

Notes and Comments.

An archaic tomb has been discovered on the Quirinal in Rome by workmen engaged in lowering the level of the street.

Designs for a colossal equestrian statue of General Robert Lee are advertised for in the London Journals.

The amount of labor performed in the New York Post-office and the promptness with which it is executed may be learned from the statement that one day last week, between the hours of eight and ten in the morning, 100,000 letters were sorted, and sent out by the carriers at the 10:30 delivery.

An Important Lesson.

Some years ago a ship sailing in the South Atlantic saw another making signals of distress. They bore down toward the sufferers, and hailed them.

Thus are we, poor thirsty souls, sailing on the boundless ocean of God's love, heedless of the Divine voice which saith, "If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, 'give to me drink,' thou wouldst have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water."

Indian Delegations.

From the Washington Star. The practice of bringing Indian delegations to Washington on trifling pretexts ought to be discouraged. A couple of years ago Red Cloud and Spotted Tail, with large delegations, were here to negotiate with the "Great Father" in regard to several matters, one of which was the removal of their agencies to the Missouri river.

removal to the Missouri, where they can be rationed at much less expense than the present location.

Wholesome Prohibitions.

The Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland, Ohio, has issued an order to the clergy and laity of his diocese which contains some very wholesome instructions:

To prevent and guard against abuses that are rapidly growing up in the diocese, in connection with church and society picnics, excursions, festivals, etc., the following regulations are prescribed:

1. Societies that are organized for beneficial purposes, and whose benefits are confined to their members, or societies that are organized for private ends and interests, cannot be permitted to appeal to the public by picnics, excursions, festivals, suppers, lectures, etc., to raise funds for their own private use and benefit.

2. All kinds of round dancing, night dancing, dancing in halls or ball-rooms, for the raising of money for church purposes or public charities, are strictly and unqualifiedly forbidden.

3. The sale of wine, beer, or any kind of intoxicating liquors at church picnics, excursions, festivals, suppers, etc., is strictly forbidden, and will not be permitted under any pretence whatsoever.

4. Moonlight excursions, picnics continued till after nightfall, meetings of the people where morals or good behavior are endangered, are also forbidden.

5. Before any picnics or excursions, whether for church or society purposes, can be held, the permission of the Ordina y must be first obtained.

6. Pastors will read these regulations at mass on Sunday after their receipt, and see that they are strictly obeyed.

The Telephone and Its Uses.

From the Boston Transcript.

The latest from Professor Bell's telephone, says the Boston Transcript, has the whole machine, both for speaking into and hearing out of, reduced to the size and shape of an ordinary door knob. A shiny black piece of thin iron the size of a three cent piece let into the surface of the mahogany knob is what does the talking.

"A ring of speculators in Washington have lately got hold of an old patent, never used, and have got it reissued so as to cover all the machines for effecting the process I have described. It is called the Cochrane patent. After quietly taking out the reissue, they went on without making any noise and took a suit up to the Supreme court, with a man of straw for defendant, and as no real defence was made, they easily obtained a decision based on an opinion given by Justice Miller. Now this gang of patent swindlers are attacking the heaviest millers with suits, expecting to terrify all the others.

secrets of the communication. Spite of all the oaths that telegraphers take, it is well understood that no communication of great importance on business or politics is safe unless it be in cipher. The telephone is therefore essentially and theoretically a means of whispering into partner's or henchman's ear what is for that ear alone. In practice, however, it is as yet found necessary to speak in a loud tone and with slow enunciation, which would preclude all confidences that a man's clerks may not share, unless deafened doors and walls seclude him from the business in which the telephone is employed.

An Enormous Tax on Flour.

The Cochrane Patent for Milling—What the Greatest Miller in the United States says About It—How it will Greatly Increase the Price for Flour if Maintained.

From the New York Tribune.

Ex-Gov. Cadwallader C. Washburn of Wisconsin, in conversation with a representative of the Tribune recently, gave a history of a patent for milling wheat, which threatens to impose a tax of millions of dollars on the flour consumers of the country. He said: "I am particularly interested just now in fighting the infamous patent-right swindle which is going to levy tribute on every loaf of bread made in this country. You haven't heard about it? Why, its making a great sensation in the west. Its a long story, but I can give you the gist of it in a few moments. I am, by the way, the largest miller in the United States; my mills being at Minneapolis, Minnesota. All millers are now using what is called the high process of grinding, which was generally introduced in this country about 1871, but had been in use in Europe for fifty years. I will explain: the terms of high and low grinding means the bringing the upper or running millstone low down and in close proximity to the nether stone, by reason of which the largest amount of flour is derived from the first grinding; but, as necessarily must be the case, a great deal of the outer coating of the wheat, together with the embryo, would be reduced to such fineness as to go into the flour, and a separation was impossible. The high grinding is the direct opposite of the low, and the object is at the first grinding to get rid of the bran at once and make as little flour as possible. This is done by blowing the bran off the coarse ground grain or middlings, and afterwards grinding fine the small white granules. I bought my machines in France. This improved process is now absolutely indispensable to successful milling. Deprive any miller of it, and he is ruined.

"I learn that the rascals propose to be magnanimous, and to grant licenses to such millers as will recognize the validity of their patent,

for the moderate sum of \$6,000 for each run of stones, which for this city alone amounts to the vast sum of \$1,200,000. While primarily this great sum would come from the millers, really it all comes out of the farmer and consumer at last, and they are the real people most interested in the defeat of this enormity. As there are over 6,000 runs of stones in the United States, this license will amount to \$36,000,000. We are going to bring this great outrage before Congress next winter and try to have the patent cancelled. The grain-growing sections of the west are indignant at the exposure of Mr's enormous fraud, and the grain-consuming east ought to be equally aroused, for the attempted tax on the chief necessary of life affects both alike."

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