f our future enemies, the Chinamen. At the request of the Governor of the Orenburg Province, Mr. Prjevalsky, in his lecture, gave a short account of his ate (the third) expedition to Central Asia. His party included two learned Asia. His party included two learned officers (Baborovsky and Eklany), five Cossacks, four soldiers, and one Mongolian interpreter. They had thirty-live namels and several horses for the officers. Every one was provided with a Berdan gun, two Smith & Wesson's six-shooters, and 100 cartridges; besides, they had in the baggage 10,000 cartrides.

The principal task of the execution was to investigate the table lands of Thibet and Mongolia, and the results surpassed the hopes of the travelers. But the hardships and dangers encoun-tered by them baffle all description. They had to make long passages at 118 deg. Fahrenheit in the shade, while the sandy ground was heated to 140 Fahrenheit. In the winter the cold was ground. tense that mercury froze. The travelers often suffered from lack of water and food, from storms, and from the assaults

of Asistic tribes. They started from the Zaissam Fort, passed Bulantagha, Chassi, Saydan, H'Lassa, Zanina, and ended their explorations at the origin of the Hoang-Ho, or Yellow river. They isurneyed over 7009 versts (about 5000 miles). They male surveys constantly, as also astronomical and meteorological observations. Three mountains were discovered, which are to be classed among the highest on the globe; these were named after Humboldt, Ritter, and Newton. The explorers made excellent zoological, botanical, mineralogical, and astronomical collections, which will be given to the St. Petersburg Academy of Sciences. Among the curiosities are some species of animals heretofore unknown.

Passing over the Thian-Schan chain, the explorers found themselves in a desert where there were no signs of life ex cept a few wild yaks. The region was quite barren for hundreds of miles; there were no traces of vegetation; the sand and sharp pebbles extended to the horizon. Poor wells, however, were found at intervals of from twenty to thirty miles. In the summer the heat was so intense that they could travel only at night.

The Governor of Chami received the explorers with apparent kindness, but refused most decidedly to give them a guide to pilot them to the oasis of Sutcheu. He said that the way to that oasis was too dangerous, being covered with bones and the carcasses of camels and men. The situation of the tryelers was critical. To go around the oasis was to travel 3,400 versts while this dangerous road was a matter of 300 versts. The bold explore, decided to go straight to the oasis. The journey was, indeed, horrible. The heat of the ground men and brutes. Still, these were not so numerous as the Chinamen had affirmed. The casis was safely reached by the travelers, and it seemed to them a veritable paradise.

According to his instructions from Peking, the Governor of the place received them in an unfriendly manner, and refused to help them in any way. The explorers obtained a guide by sheer force. He led them into an impaesable region. They dismissed him, and were about to return to the oasis, when hap-pily they meta party of the Mongolians, who, for pay, brought them to a good road. Passing over the Altynash ridge, the travelers entered a beautiful valley, rich in water and vegetation. They stopped for the month of July near to a spring which they named the Blagodatny (Gracious). Here Mr. Prjevalsky, with his two officers, worked hard on their maps. The glacier explored on the Ritter and Newton mountains were about 150 verses long.

The latter part of the journey to Thibet was very dangerous. It was necessary to double the night watch, and often to resort to guns. While passing over a ridge, a branch of Kuenlune, Sergt Egoroff left the party to pursue a wounded yak, and lost his way in the mountains. For five days the company searched for him, but in vain. At last it was decided that Egoroff had perished and the party resumed their jouney with heavy hearts. On the sixth day, while ascending a mountain, the Cossacks noticed in the far distance what they supposed to be a beast. But the Colonel, with his field-glass, saw that it was a human being on all fours. They approached it. What was their joy when they discovered in the four-footed animal their lost comrade! His shoes had been torn by the sharp pebbles, and he had covered his feet feet with his trousers, but those improvised shoes had not lasted long. For two days he did not eat at all. On the third day he saw some domestic cows but he did not like to kill one of them. He tried only to milk them, but there was no milk, and so he ate grass. In order to warm himself, he made a fire at night by firing at his cap. In this way he spent seven cartridges, saving, however, all the bullets as being State property. In two weeks Egoroff was himself

In September the emplorers crossed the Blue River (Yangtse-kiang) and entered the City of Thibet. The snow covered the ground. For two weeks they traveled over the table land of Thibet. The sharp grass wounded the feet of the camels and made them almost useless. Again they found themselves in a lifeless desert. They had no guide and lost their way. Their reconoitering was unsuccessful. At last they noticed slight traces left by a caravan of pil-grims to H'Lassa, These saved the the whole company gave three cheers.

before they would reach H'Lnssa. They unbounded.

began to descend; it was very hard work. In one place the Junguts came to them offering butter for sale. Suddenly one of them cut a Cossack with his sabre, and another wounded a soldier with a pike. The Russian explorers fired a volley with their Berdans, and four of the Junguts fell dead on the spot. This little lesson taught the other semi-savages to keep at a respectful distance.

When they were within seven days' marches of the holy city of H'Lassa a deputation came to them and most earnestly entreated them not to go into the city, as to go in would be to run into a great danger. The trouble was that among the population a rumor had spread that Colonel Prjevalsky's errand was to kidnap the Delaybama, the head of the Buddhist religion. The natives believed that the athletic Russian Colonel, with his dozen men, armed to the teeth, was capable of hazarding such an attempt in the face of the several hundred thousands of Mongolians residing in the city. The appearance of thirteen vangooly (devils), as the Chinamen call all the Europeans, had caused a panic in H'Lassa. The deputation humbly offered to Mr. Prjevalsky any reward he wanted for complying with their request. The explorers thought it was more prudent to return in safety than to risk exciting the fanaticism of a superstitions

The travelers returned the same way they had come. Every road and every passage swarmed with the treacherous Mongolians; but the Berdans easily cleared the way. Nevertheless the journey was very hard. Of the thirty-five camels, twenty-four fell on the road. The winter came on, and with it cold and furious storms. As usual, they had no guide. Except flour, they had no provision left. The situation was critical. Happily they met two Mongolians, whom they forced to save them by showing the way to the Blue river.

Crossing the river, they soon fell on their former trail, and, following it, they reached the city of Simin, situated not far from the Lake of Kuku-Noor. The city authorities at first refused to help the explorers in searching for the origin of Hoang-Ho, on the ground that several Chinese expeditions had perished in that attempt. The Governor declared also that at the head of Hoang-Ho were savage man-eaters. "So much the better," answered the Colonel; "we should be very glad to make acquaintance with such now rare people. The Governor

agreed to give a guide.

Passing over a ridge 10,200 feet high, the travelers descended in > the Valley of the Yellow River. It was in March. Spring was in its full virginal beauty. Here they saw woods, which they had not seen in a long time, since in Thibet there are no trees at all. The rhubarb grew in great quantity, and nobody picked it. There were many birds with brilliant plumage, especially flocks of blue pheasants. The region was fairly populated, but everybody ran away at the approach of the yangooly, and so the country looked like a wilderness. At night were seen in all directions blaring piles, warning the population of danger. The exploration was soon brought to a halt by horrible precipices, sometimes one thousand feet high, down which tumbled the Hoang-Ho. These precspices, met in all directions, decided Mr. Prievalsky to give up the task of searching for the source of the stream. He returned to Sinin, whence by the way of reached 154 degrees Fahrenheit. Here and there were seen the dead bodies of Urga they reached Kiachta and entered in as performed in Siberia. The journey The collections of Col. two years. Prjevalsky are detained in Siberia by the heavy snew-storms .- | St. Petersburg

Rallpay Term. A certain railway porter, it is said, was once sorely puzzled by a tortoise which the owner wished to send by train. The official was non-plussed by the inquiry as to which head of the tariff the creature should be considered to fall under; but, at last, deciding that it was neither "a dog" ner "a parret"—the broad zo-ological classification in use on railways -pronounced the tortoise to be an "in sect," and therefore net liable to charge. This profound decision was prefaced by a brief enumeration of the animals which the railroad company called "dogs," "Cats is dogs, and rabbits is "dogs." dogs and so is guinea pig," said the porter, "but squirrels in erges is parrots." There is something very pleasing in this broad, free kandling of subjects, from this breezy, unconventional style of treatment, so different from the narrow definitions of science which have played such mischief with our birds and beasts, letting bats for instance, fly with mice, and eels wriggle a technical chink away

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Mass Meering Humon.-The Utica Herald is responsible for the following: When the rebellion was inaugurated Mr. Conkling was speaking at a mass meeting held at Utica. His periods glowed like fire, and one after another the people offered themselves or their sons for the contest. "Are there any more," he cried at last. Mr. R. B. Miller, a relative by marriage, stepped up. "I too," he said, "have an offer to make upon the altar of my country. Like so many of grims to H Lassa, These saved the altar of my country. Like so many of travelers. Going ahead for 150 versts these aged partiets before me, I can not travelers. whole journey. The barometer showed l6,000 feet. The joy of the travelers was great. The Cossaeks fixed a valler and great. The Cossaeks fired a volley and freely offer my brother-in-law, Mr. Ros-Now, there were only 300 versts left

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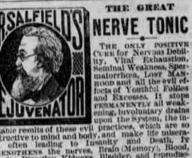
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