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This week THE TELEPHONE-REGISTER presents to its readers a six-page paper; next week it will do the same. In this issue the announcement of a small gift to the ladies appears. It is to be hoped that they will cut out the orders which will appear next week and get one of the late style basque patterns.

The Willamette Valley Tribune is our latest exchange, published at Independence, Polk county. It is edited by J. H. Stine and is in every way a creditable publication.

J. H. Stine, who is interested in the new paper at Independence, has been appointed to a position in the government printing office at Washington.

The silver question is again in sight and is creating its usual stir. We do not want the free coinage of silver for the simple reason that America is the greatest silver producing country in the world and it is to our interest to keep the price up.

According to the census of 1880 we had over 50,000 people in the United States and 81,700,000 in property more than enough to count \$1000 to every individual, or \$6000 to a family.

Mayor DeLashmuth Jr. in his message vetoing the ordinance regulating the playing of bands, said:

The greatest freedom of religious worship is one of the bulwarks of our republican form of government; Christ set an example of meekness and simplicity of worship, and, although he did not parade the streets with cymbals and bass drums, he did ride into Jerusalem astride a long-eared colt, whose musical intonations are reported to be almost as discordant as those of our Salvation Army.

Some time ago the Brazilian government placed a \$100,000,000 loan through the Rothschilds at four per cent. British investors took most of the bonds, and they are now naturally suspicious of the new Brazilian government.

THE PHILADELPHIA PESS AND OTHER NEWS PAPERS and their clamorous protests against the recognition of the new republic by our government: Is it possible that these foreign influences are making themselves felt in the neighborhood of the state department in Washington, and that that is the explanation of the extraordinary coldness with which the department has dealt with Brazil since the people of that country made up their minds to dispense with their imperial master?

Secretary Tracy, in his report on the navy, says that it is a matter for serious consideration whether steps may not be taken towards the creation of a fleet of specially adapted steamers of American nationality, owned by American merchants, carrying the American flag and capable under well-defined conditions of temporary incorporation in our navy.

ELECTRICAL DANGERS.

The North American Review has succeeded in mixing us all up on the question of safety in electric lighting. Two months ago the public knew just what it wanted. "Put the wires" underground was the popular demand, and it was supposed that with the abolition of poles the dangers of electricity would disappear.

But now comes Mr. George Westinghouse, president of the Westinghouse Electric company, in the December number of the same magazine, and mopes up the arena of debate with Mr. Edison's unselfish form. He asserts that the alternating system is infinitely safer than the continuous, because there is no connection between its street and house wires, the current being carried into buildings by induction, while all the wires in a district supplied with Edison lights form a single network.

Mr. Westinghouse's scheme of regulation is to prohibit pressures exceeding 100 volts within buildings, (the Edison lamps being run under a pressure of 110 volts) to forbid direct connections between street mains and house wires and to permit no underground system, which does not "provide for the renewal and repair of the mains without digging up the streets."

A POLITICAL OUTLAW.

Ambrose Bierce in his "Record of Individual Opinions" columns of the Sunday Examiner, has this to say of Jefferson Davis:

"Jefferson Davis died impotent, a political outlaw, but there are some who feel that loyalty does not require his excommunication. When heated it is best to submit, and this he did; but it is not always well that all should fraternize with the victors. In this world as in good things, as good will, and constancy may be, under certain circumstances, one of them. It is not always, and in the large way, a practicable virtue. An individual may faithfully execute political devotion as an example—to keep alive the sentiment of devotion in general; but a community can hardly afford the luxury of a needless and unprofitable heroism, sacrificing its material interest to its moral."

PHELPS-BISMARCK COURTSHIP.

The extraordinary exchange of courtships, amounting almost to carresses, which occurred on Thanksgiving day between Mr. Phelps and Count Herbert Bismarck is perhaps to be interpreted in the light of the circumstances. The circumstances were drawn from the wire bottles.

It was after a robust dinner that Mr. Phelps forgot his position as the diplomatic representative of a republic and "slathered" the German emperor with laudations fit only to proceed from the mouth of a Prussian subaltern officer eager to "bend the pregnant hinges of the knee that thrift might follow fawning."

LABOR-UNIONISM.

In the North American Review for November Austin Corbin writes on the future of labor-unionism. He says: "I do not believe that the time will ever come when labor-unionism will permanently control the great body of American workmen. If it does it will produce a state of society wherein the workman will have neither the ambition nor the opportunity to improve his condition or to become himself an employer, and where the great mass of bread-winners will be reduced to a state of slavery infinitely worse in every respect than that in which the colored race was formerly held in the Southern states."

EDISON'S GREAT PROBLEM.

The great electrician, Edison, has obtained a nucleus of a new idea that, if worked out successfully, will create a revolution equal to that caused by the application of the expensive force of water vapor for mechanical power. He is quoted as saying: "I am thinking of the possibility of utilizing the heat contained in coal without the loss of energy and waste entailed by combustion."

THE EVILS OF A WAR TARIFF.

We now see the wives and children of starving Illinois miners sent out on organized begging expeditions; we hear of riots among the unpaid coke workers of Pennsylvania; we know that New England cotton operatives can only live by giving up life to the two thoughts of work and economy; we know that the woman who makes shirts and trousers for the trade can save her womanly goodness only at the sacrifice of food, sleep, exercise and by the banishment of all hopes of pleasure.

The exports of the country in breadstuffs, provisions, cotton and petroleum continue large, and show a goodly increase over the previous year. By the preliminary statement of the bureau of statistics, it appears that in October 15, 084,604 bushels of breadstuffs were exported, against 12,853,137 bushels in October, 1888. Owing to the lower prices, however, the values show a decrease, they amounting to but \$11,559,569, against \$11,709,940 in October last year.

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