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Irreverence of the Times.

It is announced that the Khedive, of Egypt, is intending to put a first-class revolving light on the summit of the great pyramid on the plain of Gizeh, for the benefit of the boats on the Nile. Thus to turn the tomb of the Pharaohs into a light-house, may appear irreverent, but the arrangement will doubtless be regarded with complacency by those who boat on the Nile. This pyramid, the largest, is said to have been built by Cheops, some two thousand years before the coming of Christ. It is said by Herodotus that one hundred thousand men were engaged steadily for twenty years in putting up this monstrous fabric. Its base is a polygon, each side of which is 763 4 feet, the whole base occupying some thirteen acres. Its height is four hundred and eighty feet. Is there another revolving light in the whole world placed upon a structure of art so high as that? But alas! Rameses and the Pharaohs, while they were sacrificing human lives and freely lavishing their treasures of gold in building these monstrous tombs in which to have their bodies deposited after death, and thus perpetuate their names, did not suppose that within four thousand years they would be made to subserve the purposes of convenience and commerce, by being economized into night lanterns. But while the memory of their fame and deeds is obscure, the monument intended to perpetuate them, will give out a steady and brilliant light—for Egyptians to guide their "dug-outs" by.

Gould and Erie.

Jay Gould has settled with the Erie company, the terms including the transfer of 60,000 shares of the Erie stock, the Grand Opera House and a number of lots of valuable land, amounting in all to \$7,000,000 at their current values. It is stated, before the thing was consummated, Gould was allowed to pick up all the Erie shares he could here and in London. He now owns something like, 200,000 shares, and expects to make more money than he has surrendered. He says since the Erie war, his object has been to obtain a series of roads under practically one management from New York to San Francisco, and in this way to obtain a fair share of all traffic of intervening routes, and that which accrues at either terminus. As an evidence of his success he states that the Lake Shore, Michigan Southern, Chicago and Northwestern, Union Pacific, Hannibal and St. Joe, Chicago and Rock Island, and Erie Railroads are now controlled by men who have common interests. He also says that Canada Southern and Wabash are partly in their hands, and the Pacific Mail Steamship stock is under their control.

Rev. E. F. Campbell, editor of the Moumouth Messenger, and Prof. Chaney, are going to debate the origin and character of the Bible, at Portland, during Christmas week.

An individual in Baker county thinks he has found platinum.

Don't Care.

The information by telegraph as to who or which is to assume the editorial tripod of the New York Tribune, whether Reed, Colfax, Blaine, or some one else, may go to grass for all we care, for it is beyond our ability to tell. First its Reed, then Orton buys out a controlling interest in the shares of that journal, and he selects Colfax, and then he don't select him, but Speaker Blaine is his choice, and so this lying horsethief of a telegraph goes on, becoming more and more sublime in its intense economy of the truth. Shame on such electrical iniquitousness.

Small-pox Preventative.

An exchange says the most reliable insurance against small-pox is a well-filled bag of assafoetida, in an active state of perfume, hung inside one's clothes directly under one's nose. We should think that would be powerful, but a skunk-skin pad would be still more effectual, if smell is the quality to be secured. If the small-pox will keep away from the other, so from this, and everybody else. Get the perfume either one of them well lodged in your raiment, and it will abide there so long as there is a thread left.

A Very Foolish Governor.

If the fool killer ever goes to Virginia, he will not fail to go straight to Governor Walker, and take him off in a twinkling. Because Grant and Wilson carried that State, the childish goose refused to issue a Thanksgiving Proclamation, in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Magistrate. In spite of this peevishness, the people of Virginia, having some respect for the decent opinions of mankind, quite generally throughout the State observed the day.

The number of Indians in the United States is estimated at 300,000. Some 97,000 of these practice the manners and customs of the whites; 125,000 are partly civilized, and 78,000 are as wild and savage as you please. Of these last, the Apaches may be regarded as a fair example—they are the real barbarians. They once exercised dominant power over all of that immense territory included between the Colorado river of the west and the one of Texas on the east. They then waged constant war with the Spaniards of Mexico. Now, reduced in numbers to not over 4,000 warriors, they roam in small parties over Arizona and New Mexico, and contiguous regions, committing their savage depredations.

The present Pope of Rome has established a reputation for wit, which his age does not seem to have dulled. When he was informed that Father Hyacinthe had taken to himself a "rib," his "Holiness" extended his hands towards heaven and exclaimed, "Now let all the saints be praised; the sinner has taken his punishment into his own hands."

Portland journals award much praise to their firemen for their indefatigable exertions last Sunday. They labored fearlessly and untiringly until the fire was extinguished, working all day and far into the night, all doing their duty. Portland has a right to be proud of men who thus unflinchingly face danger and endure fatigue to preserve her life and property.

The Portland Fire.

During the past few months, fires of an unusually disastrous character have visited many parts of our country and the world. They seem to have become contagious, and scarcely does the lightning messenger cease to chronicle one harrowing disaster, ere another is ready to be announced. But a few weeks have elapsed since the devouring element consumed the woolen mills at Oregon City, throwing many persons out of employment, and bringing a loss of some \$81,000 clear of insurance to the owners. Now, the news of a more disastrous conflagration comes from the city of Portland—the most destructive and fearful ever experienced by that city. It originated, last Sunday forenoon, some time after nine o'clock, in the back part of a Chinese wash house, the house being situated to the rear of the block lying on the river side of Front, between Morrison and Alder streets, near the River Side saloon. The Celestials were boiling pitch which they were using to fill the cracks in the floors of their apartments, to render them watertight. The pitch boiled over into the fire producing a flame which terrified the Chinese, and set the buildings which were very inflammable to burning. The fire, favored by the wind, spread with great rapidity until some twenty-five buildings were destroyed lying between Morrison street on the south and Washington street on the north, for the space of two full blocks on the east side of Front street, and three-fourths of the block on the west side of Front street, between Morrison and Alder. Then the efforts of the firemen, which had been brave and untiring from the first, were crowned with success. During the fiercest of the conflagration, when the destruction of the city seemed inevitable, dispatches were sent to Vancouver, Oregon City, Salem, Albany and Eugene City for assistance. The fire departments in these places responded with a promptness highly commendable, but before any of them reached the city, the progress of the flames had been stayed, though their assistance was very valuable in extinguishing the burning buildings, also in relieving the exhausted Portland firemen. Considering the excitement and terror which prevailed among the people who thronged the streets of Portland during the conflagration, the accidents reported are extremely meager. No one was killed, as yet reported, and not more than half a dozen persons were very dangerously injured. Many persons in Portland have lost heavily by this fire, and the progress of the city has been more or less interrupted. The State, too, will feel its effects; but the indomitable spirit of American enterprise, never ready to faint and wither beneath the heavy pressure of misfortune, will not fail to be seen inspiring the plans and efforts of all classes in Portland. The burnt blocks will soon be rebuilt, more creditable and substantial edifices taking the places of those consumed, and but a short time will elapse before the vacuum of loss and inconvenience now so keenly felt, will be measurably closed over. We are sorry Portland has met with this loss, but glad it is no worse.

A full jury was completed in the Stokes case on the 21st.

EASTERN NEWS.

The President nominated Gen. McArthur Postmaster of Chicago on the 20th.

At an interview between the Louisiana Committee and the President, on the 20th, Judge Campbell asked the President to send to New Orleans three impartial, learned men, to make a full inquiry and take testimony. The President said, he supposed it was competent for the Supreme Court to designate any one of its members to proceed to Louisiana, but did not think it quite proper for him to make the request of them. Congress had power to investigate the facts of the case presented, but he did not propose to interfere with local affairs in that State by putting one set of officers or another in power. No action was taken in the matter till the decree of the United States Court was attempted to be set aside or resisted by the Governor of the State. Then the Marshal was simply instructed to see that the decree of the Federal Court was sustained, and military force was to be used, if necessary, to support the Federal authority.

Thomas L. Bond, a prisoner in the county jail at Cincinnati, under conviction for assault with intent to kill Rev. J. J. Thompson, cut his throat with a penknife on the 19th, and his recovery is doubtful.

The theft of a body from a graveyard by students of Toledo Charity Hospital Medical College for dissection some weeks ago resulted seriously. The corpse was that of a victim from small-pox, though this was not learned until the body had been conveyed to the dissecting room, which is in a large block in the heart of the city, occupied in the lower part by stores and offices, and above for lodging rooms and medical college. The contagion was not only disseminated through the building, taken by unvaccinated occupants, but was carried by students to their boarding places and has been widely spread through the city. Though distributed from a corpse cases resulting therefrom are of the worst form of black small-pox. A number of deaths have occurred and other patients are in a critical condition. People are highly indignant, and the city council has taken cognizance of the affair with the view to prevent any similar occurrence in future.

The President, Hon. Jesse Marshall and Sharpe left Washington on the forenoon of the 20th for Covington, Kentucky, to visit the President's father.

Senator Corbett introduced a bill in the Senate on the 21st appropriating \$25,000 for the improvement of Yamhill river, Oregon.

The settlement of Jay Gould with the Erie Railroad was consummated on the 21st.

A recount on the Mayorality vote of Boston shows Henry L. Pierce elected by a plurality of twenty-nine votes over Mayor Gaston.

Sumner's oblivion resolution was condemned in the Massachusetts Legislature by a vote of twenty to nine in the Senate, and one hundred and four to seventy-six in the House.

The epizootic prevails at Leavenworth, Kansas, to a great extent. In eighteen livery stables five hundred horses are sick. Half of the private horses in the city are affected.

Jesse Turner, Receiver of Public Lands at Grand Island, Nebraska, accidentally shot and killed himself on the 18th, while cleaning his gun.

At Flushing, La., on the night of the 18th, a large amount of property was destroyed by fire. Five buildings were destroyed at one time to stay the flames. One man was killed by a falling chimney.

Eulogies on the late Senator Davis of Kentucky, were delivered in Congress on the 18th inst.

The Postmaster General has decided that Postmasters, under bonds are responsible for the loss of registered letters. This construction has never been made before.

On the 18th a dispatch announced that Colfax had accepted the editorship of the Tribune, and was denied on the 19th.

It is said that a discovery has been made that the Department of Public Works has been swindled to a large extent by fraudulent pay-rolls. This is in New-York.

Commodore Vanderbilt has abandoned his New York Underground Railroad.

The Michigan Central Railroad Company are planting American chestnuts along their entire line.

Alex Badlam, of Calistoga, killed a deer with a Henry rifle, at a distance of 4,950 yards, not long since.

During the first half of October, 8,695 barrels of apples were exported from New York to foreign countries.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The Mayor of Nantes, France, has been dismissed for not giving sufficient protection to pilgrims of Lourdes.

The Khedive, of Egypt, has concluded to loan twelve and a half million to the Bank of Constantinople.

A large portion of the counties of Leicester, Derby and Nottingham, Eng., have been submerged by the late floods.

A dispatch from Liverpool says 449 persons, including passengers, are said to have perished by marine disasters within the past ten days. Thirty persons were lost by the sinking of the Matchless, of Northumberland.

The French Assembly have passed a bill restoring to the Orleans Princes their confiscated property.

The Corsaire, a Radical journal of Paris, has been suspended for advocating socialism.

It is hoped in diplomatic circles that Greece will accede to the proposition to submit the mines question to France and Italy for arbitration.

Information has been received that ex-Minister Catacazy has not fallen into disrepute with the Czar. He has just been employed to adjust certain ecclesiastical difficulties between the Pope and the Russian Government, concerning the appointment of Catholic Bishops in Poland.

Three thousand students of Paris, on the 20th inst., demonstrated in favor of Professor Lobin, a distinguished member of the Institute, struck from the jury list in consequence of his disbelief in the existence of a God.

The number of emigrants that left Liverpool during November exceeded that of the previous month by 2,000.

An abbey in Ireland exhibits two skulls of Shakespeare—one of him when he was a little boy, and one when he was a man.

A Provincial correspondent confirms the report of Bismarck's resignation of the Premiership and his retention of the War office in the Prussian Cabinet.

The International Convention to secure uniformity of coinage has been signed by Denmark, Sweden and Norway.

If the sale of a man's picture is a proper test of his popularity, it would seem from an article in the New York Mail, that among clergymen, Henry Ward Beecher is the most popular. More of his pictures are sold than of all the rest of the clergymen in the country put together, says the article in the Mail. Among editors, the pictures of Horace Greeley meet with the most purchasers.

The Oregonian says that Ben. Holladay, H. Thielson and H. B. Thielson have filed articles of incorporation in the county Clerk's office of Portland, to be known as the "Oregon Leather Manufacturing Company." They are to engage in tanning, manufacturing leather of all kinds, working it up into shoes, boots, etc. The capital is placed at \$100,000, and the number of shares at 1,000, of \$100 each.