

DIONYSIUS I, the Elder, of Syracuse, who lived about 430 B. C., not content with being a successful statesman, aspired to be a successful poet. The editor of that period must have been placed in an embarrassing situation; for it is said that those who did not praise the tyrant's verses were in danger of being led to prison. Having twice sent poems for recital at the Olympic games, they were promptly hissed by the assembly. Dionysius, we venture to say, did not appreciate the kindness which invited this rejection. But, when finally a tragedy which he had sent to Athens obtained the prize, the too happy monarch died from the effects of an overdose of joy; his death being hastened by the unpoetic debauch which celebrated his triumph. The case of Dionysius illustrates the dangers which inhere in poetical composition. It exhibits also the delicate responsibilities of editorial decision. To reject a poem may sometimes be fraught with personal danger to the editor; but how much more dangerous may its acceptance be to the composer! Cruel, heartless beyond measure would it be for an editor to accept a poem, when he knew that the author would die of overjoy on receiving the announcement. The fate of Dionysius has made a lasting impression on the editorial mind. Let the reckless good-nature of the profession be held within proper bounds, lest it produce the fatal intoxication of success. Were we to accept all the poems that come to us, the soil of our country would be sown with new made graves. It is the dose of disappointment which the editor with heroic self-restraint is compelled to administer to the lips of the rejected which saves the mortuary record from a new freshet of statistics. Sweetening this cup of disappointment, it is not pleasant to find this lump of sugar—namely, that poems are always rejected, not because they are bad, not because the editor has too many already, but because they are dangerously good?

The custom of dueling, though it is an honored tradition in the south, is not a practice in the United States army. Legal methods of adjusting disputes prevail over the uncertain arbitration of sword or pistol. The Stanley-Hazen court martial was a conspicuous illustration of the transition from the old method to the new. In Austria, however, the barbarism of the code of honor is still prevalent in the army; and we read with astonishment that a lieutenant in the Austrian army was recently dismissed for refusing to fight a duel. Having an altercation with a companion, he received a challenge. He declined it, because it was against his religion, against reason and conscience, and also because dueling was forbidden both by the civil and military law. "The matter was brought before a court of honor, consisting of superior officers of the Fourteenth army corps. The decision of this court was 'approved,' and published on January 12, and simply recites that 'Josef Hinter, lieutenant in the reserve of the Tyrolese Jager regiment of the Emperor Franz Josef,' is charged with 'absolute refusal of a duel, and the sentence is that the accused be deprived of his commission and rank.'" Those who know the small amount of physical bravery it requires to fight an ordinary German duel will discover far more courage in the refusal of the officer to accept the challenge than if he had accepted. The decision of the court furnishes a sad commentary on the ethical standards of the Austrian army.

The Saturday Review, which seldom loses an opportunity to fling a paragraph at the United States, complained some time ago of the American policy of non-intervention in foreign and especially eastern affairs, asserting that America had never done anything to promote humane and benevolent interests by interposing her powerful arm in behalf of the weak and the oppressed in international disputes. The position of affairs in the Soudan just now invests the argument of the Saturday Review with a peculiar irony. England has become singularly muddled in its management of Egyptian affairs. No wonder that public opinion in England is divided on the question of the Egyptian policy. We know no more striking illustration of the wisdom and benevolence of the American principle of non-intervention than that which is afforded by the contradictions, injustice, and general abuses of European rule in Egypt.

REV. DR. RANKIN DUMER, of New York, informs the Christian world through the Christian Intelligencer that "backgammon is just as much under God's control as chess, no more, no less. The man who plays chess without a general belief in God's overruling his own skill is as wicked as a man who sits down to backgammon thinking the throws are under no divine direction." Without discussing the philosophy of this position, we may remark that the player who is habitually beaten may find consolation in the fact that his skill is thus overruled by divine power.

PATENT OFFICE REVENUES.

The United States is unique among nations in accumulating more money than it can make use of without extravagance, and one of its departments, the patent office, has an equally remarkable showing of surplus revenue. The accumulation of receipts for patents over the expenses of the office has already reached the sum of \$2,676,000, and the fund will go on increasing, it is estimated, at the rate of more than a half million surplus for this year. Commissioner Butterworth sees a way of disposing of part of the revenue by increasing the force and the pay of the officials, and in extending the office accommodations for business; but without extravagance this will make but a small inroad upon the surplus. A bill is now before a sub-committee of the house committee on patents, providing for a reduction of the fee charged to applicants, which is \$15. There are no business interests that could be endangered by the reduction of the application fee, though a cheapening of the process of getting a patent might bring considerably more work to the examiners. Fifteen dollars is more than some inventors can afford to pay, as the turn of mind which broods over and produces inventions is not usually in company with the thrift that gathers money at the outset. Although a reduction of the fees may, and probably would, set numerous contrivers all over the country to imagining improvements in every patentable contrivance or device in mechanics, the results would be the same to the country as the results of cheapened postage—more use of the office by the people at large. With something near 2000 applications per month, the present rate, it is easily seen that many of the proposed patents may not possess novelty, and may be merely duplicates of existing inventions, which no one outside of the official staff has the means of knowing. For the announcement that there is nothing new in a proposed invention, something less than \$15 might be counted sufficient to pay.

The Bey of Tunis may be a "gray barbarian," and away behind the rest of the world; but he has his little ideas all the same. He has recently displayed considerable recklessness by starting a newspaper in his capital, but it is to be excused by reason of the admirable ingenuity he has displayed. In the prospectus the courtly monarch announces that every subscriber shall, in turn, edit the paper. During the time that said subscriber does this he will be sure of suiting himself, at other times the matter will be decidedly problematical. We await, with interest, further advices from Tunis. It may for aught we know, be a little advertising dodge on the part of the Tunisian board of immigration.

REV. DR. W. F. WARREN believes that the original location of the Garden of Eden was at the North Pole. Perhaps this accounts for the strange fascination it has for explorers. It is the operation of an hereditary home-sickness.

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RESIDENTS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 are hereby notified that the taxes for the year 1883 in said district are now due and payable at the office of Auditor & Co., Upper Astoria.  
J. E. HIGGINS,  
Auditing School Clerk.  
Astoria, February 4, 1884.

**Notice.**  
THERE WILL BE A STOCKHOLDERS' meeting of the Garibaldi Packing Co., at the Longshoremen's Hall, No. 3, in this city, Saturday, April 6th, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. By order of the President,  
**CHAS. WICKSTROM.**  
Astoria, Or., April 2d, 1884.

**Notice.**  
ALL PERSONS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED not to treat my wife, Bridget Gorman, on my account, as I will not pay any bills contracted by her.  
P. GOEMAN.

**Notice.**  
THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY WILL be held in the County Court house, on Saturday evening, at 7 30 o'clock, for the purpose of electing twenty one delegates to the County convention.  
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C. J. TRENCHARD,  
A. A. CLEVELAND,  
Precinct Committee.  
Astoria, Or., April 3rd, 1884.

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THERE WILL BE A STOCKHOLDERS' meeting of the Point Adams Pier Co., at their office in Upper Astoria, on Saturday, April 6th, at 1 o'clock P. M. By order of the president,  
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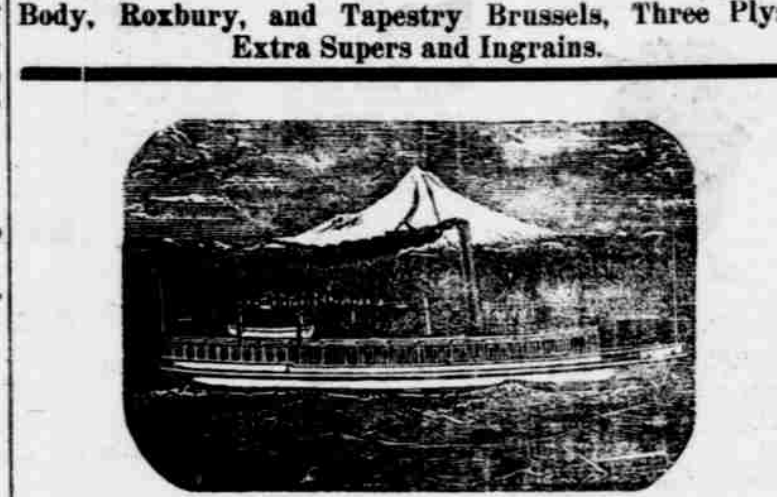
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Astoria, Or., March 15th, 1884.