

**Imprisoned by Thousands.**

A Berlin dispatch says that thousands of political prisoners, most of them arrested only on suspicion, are being sent from St. Petersburg to jails and penitentiaries in the centre and eastern Empire. These are the measures which despotisms usually resort to when discontent appears among the people. Russian history is full of incidents of persons, in official life and otherwise, being hurried off to Siberia with no other knowledge of the fate awaiting them than surmises based upon the fate of those who had gone before. It has been said that the doors of the Bastille opened in two directions—one for ingress toward the city, and one for egress toward the scaffold. The penal colony of Siberia has but one door—that of ingress, which faces toward the Empire. Its door of exit is into the earth. A government exists and asks the support of the people, who send political prisoners to jail by the thousand, on the barest suspicion, with Siberia in the dim distance. It is quite natural that a dynasty which has exercised despotic power so long as the Romanoffs should seek to penetrate itself by such desperate measures, but the world will breathe freer when its power over the lives of millions of human beings is limited. The Czar of Russia is said to be a well-meaning monarch, but he is hampered by tradition he has not the courage to defy. His methods answered a good purpose a century ago, but within the last hundred years there has been signs visible of a growing disinclination on the part of the people to hold life, liberty, and property, subject to the will or the caprice of one man, or of one woman.

**A Singular Case at Law.**

That has always been considered a wise provision of the constitution of the United States which declares that the life of no man shall be put twice in jeopardy for the same offense, but the application of the law, in a recent case, produced a singular result. One Orfield was tried in Livingston county, Ill., on a charge of murder in the first degree, and the jury found him guilty of murder in the second degree. A new trial was granted, for some reason or other, and when this came on the court instructed the jury that, as the defendant had already been tried once for murder in the first degree and not found guilty, if they believed him guilty of that crime they must acquit him. The jury did believe him guilty of murder in the first degree, and therefore, under instructions, returned a verdict of not guilty. Thus, by a strict construction of law, one man, twice found guilty of taking away the life of another, escaped punishment entirely.

**A View of Competition.**

As our readers generally know, the improvements which are being made in the use of the electric light have caused the price of gas stock to decline all over the Union. In view of the competition, many companies have reduced the price of gas, some of which a contemporary enumerates as follows: In Boston the price has been reduced to \$2 per thousand. Lowell has the article furnished at \$1.80. At Hartford, Connecticut, the price has been reduced from \$2.75 to \$2. Vicksburg has put down the price from \$4.50 to \$4. Cleveland citizens get their light at \$2, and public lamps and buildings are furnished at \$1.25. St. Paul has reduced the rate to \$4, with liberal discounts, according to size of bill. Montreal has come down from \$2.50 to \$2.

Of course, reducing the price of gas tends to keep out the electric light.

—Dr. Phillips, a London physician who was in lucrative practice in the West End, has just recovered a verdict of \$35,000 against the Southwestern railway company for injuries to his spine received in a collision in December, 1877. He will never be able to resume his practice, as partial paralysis is coming on. For three years previous to the accident his professional income averaged \$32,500 a year.

**English Paper Failures.**

Twelve paper making establishments in England have become bankrupt since the beginning of last December. Scarcely any American paper factories have been reported insolvent within that period. Much paper for writing, for books, and for newspapers has of late been exported from this country to South America, and there is a growing demand from Germany for coarse American paper.

The Scotch have a reputation for gravity, yet Punch received more jokes from Scotland than from any other part of the United Kingdom. The Scotch also do more laughing at theatres than either the English or the Irish.

The cattle plague is becoming more and more formidable in Bohemia. Several hundred places have been attacked by the disease. They are surrounded by a military cordon, and as far as possible prevented from carrying on intercourse beyond its boundaries. The loss to the inhabitants of the district is very considerable, and is not totally represented by that of the cattle slaughtered. Agriculture in many places is at a standstill, the cattle which serve as beasts of burden being locked up wherever the disease appears. The plague is believed to have been introduced by several head of Russian cattle imported by a Galician dealer.

—Eastern trout do not thrive in the waters of California. All the coast streams have been stocked with them, but they soon died out. This is ascribed to the sandstone formations through which the streams run, and which make the waters muddy. In some of the clear mountain streams which run through slate and granite formations, the fish do well. The California fish commission corroborates this theory by its experience with eastern trout in San Leandro lake. They had just distributed 20,000 of the fish, about three weeks old, when heavy rains came and made the waters muddy. The result was that three-fourths of the trout died, and the rest were saved only by being removed to clear water.

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