

Another Monster Gun.
Another "twenty inch gun," the sixth in number, was cast at the Fort Pitt foundry on Monday, under the direction of that celebrity in his way, Col. Joseph Kays, the veteran foreman of the establishment. Preparations for the casting were made last week, the mould having been placed in the pit on Wednesday. One hundred and forty thousand pounds (seven tons) of the best Juniata iron were placed in three furnaces, the largest quantity in one being 68,000 pounds, and the remainder about equally divided between the other two. The fires were lighted at 7½ o'clock Monday morning, and three hours and a half (11 o'clock) afterward the furnaces were tapped and the molten metal began flowing from through conduits at opposite sides into the mould, which was filled in 27 minutes, during which time a stream of water passed in and out of the core barrel at the rate of 20 gallons per minute, the water increasing in temperature in 10 minutes from 60 to 110 degrees, and in 40 minutes to 120 degrees. The casting was accomplished successfully, and without the slightest accident. The weight of the gun in the rough, when taken from the mould, will be about 140,000 pounds, and when finished 95,000; its greatest diameter nine-fourth inches, at the muzzle thirty-eight by seventy inches; in length one hundred and eighty-nine inches, bore one hundred and fifty-seven inches. The gun is intended for the navy service, and is considerably shorter than others of like caliber heretofore cast.

When finished, it will be tested at the proving ground, for which a ball weighing one thousand pounds will be used; also nine charges of mammoth powder, the first three of sixty pounds each, the next three of eighty pounds, and the last three of one hundred pounds each.

The Negro.

General Howard estimates that within the last four years 1,000,000 of the colored race in this country have gone the way of all the earth.—*Exchange*.

That is one-quarter of all the negroes there were in the South before the war. It is the first great instalment of that measure of philanthropy to it that brought ruin upon the country—the philanthropy of extermination, toward which the race tends when white care and protection is withdrawn from it, and it is thrown into competition with the superior race.—*Cincinnati Enquirer*.

A DAMNING EXPLANATION—The Philadelphia *Age* publishes the following extract from the minutes of the committee that investigated the Conover case:

"Why," asked the Judiciary committee of William Campbell, "did you make this false affidavit?"

"That," replied Campbell, "will require a little explanation. I was informed by Mr. Conover that Judge Holt had offered a reward of \$100,000 for the capture of Jefferson Davis; that now Davis was taken they had not enough, against him to justify them in what they had done; that Judge Holt wanted to get witnesses to prove that Davis was interested in the assassination of President Lincoln, so as to justify him in paying the reward."

Thaddeus Stevens has an inspired proslavery at the South. Considerable excitement has been caused in Chattanooga for several days past, by an insane colored woman, who has visions, and proclaims that she is the representative of God; that power has been given her to watch over the interests of the people, and that she has been commanded to confiscate the property of the copperheads and rebels, and divide it among her children—the colored people.

ICEBERGS are so thick in the Atlantic Ocean that vessels steer between them with difficulty. A captain who arrived at New York on Thursday from Liverpool reports that during foggy weather, when off the eastern edge of the banks, he became environed by twenty-one large bergs some thirty-five or forty feet high, and about two hundred feet long.

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