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## UNDERGROUND FORTS.

In a recent number of La Nature Colonel Hennebert of the Belgian Army describes underground forts, which have come into use in Belgium, as one of the principal methods of national defense. One of these forts is like an enlarged molehill, and is built of concrete. Measuring fifty metres in length, from thirty to forty metres in width, it is about twelve metres below the surface of the ground, and the greatest height above the earth is no more than three or four metres. It presents the appearance of an elliptical cap placed on the ground, and is scarcely visible to the eye. At the center of this artificial rock are three armored towers, each with two heavy guns. There are also four small forts, which are pulled in and run out at pleasure, each armed with two rapid firing guns. At three suitable places there are armored points of observation, from two of which at night the electric light can be flashed to watch the operations of the enemy. Below this surface the earth is hollowed out in the form of a huge well with armored sides, which is divided up into sections, each part protected with armor, one part for provisions and ammunition, another for machinery, which includes the dynamo and accumulators for the lighting of the whole fort, hydraulic machines for working the movable turrets and sending them ammunition, pumps for supplying these engines with water, and a series of ventilators to keep the air pure. Communication with the outer world is made by a subterranean gallery, the length of which varies according to surrounding circumstances. The ceiling of this gallery is from eight to ten metres below the surface. To gain access to the fort a hydraulic piston is worked. This raises a ladder which runs along the whole length of the fort, and lowers the door of the outlet, which is protected by armor twenty centimeters in thickness, and is under the fire of two of the movable forts. All movements, such as change of guard, arrivals of supplies, etc., are reported by telephone or telegraph. The guard does not work the hydraulic piston except at command, and when the sentries in one of the movable forts have reconnoitered the visitors. Finally the gallery communicating with the outer world is strongly fortified by an armored door defended by two mitrailleuses. One of the greatest objections by generals to forts, that they absorb numbers of men who are wanted in the field, cannot be urged against these subterranean forts, for the garrison consists of thirty or forty mechanics and specialists only, whose absence would not appreciably weaken the regiment from which they are drawn. The cost of one of these forts is, we are told, about £100,000.

## THE IOWA VOTE.

The Executive Council completed the official canvass of the returns on the vote for President. The total vote is 404,130, divided as follows: Republican, 211,508; Democratic, 179,877; Union Labor, 9,100; Prohibition, 3,550. Harrison's plurality is 31,732.

FATHER MAHONEY, of New York, who was denied by Archbishop Corrigan the privilege of marrying a couple in the cathedral because of his friendship for Dr. McGlynn, maintains the correctness of his position.

W. C. T. U.

Quite a number of saloon paid journals are publishing articles defamatory of the W. C. T. U. society. This organization has for its membership the best and purest women of the country, who sacrifice their time and substance for the raising up of the fallen, the undoing of the saloonist's work—the keeping of the young from his toils—therefore these unjust and unmanly publications.

THE republicans have the First House and they have it through the votes of congressmen elected in the old slave States—Maryland, West Virginia, Tennessee, Louisiana and Missouri. Having the Presidency, the Supreme Court and both houses of congress, what more do they want? Why are our wide-mouthed Radical friends insisting with such clamor on their ability to swallow knives and drink barrels of blood? Who doubts it?

THE heaviest rains known in Texas for some time have been falling incessantly for about two weeks, doing great damage to, if not entirely ruining, the top of cotton. The roads have become so bad that it is almost impossible for the farmers to get to town with what cotton they already have baled for market, unless the rain ceases.

## VIRGINIA RETURNS.

The following is the official vote of Virginia: Cleveland, 151,977; Harrison, 150,438; Fisk, 1,678.

THE official count of the vote of Maine complete gives Harrison 73,734; Cleveland, 50,482; Fisk, 2,690; Streeter, 1,345. Harrison's plurality, 23,252.

THE vote of Kentucky, by official count, stood: Cleveland, 183,800; Harrison, 155,134; Fisk, 5,225; Streeter, 622; Belva Lockwood, 2.

THE electoral vote of California, officially canvassed, is: Harrison, 124,809; Cleveland, 117,729; Fisk, 5,761; Curtis, 1,591.

THE official canvass of the vote of Wisconsin shows that Harrison's plurality is 21,321; Hoard's, 20,273.

## Smallpox Again.

Word comes from the LaChappelle family, near Gervais, that they are all down with the smallpox now. Anadi LaChappelle, the head of the family and one who was first stricken, had recovered sufficiently to be up and around, when he tried to work a little and was taken with a back set. Now the entire family of six persons are confined to their beds with the disease. The quarantine will prevent a spread.

## A Write-up of Salem.

An early number of the Overland Monthly will contain a descriptive article on Salem and surrounding country. This magazine is among the first. A. Peringer is the agent for Salem, and orders left at Starr's for him will receive careful and prompt attention.

## Gave Whisky to Indians.

Albert King was arrested Saturday night, charged with giving whisky to Indians. He was found sleeping in the Indian camp, and was brought to Salem. This morning he pleaded guilty before Judge Walton, and will be taken to Portland for sentence to-morrow.

## A Good Beginning.

Yesterday afternoon Prof. Rork's mental science class held their first meeting. Their recitations and discussions are held over the CAPITAL JOURNAL office. The class had an auspicious beginning, there being twenty-seven members present. Much interest was manifested.

## SUPREME COURT.

SALEM, Dec. 10, '88.  
J. W. Batchelor, resp. vs. Wm. M. Davis et al, app.; appeal from Marion county. Argued and submitted.

## MARRIED.

GIBBONS-HOLLINGSHEAD.—At Dallas, Sunday evening, Dec. 9, 1888, Mr. Charles Gibbons and Mrs. Hollingshead.

DUBOIS-DUBOIS.—At the M. E. parsonage in Vancouver, W. T., on the 18th of November, 1888, by Rev. A. J. Joslyn, Henry K. DuBois and Lillie DuBois, all of Salem.

Mr. DuBois, until recently, was connected with the Chemekete hotel in this city, and the above announcement tells us that a divorced couple are re-united and once more enter upon the journey of life together.

A man who has practiced medicine for 40 years, ought to know salt from sugar; read what he says:

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Carl Schurz thinks the outlook for peace in Europe is good.

## Reasoning from a Sound Text.

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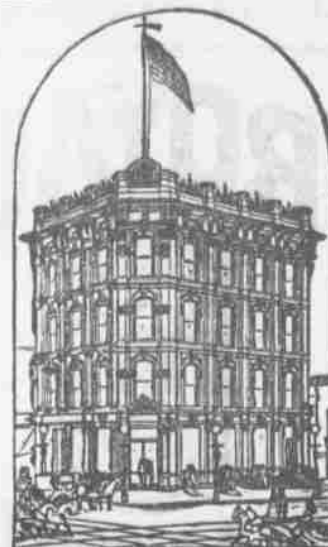
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