

have become so jealous of their privileges that they have reduced the staff officers of that service in rank, and are trying to degrade them still lower. It is because some of the latter are mere clerks, and the aristocracy of the line wish to make the line of social demarcation so clear that it may be seen by those who are unable to distinguish between gentlemen? Or is it because the staff have paid for their own education instead of being educated at Government expense? We can do without admirals, as the war of our glorious old Commodore has shown; but we cannot do without engineers in these days of iron-clad steamers.

We think it time some more republican system of training the youth of our country to arms should be adopted. Every citizen of the republic should have an equal chance in gratuity his own expense for military education and for army service, and as he would as willingly pay for it as he now does for a legal, medical or other professional education, Congress should provide the means. We want no exclusive academies, whose certificates are equivalent to titles of nobility, and whose class spirit controls the military and navy of the Government. We want a system which kills all aspiration among the people. We want schools all over the country of equal work and influence, and where every man who chooses to pay for his own education in army or navy matters may do so with the assurance that if he passes the examination of a proper Government board his name shall be entered for service when wanted.

Already the Government has granted aid to the States for agricultural colleges. Why not make these the germ of a new military system, by assigning military officers, at Government expense, to teach the art to the people of these colleges. It would at once give the desired impetus to these institutions, and would bring the most part to a slow death, and also give officers something to do. The Constitution authorized Congress to organize the militia of the United States. What better method of offering an efficient military reserve in each State than to have a school in it where any father may send his son at his own expense, with the assurance that in passing his examination he will be commissioned, and may be called into the national service.

We throw out this idea to germinate in the brains of our lawyers, not having space in this article to develop its details. WONDERS WILL NEVER CEASE.—A Silver Brick" lies in the window of the Helmsick Silver Mining Company, on Seventh street, May building, marked "Bar No. 15, silver, January 25, 1870, 100 ounces, 624 lbs, from Stewart Silver Reduction Works, Georgetown, Colorado, from the Danenberg and Bonding lodes, value \$130,000. The reduction is from 3,700 pounds of refuse per ton from the above lodes, thus giving a yield of \$60.33 to the ton. The mines are the property of the Helmsick Silver Mining Company, and is owned by Washington parties entirely. The company is well organized, with ample capital to push forward its great tunnel enterprise. Before the month of June these silver lodes will be reached to a depth of two hundred and fifty feet, when a yield of \$60 per ton is fully expected; and when so reached four tons per day can be mined at a small cost per ton.

A well-known professor of this city, who has made the reputation of a first-class scholar, is now in the neighborhood of Georgetown, Colorado, says: "From present indications and developments they indicate the richest mineral region in the world." The tunnel privileges of the company amount to 15,900,000 feet of the surface measurement and about 200,000 lineal feet of ore veins, some of them eight feet thick, embracing the most valuable portion of this well known mountain. It will be seen by their advertisement that there is a limited amount of stock of this company for sale. Parties wishing to purchase can now have an opportunity of making their investments. The silver brick and native ore can be seen in their window, at the office of Hall & Ross, Seventh street, May building.

We have received from Philip & Solomon Hayter's Bazar for March 5.

MARRIED. MAHONEY-TRAY.—On February 10, at 10 o'clock, by Rev. J. H. B. Tracy, Rev. J. H. B. Tracy, Miss Rita Tracy, both of Washington. No cards.

DIED. MILLER.—On Monday, the 28th instant, Mrs. M. M. Miller, wife of J. W. Miller, died at her residence, 1037 Pennsylvania avenue, at 10 o'clock. She was 70 years of age. Burial at 11 o'clock at the National cemetery. Friends are invited to attend the funeral at 2 o'clock on Wednesday at the residence, 1037 Pennsylvania avenue. No flowers.

Underwriters. HARVEY & MARR, UNDERTAKERS. NO. 235 F STREET. Between Ninth and Tenth.

Hats, Caps, Boots, and Shoes. SPRING FASHIONS FOR GENTS. H. H. HENNING, 217 F STREET.

WHILE OTHERS ARE DISPOSING OF THEIR STOCK, WE ARE BUYING IT. STRASBURGER BROS. Have just opened a large assortment of new

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"THE SITUATION." Its Complications.—Their Origin and Solution.

By the Hon. J. W. McPherson, Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary, U. S. Senate. NUMBER 2. The complications of "The Situation" are the legitimate results of the rebellion, inaugurated by the different and conflicting opinions of the President on the one side and by the Congress on the other, under the administration which followed close upon its termination.

These antagonistic relations between the executive and legislative branches of the Government, and the consequent confusion of the public mind, have made it impossible for the people to see their way clearly.

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Special Notices.

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