

have much need of it and to get it we must ask God, whose free gift it is to every man that asketh. Prayer to be effectual should be humble, confident, persevering. True prayer is like heaven itself—converse with God on most intimate terms.

Father Keane drew some lessons from the narrative of the Saviour's transfiguration, which demonstrated His mission to teach and to save.

The Methodist local preachers of this city and vicinity had a day for themselves yesterday in John street church. Mr. McFarlane preached on the folly of worldly wisdom and religious divisions, and recommended Christ as the source of all true wisdom and unity.

Rev. Dr. Wild, of Brooklyn, demonstrated the need of Christianity by its effects upon mankind, by the consolation it gives to the living and comfort to the dying. And one must be incapable of observation, he said, if he could not discover a wholesome difference between the man that feared God and the man that did not.

Rev. Mr. Camp, on the call of the Baptist to repentance or reformation of life and character, declared that nothing short of Almighty grace can deal tenderly and justly with the man who dares to pretend to pray while he acts a lie. For himself he preferred the simple, sincere, rough honesty of a man who may be profane, whose shadow may never darken a church door, to the oily-tongued man, who can discourse so serenely about religion, but is full of all manner of uncleanness. And so we have. A religious hypocrite is the most detestable being on earth, and hence the Saviour when on earth lashed this class at every street corner and in every sermon or exhortation.

Dr. Clarke could and did easily demonstrate to his people that culture and Christianity do not always go necessarily together. Hence Paul could not preach the Gospel so successfully among the learned Athenians as he did preach it in some other cities. With much culture there is apt to be lacking the humility that is needed to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour. There is a danger, he feared, that the idea will gain ground in the Church that religion and worldliness can go along the broad way together.

Mr. Beecher having returned from his lecturing tour in the West, as might be supposed, was more full of philosophy than of Christ, and entertained his audience with a plea for ethical development, without which morality becomes narrow and secular. While he would preach that unless a man be born again he cannot enter the kingdom of heaven, he thinks it much better that a man on his way up should have a lower grade of morality than nothing. He does not believe that much has been learned about the Divine nature during three thousand years, and hence there is selfishness in kindness, in worship and in piety. He would unite morality and religion.

PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

Mr. A. O. Wright has taken in hand the Jacksonville (Fla.) Democrat. Surgeon E. P. Volium, of the United States Army, is at the Hoffman House. Judge W. S. Lincoln, of Washington, is staying at the Grand Central Hotel. Ex-Congressman E. W. Beck, of Georgia, is at the Grand Central Hotel. General Benjamin F. Butler, of Massachusetts, is at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. Ex-Congressman J. M. Warren, of Troy, yesterday arrived at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. Congressman De Witt C. Giddings, of Texas, is stopping at the Metropolitan Hotel. Commander W. B. Cushing, of the United States Navy, has arrived at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. Minister Mori will soon leave Washington for Japan, but will return in the Fall to resume his diplomatic duties. Young Fred Grant, son of the President, will spend a portion of the coming summer in the Yosemite Valley, California. The boy who personated the Newburyport (Mass.) schoolhouse ghost has been recommended for a cadetship at West Point. E. B. Hurlbut, of Cleveland, President of the Cleveland, Cincinnati and Indianapolis Railroad, is among the late arrivals at St. Nicholas Hotel. Schuyler Colfax, it is said, has studied the life of Cicinnatus, and will henceforward devote his labors to raising cabbages at South Bend, Ind. He will never pass for one of the Congressional "greens."

Fred Douglass, black man, in his next lecture, in Philadelphia, will tell, for the first time, how he escaped from slavery. This reminiscence of the "underground railway" will perhaps revive the subject of rapid transit in New York. Mr. James H. Banker, the Treasurer of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad Company, sailed for England on Wednesday, and Mr. Edwin D. Worcester, of the Central Hudson River Company, will act as Treasurer pro tem. in his absence. The Southern journals are in ecstasies over the election of Alexander H. Stevens to Congress. They think he will be more at home as the Representative of the Eighth district of Georgia than he was as the Vice President of the Southern Confederacy. Mrs. Wittles, the Indian squaw, who was the agent courier of Uncle Sam's Peace Commissioners to Captain Jack and the Hon. Shack Nasty Jim in the lava beds of Oregon, proposes to come East and lecture on the habits and customs of the Modoc. Subject—"Wittles on the Grub of the Lava Beds."

James Barnes, the defaulting Treasurer of Yates county, New York, who ran away to California with a woman and a large amount of money, leaving his wife, three children and an empty treasury behind, has been brought back to Penn Yan. He is suffering from mental and physical prostration, which is very natural under the circumstances. Mr. John Keane, of Waterford, Ireland, some time back buried the body of a woman that had been sent to him from an hospital as that of his wife. A St. Patrick's Burial Society paid the bill. A few days ago the real Mrs. Keane turned up at the domestic. Keane was mad, Mrs. Keane was mad, and the agent of the burial society was mad. M. Thiers, at a late dinner in Paris, thus recounted the origin of the name *fourquatre*, that is often applied to him—"One day in the tribune, Marshal Solit, speaking of the wounded he had received in the right leg, M. Thiers interrupted him by calling out, 'In the left leg.'—'In the right leg,' insisted the Marshal; 'In the left leg,' persisted M. Thiers; 'It is just possible,' replied Marshal Solit; 'the honorable M. Thiers is perhaps right, it is the left leg,' Solit, so confused by the interruption, forgot his discourse, and left the tribune exclaiming, 'It always happens that this *fourquatre* must throw something at my legs.' The name has stuck to me."

Once upon a time there came over to England an English gentleman named David Ocheronov Dey-Somber, Esq. He was enormously rich, and consequently, though a colored man, got a seat in Parliament as a Peer's daughter to wife—to wit, the daughter of Viscount St. Vincent. Mr. Dey-Somber died, and General Forester, son of Lord Forester, married the widow. But about the property a dispute arose, which had to be settled by the courts. It was a long affair, for there was a heavy sum in dispute. However, it came to an end at last, and a couple of weeks since was paid to General Forester the noble sum of \$150,000.

SPAIN.

Parliamentary Debate on the Constitutional Project of the Ministry.

Legislative Sanction and a Heavy Blow to Radicalism—Cabinet Reconstruction Expected—Barcelona Proclaims the Federal Republic—The Carlists in Guerrilla Operation.

TELEGRAMS TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

MADRID, March 9, 1873. Debate on the bill dissolving the Assembly, convoking the constituent Cortes, and providing for elections for members of the latter, opened in the National Assembly yesterday.

The President of the Chamber left the chair and made a patriotic speech, declaring that he should not oppose the government's determination to dissolve the Assembly and call a constituent Cortes.

Prime Minister Figueras exhorted the liberals to pursue a conciliatory course, and urged the conservatives to trust in the Republic.

The Assembly voted to take the bill into consideration by 186 yeas to 19 nays.

CITIZEN APPROVAL AND PUBLIC INFERENCE AS TO RESULTS.

The large and anxious crowd of people in front of the Hall of the Assembly on learning the result of the vote gave repeated cheers for the Republic. The *Imparcial* says the vote is a death blow to the radical party.

It is expected that Henri Martos, Sordoa and Oreiro, who voted against the government, will resign.

There is a rumor that the President of the Assembly has tendered his resignation.

THE EFFECT ON THE BOURSE.

Funds are rising and the capital is tranquil.

The Federal Republic Proclaimed at Barcelona.

MADRID, March 9—Evening. The Federal Republic was proclaimed at Barcelona this morning.

Prime Minister Figueras, on receiving the news, immediately left for that city.

The announcement at first caused great excitement, which, however, quickly subsided, and this evening all is quiet.

Operations Against the Carlists in the Field.

MADRID, March 9, 1873. Reports from the officers of the staff of the General commanding the Army of the North represent that the Carlists cannot muster over ten or twelve thousand men, chiefly paid partisans.

Their tactics are to act in small bands, so as to divide the national troops. They have plenty of money. The peasants are growing weary of the insurrection.

AMAEUS.

His Ex-Majesty in Turin—Cordial Reception by the People.

TURIN, March 9, 1873. The Ex-King of Spain arrived in this city yesterday, and was welcomed with extraordinary enthusiasm by the people.

ENGLAND.

The Irish University Bill Denounced by Cardinal Cullen—The Labor Strike in South Wales.

LONDON, March 10—4 A. M. Cardinal Cullen has issued a pastoral letter denouncing the Irish University bill.

There are strong hopes that the strike in South Wales will soon be completely ended. The men will resume work at several places this week.

GERMANY.

Unrelenting Hold on Hostaged France—Naval Development.

LONDON, March 10, 1873. The special despatch from Berlin to the *London Times* of this morning says Germany refuses to evacuate Belfort until the payment of the war indemnity is completed by France.

The German government appropriates \$0,000,000 thalers for the construction of ships and shipyards.

PORTUGAL.

Aid to Public Travel and Trade.

LISBON, March 9, 1873. A tramway between Lisbon and Cintra will be opened to public travel in a fortnight.

DOMESTIC DISASTER IN PORTSMOUTH, N. H.

PORTSMOUTH, March 9, 1873. A son of Mr. Samuel White, of this city, aged fourteen years, accidentally shot and killed his brother to-day. The father, learning the boys had a gun loaded in the house, told them to unload it at the first opportunity. So one of them got the gun, laid the butt on the bed with the muzzle under his arm, and in lifting the trigger to remove the cap it slipped from his hand, the cap exploded and the double charge of buckshot was discharged into the heart of his brother, who had left the seat where the gunner left him across the room, and had come up close behind him to witness the operation. The boy was a corpse in five minutes. The Mayor and Coroner Rider did not deem an inquest necessary.

A son of Albert Caswell jumped from a freight train last night, at the depot in this city and broke his leg. It is to be hoped the list of horrors for our usually quiet city is now full.

A STRANGE CASE OF SUICIDE.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 9, 1873. Aloys Peters, aged forty-five years, residing at 223 East York street, committed suicide this morning by cutting his throat. His wife was at church at the time. When she returned she found the door locked, and upon an entrance being effected through a trap door opening from the adjoining building, Peters was discovered dead on a bed on the third floor. Deceased was a cabinet maker and did his business. The fatal act is ascribed to despondency at the loss of an adopted boy, who, by legal means, was taken from him and given in charge to his mother.

A CRURON BURNED DOWN.

EASTON, Pa., March 9, 1873. Trinity church, of this place, which was just completed, was burned to the ground last night. The loss, on which there was no insurance, amounts to \$25,000.

CLUBBING AFFRAY.

Patrick and Charles McShane, of No. 47 Jackson street, attacked Henry McNulty last evening and severely beat him about the head and body with a club. The two assailants were arrested and locked up at the Thirteenth precinct station house.

THE HERALD ALMANAC.

Below we publish a few of the press notices of the "Herald Almanac," taken from a mass of similar complimentary notices which our exchanges bring to us every day.

[Rochester (N. Y.) Union and Advertiser.] THE HERALD ALMANAC.—This annual handbook of reference is just what it claims to be—a complete financial, commercial and political register. Its issue of last year fully established its popularity, but it comes out for 1873 even better prepared to command public approval. It contains over two hundred pages of statistical information, embracing every topic concerning which a question is likely to arise in every-day life. Its political record is complete and accurate, its financial department is comprehensive and minute, its court and judicial list full and its astronomical calculations reliable. It has a vast amount of mercantile and agricultural statistics, hurricane and cyclone charts, and all such nautical information as mariners are most likely to desire. It has even a list of missing heirs, running back for thirty years, and giving the names of advertisers, their address and dates of advertisements. In fact, any information sought for on the subjects mentioned, or concerning yacht clubs and yachts, mail and postal affairs, national debts, populations of States, cities and countries, &c., will be found in the "Herald Almanac."

[Plymouth (Mass.) Old Colony Memorial.] The "New York Herald Almanac and Financial and Commercial Register for 1873" has come to hand. We are astonished at the amount of valuable information stored within its covers, and cannot conceive how any one can invest twenty-five cents to better advantage than in its purchase. To us the storm chart alone is sufficiently interesting for an hour's study, and by its help we have been enabled to understand at a glance what has hitherto been a complete mystery. The publication is well worthy of the cosmopolitan press from which it emanates. Price twenty-five cents. Sold by all news dealers.

[Philadelphia (Pa.) Public Ledger.] The "New York Herald Almanac" for 1873 has appeared. It comprises 212 pages, and, besides full astronomical calendars, gives the principal officers in all the departments of the United States government, civil, military and naval. It contains for every day of 1873 the quotations in the New York market of United States bonds, railroad stocks, and also furnishes tables showing the product of each principal crop in the separate States, the yield per acre, the total average, the average price in each State, and the value of each crop for 1871. It likewise gives tables of the daily quotations of American securities in the London market during 1872, and of the daily quotations of cotton in the New York market for 1872, and furnishes a full and complete financial and commercial register for the past year. It gives the election returns by States, counties and Congressional districts. There is also a list of missing heirs advertised in the *HERALD* during the last thirty-five years.

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WASHINGTON.

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Boutwell's Senatorial Chances.

The election of Mr. Boutwell to the Senate is not as certain as has been predicted. While he will doubtless get a large vote on the first ballot, Dawes, Loring, Hoar and Whittier will each receive a number of votes. Should Boutwell be elected on Wednesday his credentials will be promptly forwarded by special messenger and presented to the Senate by Senator Sumner, when his resignation as Secretary of the Treasury will be presented to the President. One of Mr. Boutwell's first senatorial official acts will be to vote for the confirmation of his successor.

Congressmen Waiting for the Extra Pay.

When Sergeant-at-Arms Ordway was ready to pay the \$5,000 increase there will be an exodus of Congressmen and ex-Congressmen from Washington. They are here and there like stragglers in camp after the army has moved. A few of the notables are daily about. Banks has retired to private life with his accustomed ease and grace. Cox looks brighter and stouter, and expects a memorial from his macaroni constituency, after which he discusses State rights in New Orleans. Poland is the grave and venerable man he has been since Hoax Ames was investigated. Butler remains to plead the cause of ex-Policeman O'Brien, who is under sentence of death and who wants a new trial. Colonel Roberts shakes the dust of the city from his boots to-morrow morning, and returns to New York. In a week or ten days Washington will be left to the oldest inhabitants and department employees.

Louisiana Not in Favor.

General McMillan and ex-Governor Pinchback, Senators-elect of their respective parties, are still in Washington awaiting events, but the Senate is not inclined to take any action whatever on Louisiana matters during the present executive session. Senator Sumner had a very sick night after dining on Saturday evening with Senator Penton, and his friends found him this morning very feeble and discouraged.

Overreaching the Press.

The republican caucus has undertaken to so manage the press as to secure reports which will better please Conkling, Chandler and Carpenter. To do this they propose to bring the reporter of the Associated Press in upon the sacred floor of the Senate, where they can watch him, and to exclude from the galleries all reporters not known to be in sympathy with themselves.

Old Subsidy's New Quarters.

Subsidiary Pom has got to give up the house which he has for some years hired next to the ladies' entrance of the Arlington. He has, meanwhile, purchased a house fronting on Lafayette square, where he will probably live in good style.

Senator Edmunds' Proposed Tour.

Senator Edmunds, of Vermont, the great objector of the Senate, is to leave on next Saturday's steamer for Europe, where he will remain all summer, accompanied by his family.

Poor Patterson Known.

Poor Patterson, like the toy known as "Jack-in-the-box," keeps popping up. He has made such piteous appeals to Senators that he will probably have a hearing, yet what business has this Senate to investigate a citizen as a man who is not a member, or even the ghost of an officer?

The Caldwell Debate.

It is supposed that the debate on the Caldwell case will continue two or three days, four or five Senators are prepared to make speeches. The debate will be under the management of Senator Morton, Chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections. This is different from any other case of disputed election ever considered or determined by either House of Congress. There are no precedents in American parliamentary law in relation to buying out an opposing candidate and his followers to secure an election to Congress, and, therefore, this case attracts much interest, particularly among political lawyers.

Has Mr. Brooks Suffered So Much?

The address of James Brooks to his constituents has been denounced by republican and democratic Congressmen in unmeasured terms. One of his democratic friends and supporters now says that his mind is evidently affected, and that the only charitable construction that can be placed upon his conduct of late.

Cassery's Parting Dish.

Senator Cassery, who intends leaving for California in a few weeks, gave one of the most elegant dinner parties to-day at his residence on Lafayette square. All the democratic celebrities in Washington enjoyed his hospitality.

The Governorship of Utah.

The President has given ex-Delegate Claggett, of Montana, the refusal of the office of Governor of Utah, and will wait until early in April for an answer. Claggett's speeches against Mormonism and the interest he has taken in the affairs of the government in Utah render him acceptable to the administration.

How Senatorial Investigations Will Legitimize the Extra Session.

Prominent Senators to-night expressed the opinion that the consideration of reports of committees in the case of Messrs. Caldwell, Clayton, Patterson &c., will prolong the extra session of the Senate at least five or ten days to-morrow.

Keeping the President Employed.

Much of the time of the President during last week was occupied in responding to the congratulations of large numbers of visitors attending the inauguration.

Post Office Technicalities.

It is held by the Post Office Department that the recent decision of the Attorney General that double postage should not be collected at the office of delivery on the unpaid portions of letters partly prepaid, by at least one