THE OREGON ARGUS.

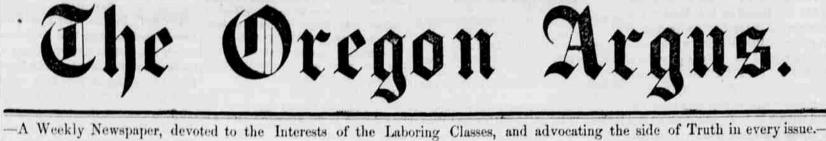
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OREGON CITY, Jan. 6, 1862 En Angus: As the subject of our anproaching June election, with all that is involved in it, is beginning to be made a principal topic among the people, as well the politicians, all friends of their country should not only express opinions, but be willing to labor to secure interests of which true patriots must acknowledge the importance. In ordinary times, men work under ordinary party names, and to carry out party measures In an extraordinary crisis like that which is now upon our nation. party measures are laid aside or abandoned, and party names dropped, as things of less consequence, in view of the imminence of a danger which men of hitherto opposing politics are equally desirous to avert Politically, the question is whether seesion is a State right, and practically whether one or more States shall be permitted to exercise it, in defiance of any and

all opposition. Now, in the order of arrangement upon this question, which involves the very exlatence of our people as a nation, my opinion is, (and, what is of more consequence, I believe a majority of loval men are of the same opinion.) that old differences should be discarded, and no man quarrel with his right or left hand neighbor, fighting for a common cause, because in times past they did not agree. " Let the dead just bury its dead," is a good motto in the living present. Our grand Union army is composed of men who have been Breckinridge Democrats, Douglas Democrats, and Republicans, who have been arrayed against each other in peaceful conflicts of opinion at the ballot-box, but who are now Eghting shoulder to shoulder against the hosts of secession. Suppose the officers of our army, from the General in chief down through all ranks to the lowest grade, were engaged in strife and bickering about a division of patronage and influence, basing their respective claims on having voted, or not voted, in support of party candidates in the past. If old political preferences were allowed to enter into the hearts of our eduntry's soldiers as overruling motives-if partisan preferences were stronger than patriotism and love of country-how completely would all military operations be paralyzed, and defeat and disaster visit our national arms. But in the army there are could be no chance for me, no Democrats, no Republicans-all patriots and lovers of their country. There can be no question of the personal duty of patriotic feeling in our soldiers, no matter what their former politics may have been; nor can there be a question whether any loval heart should uphold the hands of our Government in its peril. Now, if the way of duty is so plain, that the wayfaring man, no matter what his politics, so he be not a traitor at heart, need not err therein, let the Union cohorts, who are doing battle with ballots instead of bullets as weapous, be as one, working for a common purpose, at least until that end be accomplished. Let no man's rightcous soul be vexed at the thought that some politicians who Find been his opponents on every political field hitherto, under the pressure of a terrible emergency are now by his side for the Union. Without regard to antecedents, every man who raises the American ensign, with its appropriate motto, "The Union must and shall be preserved," is my political friend, and those who refuse to raise that flag, or, raising that flag, shirk an issue with the hydra-headed monster of secession, are politically my enemies. I neither hate nor despise any one for honest religious or political opinions; but any man who is so misled as not to see in practical secession not only a principle which would inevitably dissolve the bright constellation of our country's flag, but also scatter the broken and dishonored fragments of our pride as a nation among the nations, in the dust of weakness and degradation, cannot enlarged influence, foster so un democratic, so anti-republican an idea. There is no question but that a majority of the people of Oregon are loval to the flag, and to the Government, and if a ticket is formed around which all true patriots can rally, it have a right to suggest anything that they may deem expedient or profitable; but the people, who are most deeply interested, the plan. As I said before, I think a majority of Union sentiment is in favor of but of Union feeling should be fully, and therebetween loyal men and loyal papers. They

to " save the Union." by my consent, in public position and with will be triumphantly elected. Politicians and who are to do the work, should dictate the single test of loyalty, and that in precinct meetings, in county conventions, and in a State convention, the whole strength fore fairly, represented. Secession journals are jubilant over an apparent disagreement desire above all things to foster and widen any breach that may possibly arise, and that furnishes a hope for the success of what is beginning to be styled, very speciously, a Peace Party. The policy of been battling for the Union from the be- would for a moment question it."



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ever it could be had honorably, and who only accepted war as a less dreadful alternative than a foreible destruction of the

from within or without to interfere with its surrounded the field. manifest destiny, join in selecting men who are true blue on this question, and who have such a degree of the confidence of the people in their honesty and ability that was anywhere visible in rank, but from the they will surely gain the popular vote.

J. D. LOCEY.

For the Argus.

own name."-Oregon Statesman.

Statesman's patriotic imagination! How with this last effort of the Statesman!

the beautiful and refined, what an over-

thought? Steal from him because he has this so often. "A red nigger" ! This argument con-Wm. H. Seward who advised, a few years Gordon's admonition came too late for me; though young, I am too old to be born again on this point. My second error concitizens, have a right to put a "letter in that wing upon Wistar. The latter did the last Argus" touching politics, whenever not like the appearance of the adjacent patriotism and intelligence dictate anything wood region, and threw forward Comworthy of attention. But this right of panies A and D of his battalion to 'feel' expression I find belongs to the States former well ahead, accordingly advanced man; it seems to be necessary to surrender on their hazardous duty; passed through freedom of speech to that journal in order the forest to the cow's horn projection of

[Correspondence of N.Y. World, Oct. 28.]

ORDER OF BATTLE.

At near four o'clock, then, Baker took woods in the extreme front a galling, irregular fire poured out upon our men ---

the battle.] A James's rifled cannon, ginin shore, his men dismounted the gun,

"Red nigger" / It would be wrong in line) and apparently entirely neglected give the word to Harvey, who held the rifice, me to deny the evident claims of the thronghout the battle. Some disposition percassion lanyard. In this way and by Statesman to this kind of poetry and logic; having thus been made of our forces (which, but the expression in this instance, I think, as I shall hereafter show, at no one time used were fired, doing more effect than all is stolen. An old secessionist of Salem ous business commenced. Not, however, was making his fifth charge on the left, the called me " a red nigger" two or three till Gen. Baker had received another mes- cannon had just been loaded and was point- per Potomae from the enemy's forces at months ago Why, Mr. Statesman, cheat sage from Gen Stone, stating that 4000 ed at the woods in front.) Capt. Beiral, Leesburg, says the N. Y. Herald, conveythe poor old man out of his original rebels had marched against the former of the Californians, who was with his comfrom Leesburg at 21 P. M. This he pany supporting the piece, exclaimed to showed to Wistar, who said that if they no patent right? Rather mean, this thing moved so long ago, the distance being only of appropriating the arguments of secos- two miles, they must now be close at hand sionists. Ah, yes! but I see into it now; Baker said: "It's an ugly business." A the Statesman confiscates. I beg pardon, quick consultation was held. Evidently Being a Union paper, it has the right of no retreat could be effected in safety. The confiscating the arguments of rebels. Now grade movement would undoubtedly call I see clearly why it is in the habit of doing forth a rush in force from the woods, and main body behind. at the river bank there were only two boats, carrying sixty persons, to take a colvinces me of one or two radical errors - channel one hundred yards in width. Oh, their number. From every side death I make my confession: My first great po- yes; retreat was impossible! All that stormed upon their unsheltered bodies .litical mistake consisted in being born into could be done-all that our noble officers, Half their line officers were wounded or the world with red hair. I think it was with their leader, could or dared think of killed. /The undaunted leaders were also rate to the service rendered by the transago, that everybody thereafter should be to their aid from Edwards' Ferry on the was shot through the wrist; Lee, Devens, born with straight hair and belong to the left, with the alternative, in probable de- Harvey and Stewart were still fighting popular church. This principle in Mr. fault of his success, of sacrificing their com- sadly and in vain; a ball shattered Wistar's their desperate courage could inflict.

order from right to left, the wings partialment; nothing more can be said; I am a the Virginia shore in the afternoon, manned in the end all but two were killed, wound- side. At all events, they kept the enemy used up man. Bat the sweet, delicate ex- by nine or ten of the Rhode Island mar- ed, or missing. Lieut. Bramall himself at bay till long after nightfall closed upon pression of poetical feeling, how prominent. ines, to whose battery ('B') it belonged, was severely wounded, but stood by his the scene. All who could escape to the helped the rebels to carry on the war were pression of poetical feeling, how prominent. Is there was no commissioned officer of gun. Col. Coggswell saw the necessity island had escaped, and midnight was close hitherto conveyed. It can never be for-the company present, the brave Lient, of the case, informed Cols. Wistar and Lee, at hand before the two colonels and the rotten that the Governor of Georgia was centure to run for State Printer against Bramall, of the battery attached to the N. Adjutant Harvey (of Baker's Brigade), other field officers still on the shore saw Harvey Gordon? If the ladies could vote, Y. Ninth Regiment, volunteered to act as and Captain Stewart (of Gen. Stone's that their duty was accomplished and surlovers of poetry, the elevated, the moral, captain of the gun. Arriving on the Vir. staff, present on the field,) and those five rendered themselves and the remnant of by his zeal and activity in the cause of setook the carriage to pieces, and with ropes manued the piece themselves. Coggswell is indignant at the recklessness which has first seizures were made of vessels belongwhelming majority he would get! It was took the carriage to pieces, and with ropes and Harvey, understanding the business, lost us such brave men, but defeat this time dragged gun wheels, and ammunition up and Harvey, understanding the business, lost us such brave men, but defeat this time timely that, in my letter to the Argus, I the precipice, getting in position on the would load while Lee and Wistar were had its laurels, and the herald who brings "concluded not to run for State Printer," field at a quarter past four, The other giving orders to their commands and spur- tidings of our losses and repulse tells us because after neighbor Gordon's last there guns carried over were two little mountain ring them into the fight; then Wistar and also that the old Norse chivalry is still howitzers, belonging to Rickett's (regular) Stewart would wheel the gun forward to aglow, and has offered its richest life-blood

ginning-who have been for peace when. Authentic Account of the Battle of Battle of Battle fenceless slaughter-pen.) The enemy was had anticipated his order; for an hour the Bluff, Oct. 21, where Gen. Baker was in force in front; he began to creep down shore had been lined with stragglers and stilled. the treacherous sides of the inclosure; his wearied men. Still, the reenforcing busisharp-shooters climbed the trees every- ness had not ceased from the island, and The field was a parallelogram, seventy- where, picking out the stateliest and gal- during the fiercest of the action the two State. Secessionism is playing its game five yards wide by two hundred in length. lantest forms for the death they so uner- boats, which were bringing away the dead low down, but honest loyalty need be un. At the distant front, and down the right ringly dealt us. Our lines thus received a and wounded, returned from each trip lader no apprehensions if its own friends do not throw away the victory. There is as not throw away the victory. There is as the river. About a hundred feet from the they could do in reply was to aim steadily event occurred which I have not seen else suredly danger that victory will perch it edge occurred the only interruption to the and swiftly at the places whence the loud- where recorded. The life-boat proved a self on the banners of a nondescript party dead level of this arena, a gentle roll est yells and deadliest volleys proceeded .-- death-boat soonert of the two, swamping, ticket, composed of men almost without stretching in front of our lines, certainly But they dropped everywhere, and were from some cause, while conveying to the not more than a yard in height, yet afford borne by dozens to the gory skiffs below. politics, but having decided though concealed sympathies for the South, if there is infantry. A spur of the field, shaped like more than decimated by the regular, ana- pants were drowned, and only one boat a division of Union men. This being the a cow's horn, extended a dozen rods into voidable shower of bullets. But against remained for the use of our overpowered case, and I believe it is unmistakably true, the woods on the left, half way between our left, where Wistar commanded, the and retreating forces. Down the hill they the enemy's front and our own. Directly rebels, confident of their force and the ef- came in every direction and without order let all who are for the Union, who desire the enemy's front and our own. Directly rebels, confident of their force and the erto foster the truly American idea of one path led our forces to the fight, a ravine make venturesome charges, each one re- edge of the descent. Then the pursuers great continental nation, the grandest the fell slightly off, its opposite bank ascending pelled by the gallant fire of the Californi- paused, too cautions to meet the chance of world has ever seen, permitting no enemies to the thicket of woods which thus totally and, but each one getting nearer our lines volleys from Harrison's Island, but throwthan the last. On the fourth charge they ing a plunging fire upon the retiring loyalactually flanked our left and sprang forth, ists, and siming ruthlessly at the hundreds savage and eager, from the thicket beyond trying to swim the rapid river channel.the action in hand, looking around him to the ravine. Down this they were about to Why should I describe that fatal scene?note the position of affairs. No enemy plunge, showing a bravery not part of their the tumult and agony of that headlong deusual tactics, and our fellows lifted their scent, the clamor and crowd along the muskets for a volley. 'Hold!' cried Wis- shore, the rush into one wretched skiff, altar to his men, "not a man of you must ready over-laden with wounded men, which The latter were ranged in no very exact fire," and he dashed at the piece of one; forced it beneath the surface and brought offer an effectual barrier to navigation .-wait till they reach the bottom of the ra- the horror of death by water upon men. The approaches between Tybee Island and " A red nigger has a letter in the last ly covered by the thicket; portions of the vine. Then we'll have them." So they who had already so fairly faced the battle-Argus. It is dated Salem, and over his center lying close to the edge of the hill, charged down the hill, only to meet the fild. I recoil from thinking of those who, while others boldly stepped forward, de. most effective volley fired on our side dur- struck down by the fire from above, slipped How sublime is the above! How bean- livered their fire at the woods, returned to ing the day. When the smoke rose their in their own blood upon the clayey river tiful to dwell upon are the flights of the load, and advanced again and again. It front ranks lay fallen in the hollow of the bank; of those who wasted too feeble was not certain that we were doing much valley of death; the rear had broken and strength in swimming half way across the execution, but not a moment passed un- fled in disorder through the forest. The cruel stream; of the shouts for help where much is said in those two little words, marked by the fall of some of our gallant fifth charge-but this brings me to the no help came. But I record with satisfacred nigger? What profundity of thought! boys. Baker told Devens and Lee to main feature of the field-a splendid cen- tion the determination of Beiral and his So logical, too! History, the past, the keep their Massachusetts men on the right tral picture, which will furnish a theme for few associates, who dragged their cannon present, the prospects of the future, all, Wistar and the Californians in charge of the feebler tints and groupings of this tuare compressed in those little terms. How Wistar and the Californians in charge of mult shall have faded out. Lieut. Bra- more gallant than the stubborn refusal of insignificant is the laconic and admired ex- Col. Coggswell, whose Tammany com- mail had posted his gun near the centre of the beleaguered colonels to surrender while pression of Perry, "We have met the en- panies were also located in the centre - our line and opened fire to the best advan- the rebels were decimating their commands emy, and they are ours," when compared Here also was placed the one piece which tage possible. When he mounted the from the bluffs above? Led by Coggswell cal enterprise which the Government de-Here also was placed the one piece which tage possible. When he mounted the from the orders above: Led by coggswen careful se which the order make the above and the order of the sight at the order of the order of the sight at the order of three riders, a corporal and sergeant. In charged up at their tormentors, once and "Red nigger"? That closes the argue the battle. A James's rillen cannon, ten minutes five of these were shot down; again returning dangerous volleys from our

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The Preparations to .. Seal' the Port of Savannah.

The N. Y. Times says: We have to congratulate the country on the accomplishment of another important step in the serics of naval and military operations which are being directed against the Southern ports. On 23d Nov. Gen. Sherman occupied Tybee Island, which had been previously evacuated by the rebels, and which lies to the south of and commands the mouth of the Savannah river. Coincidently with the seizure of this place, the Federalists took possession of the rebel fortifications at Braddock's Point, the southern extremity of Hilton Head Island, and sitnated to the north of the entrance of the port of Savannah. Here they captured eight guns belonging to the enemy. The narrow channel, called Calibogue Sound, which lies between Braddock's Point and Dawfuskie Island, can be closed by the sinking of a few vessels. From the southern end of Dawfuskie to Turtle Island, and from the latter to Typee Island, the sinking of some half-dozen vessels more will Great Warsaw Island can be disposed of with still less effort. Thus Savannah will be as effectually blocked up as if she bad no natural outlets to the sea.

The importance of this intelligence does not, however, lie in the acquisition of these new patches of the "sacred soil" of the rebel territory. It is in the use to which The first of the outlets of Southern piratinew blockading agent was the port of Savannah, through which so large a propottion of the arms and supplies which have amongst the first to distinguish bimself distinguished officers and determined men their commands to the enemy. The North cessionism. It was in Savannah that the ing to Northern shipowners before the fall of Ft. Sumter. It was to that port that the Rermuda continued to make trips so profitable to her owners, and of such timebattery, one placed on each flank of our position; Coggswell would take aim and to stone for the error that caused the sac- ly aid to the Confederates with arms and munitions of war. Inasmuch, then, as Savannah has been one of the prime movers GEN. BEAUREGARD VINDICATING THE in, and aiders of this wicked rebellion, it is but right that upon it should fall one of the first and heaviest of our measures of retaliation. It was ambitious of commercial di tinction, and aimed at becoming to the Southern Confederacy what New York has been to the Union-the great emporium and centre of all its business operations .-By a retribution as appropriate as it is deserved, it will in a few days be wiped out of the list of the ports of the Union. The seizure of Tybee Island and of Braddock's Point are but measures preliminary to the barricading of the entrances to the port by the stone fleet, and which will make of this nest of rebels and pirates a scene of commercial desolation and ruin. The ficet left here on the 20th, and is about eight days out. It took with it upwards of eight thousand tons of stone, but a small portion of which will be required to block up all the entrances to the port. From the mili-GEN. HALLECK .- The N. Y. Herald says tary precautions taken by Gen. Sherman, of this officer, late a resident of San Fran- there is now no probability of this, one of the main objects of the expedition, being "Gen. Halleck is one of the four Major defeated. We hold the land points com-Generals of the United States army, and manding the approaches to the port; so that there can be no interruption to the operations of the fleet. By the close of the week, therefore, Savannah will, so far as its communications with the sea are conceried, be as valueless to the rebels as any of their towns in the interior.

a star of considerable magnitude just rising The poor fellows gallantly sprang through above the political horizon. You are mak- it upon their assailants, and were in a moing a fine start. Others before you have ment fighting in the woods. Not half of erred in first securing the support of the low and vulgar; but you are striking for ment of the action, now bestirred themthe patronage of the moral and religious selves in force, and, with hideous yells, portion of community. "Red nigger" ! fired a terrific volley along their whole Ministers and laymen generally will scarce- tront. Only the sheeted flash showed itthe man to promote good morals, purity of clang to cover; but the infernal hail of bulspeech, and education generally, as well as lets rattled against our whole lines, and to conduct the public printing.

a few lines from Robert Burns;

"O wad some pow'r the giftie gie us To see oursels us others see us; It wad fran monie a blunder free us And foolish netic

C. HOEL. Respectfully. SALEM, Jan. 4, 1862

news, consult the Statesman, where perhaps ons fire" and " desperate attacks" have re-P. S .- For the latest and most reliable will be found: The red mgger has moth-er letter in the last Argus, over his own the success of no one in particular. But saw that the day was lost, and that the desperate impossible sates that the to war and kill each other; if let alone, stole any part of our poetry. It is all like it in our block. There is nothing such men as Curry, Malone, & Co. indi- original with this office, and no one at all like it in our history. See what was cates the true policy for men who have acquainted with our general character crowded into that terrible hour. Our lit-H. the band was pent up in a narrow and de-

THE FIGHT.

The real battle commenced on the left. sists in supposing that I, with all other Baker threw the whole responsibility of again do such kindly service for a brother the field, crossed it, and had arrived within ten paces of the further thicket, when a "Red nigger" ! Dear Gordon, you are murderous fire blazed out upon them.

them ever came back. But the rebels, taking this as a signal for the commencefail to see that you, dear Gordon, are self from those froating forests; the foe still But, "dropping past political issues, let fiery revelation of the enemy's strength -us unite," for our mutual profit, in reading Our reply was instant and extended. (In ed with smoke, the day's skirmishing was over, and the contest that was to rage so hotly for an hour had fiercely commenced its fury. We are all tired of the accounts of the petty conflicts which have marked this war, in which forces have engaged at long distances, and the so called " marder-

these men a dozen of the twenty rounds field, wheeled the terrible gun around and shell opened a lane through the charging force, a score of traitors falling to fight no more, and the column shut itself up on the

DEATH OF THE GENERAL.

umn of thirteen hundred men over a swift thinning forces were assailed by four times -was the chance of maintaining their falling, Ward, Licut, Col. of the Fifteenth, ground until Gorman could force his way had received a frightful wound; Coggswell mands at as great loss to the enemy as sword arm-he dropped the weapon, picked it up with his left hand, and Gen, Ba- cisco:

ker himself restored it to the scabbard .--Alas, that the chivalric leader should never in arms!) The yelling enemy began to break from the wood and through the smoke upon our confused lines. The crisis had come. There was some hand-to-hand fighting; a few of the gray-coats got entangled with our own forces; we took a prisoner and passed him to the rear, they took a dozen, and made charge after charge, ing down from the left. The General ordered the troops around him to stand firm, man for the East. and cried, "Who are these men?" "Confederate troops, you d-d Yankees!" was the reply; and they ru hed almost within bayonet distance. One huge red-haired ruffian drew a revolver, came close to Baker, and fired four balls at the General's openings. Capt. Beiral seized the slayer by the throat and blew out his brainsthe hero and the traitor falling within the same minute, and face to face. In a secmany brave souls were loosed by that first ond the enemy swarmed over the spot -For God's sake, boys," cried Adjutant Harvey, in his hot English way, " are you a second both ends of the field were cloud- going to let them have the General's body? An angry howl was the answer, and a dozen of our fellows charged, with set teeth and bayonets fixed, upon the rebels, who recoiled from the shock and surrendered their priceless trophy. This was passed down the bluff, and safely conveyed to the island. But now our lines were hopelessly

Large numbers of the Northern troops the young women would run after them." years to form in

LATE COL. BAKER .- Recently a flag of truce was borne into our lines on the Uping a communication from Gen. Beauregard, in which he states that having seen left!" Coggswell saw the dark column of, in the Northern papers a discussion in rethe rebels sweeping across the spur of the ference to certain orders alleged to have been given by Gen. Stone to Col. Baker, discharged it square at their centre. The he felt it his duty to a brave soldier to transmit certified copies of the orders which had been found on the battle-field and were in his possession. The orders transmitted were copies of those reported by Gen. But the end was fast approaching. Our Stone to Gen. McClellan as those which were given to Col. Baker. This communication from Gen. Beauregard was accompanied by a request totally incommensumission of the orders, and which was not

granted

is regarded by good judges as next to Me-Clellan in military science. He has written one of the best military works in the English language. He is a first class lawver, which no man can be who has not an intellect of high order. He is a very wealthy man, and does not enter into active service, any more than McClellan, to advance his private interests. His integri-Just then a body of men appeared, press- ty stands unimpeached. He is just the man for the West, as McClellan is the

WHO IS GENERAL GRANT.-Gen. Grant, the hero of the battle of Belmont, is a resident of Galena, Illinois, and was appointed on the recommendation of Elihu B. Washhead, every one of which took effect, and a burne. He graduated at West Point in glorious soul fied through their ghastly 1837, and was brevetted First Lieutenant for gallant and meritorious conduct at Molino del Rey, and trevetted Captain for many battles in Mexico.

A QUAKER WOMAN'S SERMON .- " Friends, there are three things I very much wonder at. The first is, that children should be so foolish as to throw up stones, clubs and brickbats into fruit trees, to knock down fruit; if they would let it alone, it would disordered. The rebels came through both fall itself. The second is, that men should field and woods in full force. Coggswell be so foolish, and even so wicked, as to go they would die themselves. And the third

Here is the best paragraph on editorial dignity which we can purloin from the purloiners:

"Editors are sometimes dignified. We know of some that are excessively so; they print exclusively for our church-they walk oberly and cantiously the same old beaten path, and use the same old threadbare expressions from day to day, from year to year. It a man lies, they say 'he is laboring under a wrong impression.' They never know or state anything positivelythey 'opine.' The glorious sunshine of fun entereth not into their souls. They seem similar conduct at Chapultepec. He re to regard a newspaper as they would a signed his commission in 1855, and was in coffin-a very grave matter, and so move slowly and lugubriously forward, treading gently on the decayed eggs of humbug, folly and rascality, ignoring, the bright side of life, but always printing 'dignified papers.

> ABOUT GUANO AND THE WORLD'S AGE. The deepest deposit of guano known is seventy feet. According to Humboldt, a deposit of three centuries would not exceed one third of an inch in thickness. By an easy mathematical calculation, it will be seen that at this rate, it would take al-