

HUNDREDS KILLED.

Severe Earthquake Shocks at Nice, Cervo, and Other Places on the Mediterranean.

Three Hundred People Perish at Cervo by Being Buried Beneath Falling Walls.

Two severe shocks of earthquake occurred along the Gulf of Genoa, on the morning of Wednesday, Feb. 23, says a cable dispatch from Rome. Hundreds of people were killed and injured, and a vast amount of property destroyed. The first shock lasted fifteen seconds, and the second twelve seconds. The vibrations were from east to west. The whole of the Riviera is devastated. Nice was crowded with English and American tourists, who crowded the railway stations, anxious to leave on the first train. When the first shock occurred the streets of Nice were fairly thronged with maskers in ball-room costumes, returning to their homes from the last carnival of the winter season, worn and bedraggled by the night's exercises, and looking dull and dreary under the glare of the early morning sunlight. The women screamed in terror. There was a wild rush in all directions for safety from what every one thought an awful impending calamity. The barking of dogs and clanging of church bells added to the momentary terror. The people first rushed to the church of Notre Dame and besieged the confessional, where the dramatic scene was presented of many strong men on their knees praying. Then came the second shock. Terror was depicted on every face, and the praying crowds hastened outside for safety. The troops were called out to keep order among the crowds besieging the railway stations throughout the city. To-day there was a blue, cloudless sky and warm sun. Technical inspection will be necessary to discover the extent of the damage to property. One lady jumped from a window in terror when the first shock came, and now lies in a precarious condition. The Mayor to-day expressed the opinion that no more shocks were likely to occur, and enjoined the people to remain calm. Many persons sought refuge on the shore of the sea. The Maison Bourke and two houses were destroyed, and three persons were buried beneath the ruins. Many other casualties are reported. Several slight shocks were felt at Rome, doing no damage.

At Cervo, near Diano-Marino, 300 persons were killed by being buried in the ruins of falling buildings. Railway traffic is suspended beyond Savona. The prisoners in the Government jail at Finalborgo, alarmed by the earthquake, attempted to escape, but were overcome by the guards. Many houses were wrecked at Savona and eleven persons were killed. At Noli, near Savona, several houses fell and five persons were killed. Six were killed and thirteen injured at Onegli. At Diano-Marino, near Onegli, scores of people were killed and hundreds injured. Fully one-third of the town was destroyed.

Three shocks were felt at Avignon, Cannes, Geneva, Leghorn, and Milan, though no damage is reported except the cracking of the walls of houses. There was a slight shock at Marseilles.

At Genoa the shock was very violent. The ducal palace and many houses were seriously damaged. An enormous crowd was at the Carlo Felice Theater to witness the gala performance, and the greatest alarm was felt when the shock came. At Turin the churches suffered severely. In the neighborhood of Dordigera many houses fell, killing the inmates.

The news of the earthquake caused a great sensation at Paris. Slight shocks were felt at Vines, Privas, Valence, Grenoble, and Lyons. The gendarmerie barracks at Cologne collapsed, and several persons were killed and injured.

Two sharp shocks were felt in Corsica. Several persons were killed at Mentone, where St. Michael's Church was badly damaged and the postoffice wrecked.

HON. WM. A. WHEELER.

Precarious Condition of the ex-Vice President's Health.

A dispatch from Malone, N. Y., states that ex-Vice President Wm. A. Wheeler's health is in a precarious condition. His physicians say he cannot survive many months. Wm. A. Wheeler, L. L. D., was born on June 30, 1819, in Malone, Franklin County, New York. He entered the University of Vermont, and afterward commenced the study of law with Col. Asa Haskell. He was made District Attorney for Franklin County, N. Y., and was its Superintendent of Schools. In the



years of 1850 and 1851 Mr. Wheeler represented that county in the New York House of Assembly, and was a member of the Senate of New York in 1858 and 1859, and President pro tem. of that body. He was a member and the President of the New York Constitutional Convention in 1867 and 1868, and was elected a Republican in Congress to the Thirty-seventh, Forty-first, Forty-second, Forty-third, and Forty-fourth Congresses. He was elected to the Vice Presidency of the United States on March 2, 1877. Mr. Wheeler is a man of dignified, commanding presence, his manners are cordial, and his conversation is unusually interesting.

The Greatest Gift He Ever Made.

It has been stated in some of our exchanges that Mr. H. H. Warner, of Rochester, N. Y., in the last eight years, has, through his devotion to science, built an astronomical observatory at an estimated value of \$100,000, and given between \$4,000 and \$5,000 in prizes for astronomical discovery.

This is all very well, if Mr. Warner seeks to divert his energies in this channel. But from all we can hear among the people, if he never gave anything to the world except his great remedy, Warner's safe cure, formerly known as Warner's safe kidney and liver cure, he would be conferring the most practical and far-reaching benefit that it is in the power of any one man to give the public.

It is now conceded that he has the only specific for kidney disease and uric acid in the blood, and medical authorities of candor agree that if the blood is freed from uric acid by that great remedy, and the kidneys are kept in health, over ninety per cent. of human diseases disappears.

The manufacturers evidently know, and if they do not, we would like to tell them, of the unanimity of public sentiment in favor of their great remedy; indeed, they seem to realize this, when they say: "If you do not believe the statements we make, ask your friends and neighbors, what they think of Warner's safe cure." Such evidence of confidence in the established character and worth of their preparation is unprecedented. Unless they know it has merit, and will do precisely what they state, they would not dare give such advice to the public.

Such confidence ought to be infectious.

No Nonsense Now.

In Iowa, under the name of Iowa, there never has been a suffrage that had to pay tax to vote. When we were unfortunate enough to be a helpless part of Missouri, and after when we were a part of Michigan, suffrage was restricted to those who had paid territorial taxes. When, fifty years ago last July, we became a part of Wisconsin, "all free white male citizens" were entitled to vote, and the prerequisite of tax-paying omitted from the qualifications of voters.

It is an interesting item of history that in no part of the Union, east of the west line of Iowa, except in Iowa and Minnesota, have the people always exercised the right of suffrage without prepayment of some sort of tax.—*Iowa State Register.*

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Handwriting Tells Nothing.

I showed a letter one day to a lady who was thought to be a great authority on such matters. She loaded the handwriting with every species of abuse. It was the writing of a bad-tempered man, of a stupid man, of an ignorant man; there could be no relieving feature whatever in such handwriting as that. "And now, madam," I said, "will you look at the signature?" It was the signature of Macaulay.—*Nineteenth Century.*

Useful and Hurtful Medicines.

There is a certain class of remedies for constipation absolutely useless. These are boluses and potions made in great part of podophyllin, aloe, rhubarb, gamboge, and other worthless ingredients. The damage they do to the stomachs of those who use them is incalculable. They evacuate the bowels, it is true, but always do so violently and profusely, and besides, grip the bowels. Their effect is to weaken both them and the stomach. Better far to use the agreeable and salutary aperient, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, the laxative effect of which is never preceded by pain, or accompanied by a convulsive, violent action of the bowels. On the contrary, it invigorates those organs, the stomach and the entire system. As a means of curing and preventing habitual fevers, no medicine can compare with it, and it remedies nervous debility, rheumatism, kidney and bladder inactivity, and other inorganic ailments.

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To Cure Bad Breath.

A bad breath may be cured as follows, no matter what the cause: Three hours after breakfast a teaspoonful of the following mixture: Chlorate of potash, two drams; sweetened water, four ounces; wash the mouth occasionally with the mixture and the breath will be as sweet as an infant's.

THEY who are very indulgent to themselves seldom have any consideration for others.

WITHOUT hope wisdom would perish of starvation.

Hair of Animals in Health and Disease.

The hairy covering of our farm animals is by no means a worthless thing. It not only protects from cold, heat, and rain, but makes the appearance of the animal more agreeable. We often say that an animal is of an ugly color, and yet it is more agreeable looking than it would be without hair. As an indication of the qualities of the animal, the hair is made of value to the breeder or feeder. Fine, silky hair, especially if it has a tendency to curl, is an indication that the animal will fatten easily, and that its flesh will be fine-grained and of good quality. Coarse, stiff hair is invariably found on an animal slow to fatten and of coarse flesh. This applies to cattle, hogs, or sheep, and irrespective of breed. The shrewd feeder, and also the shrewd breeder will reject an animal with very coarse hair. Such hair usually accompanies a bad disposition. A coarse-haired cow generally gives poor milk; a fine-haired cow gives rich milk. But usually coarse-haired sows are more prolific, while fine-haired sows are the better sucklers. Staring hair indicates an unhealthy condition of the body; but when cattle lick the hair—in the wrong direction—they are thrifty. By studying the peculiarities of the hair of our live stock, much of the internal structure and of the disposition of the animals may be learned.—*American Agriculturist.*

Patti's Autograph Hobby.

Autograph collecting is one of the most harmless as well as the most interesting of hobbies, and when a celebrated person takes to keeping an album of autographs a collection of more than usual value is likely to be the result. It is not generally known that among others who share this weakness is that greatest of singers, Mme Adelina Patti. For many years past no friend of any distinction has been permitted to pass the threshold of the prima donna until he or she has written a few words either upon Mme. Patti herself or upon some other subject of interest.

The consequence is that the signatures of almost every notability both in and outside of the musical world are to be found in one of her albums, while, besides these, are many letters of well-known composers and musicians which Mme. Patti has had presented to her or has herself purchased. Among these are letters from Mozart, Beethoven, and other illustrious ones.

ALL things are false to Reason that lie beyond her apprehension.

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