

TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

If we must fight Mexico, California will supply all the colonels needed for a long war.—[S. F. Alta.]

A man named Riley has been appointed postmaster at Cincinnati. If it's that same Riley he's doing quite well.

MINNESOTA claims "a consistent climate." We should say so. It is a consistent sea-saw between 50 below and 100 above zero.

It is quite the fashion now to speak of young ladies in temporary retirement from social gaities as convalescing from a broken engagement.

The leading street railroad manipulator in Philadelphia is Mr. Widener. His business is to give breadth to the views of City Councilmen.

It is said that Objector Holman, the congressman, has hanging in his bedroom a richly worked motto which reads: "Economy, she is a daisy."

The anarchists' trial in Chicago has been running fifty days and has cost a thousand dollars a day. If the wretches are hung it is worth every dollar it costs.

The latest gem in the line of coroner's jury verdicts comes from Dakota, where a jury found that "she came to her death from a felonious desire to reach a happy hereafter."

WHISKEY dodges the Rhode Island prohibition law, by being concealed in egg shells. A man that would drink down there, "would suck an egg."

The Chicago Times declares that all this country lacks is elbow room; it is too crowded by Canada on one side and Mexico on the other. But what are the elbow-room views of Canada and Mexico?

Of our great men lately dead, none leaves more room on the top rail than David Davis.—[S. F. Alta.] That is a fact, for he always could be found on the top rail of the fence, and usually he was on astraddle.

The trotting races at the coming state fair promise to be of unusual interest, as the most notable horses of the northwest are entered. Trotting is not Salem's gait, any longer, but we guess we can slow down long enough to look on a while with lively interest.

We have had enough eloquence of counsel telegraphed in the Chicago anarchists' trials. Now we want an eloquent verdict of guilty, and a sentence that will hold the convicts spellbound.—[S. F. Alta.] What's the matter with holding them "chain-bound," or in the penitentiary boundaries?

But while we are moving around, watching the work on the new bridge, trying to whoop-up the Firemen's tournament, saying kind words, and buying tickets to B. Co.'s concert, and doing and thinking other wide-awake things to numerous mention, don't let us fail to remember that the STATE FAIR WILL BE A SUCCESS.

This going over Niagara in a barrel is really a rivalry between the coopers of Buffalo and Philadelphia. They are trying to see which crowd can do it in the trailer cooage. The contest is getting where some fellow has got to go over in a barrel hoop only, and then the rival crowd must shoot the rapids in a bung-hole only, or quit.

MEXICO has found a defender at last. Ex-Governor Rice, of Massachusetts, whose sympathy for oppressed races is so well known, says that the Mexicans have done just right in the Cutting case. President Diaz may now have the gratification of feeling that he stands on a level with Chinamen in Mr. Rice's estimation.—[Ex.]

In the moral village of Philadelphia a reporter was arrested last week for being on the street after midnight. He was locked in a cell, and a police lieutenant threatened to overwhelm him with disgrace by telling his "boss." The reporter's boss did not seem to consider late hours so criminal as they might have been under other circumstances, and produced his release.

"OLD" GEORGE JONES, editor of the New York Times, certainly merits the good opinion of all honest people, and especially of all woman-kind, when he says, "One of the things we have to be thankful for is that good women are not scarce." What a rebuke to a lot of snide journals published in the metropolis of Oregon, and to a lot of low magan curs who read their villainies, and help circulate it.

MANY democratic newspapers embrace the occasion to allege once more that Tilden was legally elected president. That is what Cronin of the red nose at ways said, and Cronin was a lawyer. However, the chestnut has been a good deal damaged by the corroding hand of time. It will soon disappear from journalism.—[Nebrossa State Journal.] This, by the way, was the late "our own Cronin" of Oregon.

THERE would be a lively exercise of statesmanship throughout the civilized world in rearranging taxation if the views of the prohibitionists of the third congressional district of New Jersey were carried out. They claim that taxing liquor is giving it countenance, and should be stopped. This tax is the principal source of public revenue in all the Caucasian nations. General prohibition would make the total abstinence taxpayers wear very long faces indeed.—[New York Times.]

THE Somerville, Massachusetts woman who is accused of killing eleven relatives who had their lives insured for her benefit, is called by a morning paper "a modern Georgia." Life insurance was not much in vogue in Laetitia Borgias's time, but there is no evidence to show that if it had been she would have sacrificed all her relations to the greed for gain. Luetitia opposed only her husbands and others against whom she might naturally have good ground for complaint. The average fifteenth century husband was a hard citizen.

IF the complaint of the American sailor from Antwerp be true, then there should be a change in the Consul at that place. He charges that our Consul at Antwerp refuses to sign the papers of sailors who desire to ship, and the consequence is that many American sailors are driven to make out affidavits that they are of English birth in order to go to sea. The matter needs immediate investigation as the American Consuls abroad cannot be allowed to ignore the interests of any compatriot, as they are there to look out for the interests of our citizens abroad as much as anything else.

THERE is now every reason to believe that California's next governor will be a republican, and that the republican party is stronger in that state than for a number of years. The recent special session of the legislature of California, called by Gov. Stoneman, resulted in nothing but the election of a republican U. S. senator in place of the governor's friend, Hearst, of the S. F. Examiner. As far as the water question is concerned, it is in exactly the same position as it was before the convening of the legislature. No nothing has been made by the special session, except political capital for the republicans.

The Cutting case may now be considered settled, the London Times having pronounced judgment. It thinks the conduct of Mexico very fair and moderate, and the position of Secretary Bayard, President Cleveland and the American senate very reasonable, and concludes accordingly that everything will end happily. It is pleasant to have all parties in the right and especially pleasant to have them receive a joint benediction from such an authority as the London Times, but we fear, says the S. F. Post, that this view will not be generally accepted until somebody solves the old problem of making two trains pass each other on the same track. And by that time the question may have been settled in a different way.

It had been announced with considerable flourish of trumpets that the president, though he failed to sign the surplus resolution, was going to carry out the house and senate declaration by issuing a fifteen million call of bonds. However, a little investigation discloses that the law as it stands required a call of this size and the president cannot take any credit for it. The call has been made according to law, but Cleveland was not to blame for the law.

If the house resolution had passed and been signed, \$75,000,000 of bonds would be called and paid off within the year and there would have been a small balance of bonds remaining, redeemable before 1891.

The young men of this city have been endeavoring to secure, and perpetuate the organization of a military company, and their efforts are now meeting with success. The movement is a worthy one and one that well merits the aid and endorsement of all good people. The benefits of such an organization to the young men, alone, aside from the benefits to the state, are numerous enough, and of sufficient importance, morally, and socially, to make it worth the while of everyone to take a little interest in the movement. Here the boys will have a club room in connection with the armory, and the members will find that a pleasant place to spend their evenings, instead of being socially "homeless" on numerous nights of the week. The idea that the writer wants the fathers, mothers and sisters to think in connection with this article, can be found between the lines.

AVAILABLE WAR SHIPS.

That this government is not altogether asleep on the subject of coast defenses and the possibility of taking care of itself on the high seas in the event of a foreign war is made evident by the fact that last June Secretary Whitney appointed a board of navy officers to obtain a list of United States merchant steamers suitable for conversion to auxiliary cruisers, transports, or for special service in the time of war. The S. F. Bulletin of the 14th inst. presents the following interesting and encouraging epitome of the matter in issue. The Bulletin says:

"It was stipulated that such vessels must be of 2,000 tons or upward, built of iron or steel, equal to a certain standard of construction and having a speed of not less than fourteen knots. The first report of the board contains a list of 102 iron steamers of 2,000 tons and upward which are recommended for examination, and gives details of the inspection of one vessel, the Louisiana, of the Cromwell line, which put her in the front rank, and superior to many first-class foreign steamers for the purpose of an auxiliary cruiser. She is of 3,000 tons measurement, has a speed of 17 1/2 knots and can carry a battery of six-inch rifled guns. The report is an agreeable surprise in the number of ships found of required tonnage and material, and it is believed that the inquiry will develop the possibility of organizing a "militia navy," which will prove a valuable auxiliary to the regular fleet in case of necessity. Such vessels cannot take the place of heavy ships, built and armed for war purposes, but would be useful as light cruisers, blockade runners and commerce destroyers. European nations are taking much pains to secure in their merchant fleets methods of construction which will fit them for conversion to war purposes. With our growing population, manufactures and trade, we shall not always be astern in the race for maritime supremacy, and by building our steamers according to certain standards of construction we may, in a measure, make our increasing commerce its own protector."

PIPED ITS LAST LAY.

The Congressional Record has ceased publication, but it has enough back numbers left over, to supply all of that class of literature that will be wanted by the American people during the coming summer. This valuable and esteemed exchange went out with colors flying, and did not even "squak" on its last publication day. It even went so far as to get out a complete index of all its issues, right up to the date on which it ceased publication. But the editor certainly has a very meager idea of what was just to his subscribers, as he allowed his "candle to be doused," without so much as "here we quit," or "thanking you for many past favors," or "owing to the fact that we do not apparently fill the 'long felt want' during the summer months," or anything and left its patrons looking for its next issue—but in vain. But this journal of the people will "Bloom again in the spring, Ira la," and everything will be serene again. Another congress will get together, and another lot of reporters will hash up some "slush," and pass it off onto us again, as the "speech of Mr. _____ a senator from Squeedunk." The only fault we find with our esteemed contemporary's ceasing publication, is that it don't stay ceased.

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ERRONEOUS PHILOSOPHY.

A commonplace reflection, which is always a great favorite with the lazy, is thus reproduced by the Philadelphia Times, not a lazy journal by any means, but sometimes too quick in its conclusions:

"The saddest part of all is that no big men seem to be growing up in either party to take the vacant places."

There are just as big men grown up already, and growing up, in both the great political parties, and in all parties, as the country has ever had to boast of.

The republic is not a dead failure because in the order of nature the eminent and the great die and are buried.

The new men are not the same as the old, because no two men and no twenty men are ever exactly alike.

But the new men are on the whole just as good as the old, just as strong, just as well informed as to the constitution, just as patriotic, just as faithful to their political convictions, and just as big. As we have said, there are differences, and in one generation individuals attain eminence for one reason, while in another generation the great men will be distinguished for a different greatness. But there is just as much greatness, and, unless we are rushing upon a downward chute of public degradation and destruction, just as much virtue and truth as the New York Sun, now as at any former time.

Take the list of members of the house of representatives for instance; we cannot recall a time when the republicans have had there ableer or better statesmen than Reed, McKinley, Hisscock, or Ranney, or when the democrats counted better, stronger, or purer champions than Carlisle, Randall, Bland, Holman, Morrison, or Herbert.

Or, if we go out among the young men of the country, those just rising into prominence upon the great arena of public affairs, those who have not yet attained to places in congress, we shall find that the republic is quite as well off as ever, and that the race of faithful and capable public servants is in no danger of dying out.

This talk about the superiority of the past over the present and the future is not worthy of so experienced a philosopher as Col. Alexander Kayser McClure.

THE ANARCHISTS.

Commenting on the verdict of the Chicago jury in the anarchist cases, the New York Herald sums it all up as follows:

"The verdict which condemns seven of the Chicago anarchists to death [August Spies, Michael Schwab, Samuel Fielden, Alfred R. Parsons, Adolph Fischer, George Engel and Louis Lingg] and the other [Oscar W. Nebee] to a long term of imprisonment, will be hailed with a general satisfaction not equalled since that which followed the execution of Guiteau. With one exception the miscreants have been found guilty of murder, and are condemned to pay its penalty; but their crime is more dangerous than ordinary murders. They scoffed at law, conspired against organized government, and recklessly attacked social order. The end of their diabolical teachings was general murder, arson and pillage; they plotted and threatened the wholesale destruction of life and property. What they sought was simply as their name implies—'anarchy, and anarchy of the most appalling kind. They have now been made to feel the grasp of the law which they affected to despise and attempted to trample under foot. The verdict rendered yesterday condemns these criminals to a deserved punishment. It will have a more far reaching effect. It will be a timely and wholesome warning to anarchists, not only in Chicago, but in New York, San Francisco, New Orleans, or wherever they may be found, that the red flag of anarchy cannot be openly run up with impunity in this country. The verdict is of national importance, and the jury that so promptly and fearlessly rendered it has done a national service."

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