidays, when it can either come to New Orleans to pursue its inquiries or hear the testimony in Washington without the trouble of a trip South.

The people of London spend yearly between \$6,000,000 and \$7,000,000 for potted plants and cut flowers. Oddly enough, the flowers do not come from English greenhouses, but from Holland, France and Italy. A single florist in Southern France sends annually \$60,000 worth of white lilacs, snowdrops, lillies-of-the-valley and roses to the London market.

The attempt to establish a daily communication between Lockport, N. Y., and Buffalo by carrier doves seems likely to succeed. Lately two doves were liberated in Lockport, with messages to persons in Buffalo. The distance is twenty-five miles, and the air was full of flying snowflakes, but the doves arrived at their destination in Buffalo in safety, making the journey in a little over three hours.

There was a cotton-picking bee on George Truit's farm, near La Grange, Georgia, the other day and the pickers came near breaking the record. One man picked 568 pounds, another 570, another 547, and an old negro woman picked 312 pounds, besides milking the cows in the morning and at night. On being told what she had done, the old aunty said: "Well, I duang what's gitting in the ole nigger. Now, when ole master used to stan' ober me wid a strop I couldn't do dat. I spee it am dem big bolle ob cotton what am de matter wid my ole fingers."

The wave motor, which was begun at Point Lobos, about three years ago, is nearly completed. As described by a San Francisco paper, "It is a machine for utilizing the dashing in of the waves by turning their power into practical use, such as furnishing water for sprinkling the streets, flushing the sewers, and even driving the cable cars. Only one piston has been put in as yet. This pumps at the rate of three barrels per minute. The motor will run from eighteen to twenty hours per day, and if the wind and the tide are favorable can be worked throughout the whole twenty-four."

THIRD PARTIES.

A broad gauge train cannot be run on a narrow gauge track, and this is the secret of the failure of third partyism. The people of the United States are constructed on the broad gauge plan and third parties, based on one idea, are narrow gauge tracks. Third parties are originated by cranks on one idea. They dwell on one idea until it becomes in their minds an issue, it is submitted to the people, who are not cranks and have not dwelt on one idea till it has become an issue in their minds, and, the people repudiate it, or at least fail to see it in the light of those lamps. Accepting the correctness of the know-nothing idea, of the greenback idea, of the prohibition idea, those would-be parties failed, not necessarily because the ideas were wrong, but because they were one-sided. A hundred grave questions of principle and policy are embraced in the life of a nation, and the great parties are great because they aggregate and include many subjects, and men divide on parties on broad gauged principles, and to accept a third party, they are asked to abnegate and ignore ninety-nine ideas, made part of their ideas of government for the sake of one. This is impossible unless the idea is a big and embracing one. It was done once in this country, in the case of the abolition party, but that was an exception and is susceptible of explanation, for in that case, sentiment and passion were invoked, and the judgment of a nation was obscured by passion. In cool and sober judgment, no single idea can win in American politics. In this light, prohibition and the single land tax are dead, because they are single ideas and not such ideas as are capable of arousing sentiment and passion as was the case in the abolition party.

No offense is meant to those enthusiasts whom we have called cranks. The crank is a wholesome factor at times. He has more than once revolutionized nations going to destruction or dying with the dry rot and has been the benefactor of his race or nation. But the mistake must not be made that because cranks have at times been the saviors of nations that therefore all cranks are public benefactors. One idealism may at times have saving grace but not necessarily at all times. It was not in know-nothingism or in greenbackism and it does not seem to be in prohibition. It may safely be said that third parties are only feelers and the only true test of them is just such a test as a shrewd Pharisee of the Bible proposed for the doctrines and works of the new sect of Christians, "If this work be of man it will come to nought, if it be of God nought can prevail against it." The prohibitionist can safely use that test and conclude that the prohibition party is not the party destined to save the country. As a corollary to this would be a common sense resolve not to waste his labor or vote on a party which manifest destiny has reasonably proved is not the party to save the country.

THERE IS ROMANCE IN CRIME AS WELL AS VIRTUE.

John Sage, of Marion, Ind., was arrested Wednesday for a murder committed several years ago, for which his divorced wife is now serving a life sentence at the reformatory at Indianapolis. Both were arrested soon after the commission of the crime. At the trial Mrs. Sage confessed to have drowned her little daughter, aged three years, because the child stood in the way of her marriage with Sage. The woman went to prison for life, and the man was exonerated. Recently Sage applied for a divorce on the ground that she was serving a life sentence for murder, and it was granted. Since then the divorced wife has denounced Sage as a murderer equally as guilty as herself, and says he was the sole instigator of the crime. She was recently taken before the Blackford county grand jury, and an indictment for murder in the first degree was drawn on the strength of her testimony.

The truth is that the race question is settling itself. The relations of the two races at the south are far more peaceable and mutually helpful than they were five years ago. If the politicians will cease their appeals to prejudice and ignorance, and will keep at the front an issue that appeals to voters without respect to "respect," color or previous condition of servitude—as the tariff issue does—the color line in politics will disappear.

NEWS NOTES.

The monster 111-ton cannon recently manufactured in Germany carries twenty miles.

At an election for officers of the senior class of the Maryland college of pharmacy Fred W. Bowers, of Shreveport, La., was elected secretary.

A circle is to be made at the junction of Sixteenth and U streets with New Hampshire avenue, Washington D. C., and named after Gen. Hancock.

"I have given up all sorts of liquid, even gravy," is the latest slang saying in New York City just now. It is the expression of an inebriate in the play of "Sweet Lavender."

The Emperor of Austria has learned the American game of poker, and the edict against that game which is now in force in Austria is to be rescinded.

The present Georgia legislature contains more farmers than any of its recent predecessors. There are sixty-nine farmers in the house, against forty-six lawyers.

In Mexico the word of God does not appear in the constitution or laws. Consequently a constitutional protest which is equivalent to the oath of office is used at an installation.

A vein of gold quartz has been discovered in one of the streets of Helena, M. T. It is seven feet wide and assays handsomely. Property owners in the vicinity are naturally excited.

The farm of the late James Frame, near Hamilton, Loudoun county, Va., has been sold to Mr. A. J. Nicholson, a son of Major Nicholson, of the United States marine corps, for \$92 per acre.

Three twelve-pound cannon balls and one four-pounder were found in Rutland, Vt., by a workman engaged in excavating for the foundation of a new mill. They are supposed to be the relics of the Burgoyne campaign in 1777.

The Paris prefect of police has bought a wooden horse, harness, and all candidates for cabmen must show that they know how to harness and unharness it, and pass an examination on whatever other tests the prefect may impose.

The disuse of bobtail cars in New York must be considered the result of agitation. The entire stock of fifty-two discarded bobtail cars on one road was recently trundled away for transportation, much to the pleasure of their New York patrons.

For the first time since the death of her husband, King Alfonso, in 1885, the Queen Regent went to the opera in Madrid on Nov. 16, in company with Queen Pia of Portugal. After a long and sore trial Christians is very popular in Spain, and her reappearance was greeted with great satisfaction.

Workers in the Indian mills of the Bombay Presidency work from day-break to sunset, nearly fourteen hours, in the summer time, with twenty minutes to half an hour for meals, and only a free Sunday about once a month, they being required to clean the machines on other Sundays.

The Vermont Legislature having refused women the right to vote in municipal elections, certain women have sent in a petition declaring that "taxation without representation is tyranny," and asking to have all taxes removed from property owned by women.

What is needed by this country more than anything else is that the people should be more circumspect in their selection of Congressmen. If the quality of both houses goes on deteriorating as it has the last twenty years, there will be opportunity for an early historian to write, "The Rise and Fall of the North American Republic."

L. Follender, a Roumanian, who keeps a lodging house in Kansas City, has received authentic information that he is one of two heirs to an estate of \$7,000,000, left by an uncle in Roumania. Follender was so overjoyed by his good luck that he went on a big spree, took morphine to induce sleep, and was only saved by hard work and a stomach pump from missing his fortune.

Bishop Wilson, of the Methodist Episcopal church south, who is traveling abroad accompanied by his wife, has left China and is going towards India. They expect to arrive in Calcutta on December 24, after which they will visit Bombay and leave there on January 18, and arrive at Port Said on January 29. From Port Said they will go to Italy. Bishop Wilson is expected home about the last week in February, in time to attend the conference.

It is estimated that there are 2,500 women in the United States who hold diplomas from medical colleges, either American or foreign. Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell, who graduated in 1848, is said to be the first woman doctor. The first one in Sweden is Carolina Widerstrom, who has recently been engaged by the Thule Life Insurance company to examine women who wish to insure their lives. The physician of the Milwaukee county hospital is Dr. Anna McConnell.

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