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VIGNAUX, at Paris, in the billiard contest, secured 3,000 points, and won the game, beating Slossen forty-five points.

An explosion of fire-damp occurred yesterday in a coal-pit at St. Etienne, France, while the miners were at work. Eleven bodies have been recovered.

THIS is just the weather in which to remember that wet feet are the beginning of many maladies, and the healthiest persons are the first to be unfavorably affected by soaked soles.

THE governors of the Turkish provinces have been instructed to forward half the gross receipts on revenue to the capital to defray the cost of the present military preparations of Turkey.

LOUISIANA reports have it that next spring more negroes will leave that state than ever before, although last year nearly a quarter of the cotton crop was lost through lack of labor. Let the negroes move and scatter over this continent; their future in all ways will be the better for it.

THE Brooklyn board of aldermen, discussing the license fee to be charged Chinese laundries, finally adopted a resolution refusing a license to any one who was not an American citizen. Now do the aldermen want to drive the Chinese into naturalization? That will be the result.

IT was announced Friday evening that the St. Louis *Times* newspaper had been transferred to the proprietors of the *Republican*, who have acquired a majority of the bonds of the paper, and that its publication will be continued at the *Republican* office until the contracts expire, when it will be suspended.

THE Chicago *Times* correspondent, at Washington, has found out that important federal positions in the state of New York are being conferred, in advance of the expiration of their terms, upon Republican politicians bitterly hostile to Roscoe Conkling, and it is hinted that requests by General Garfield have caused this course to be taken.

THE storm which visited the eastern coast Sunday was the most rapid and troublesome traveller of the season. Three or four days ago it was tormenting the Mexicans; two days later it dashed through the South, dropping rain and sleet wherever it went. Now it is scurrying across the Atlantic, and many a sea captain will be able to tell English meteorologists how much backbone a storm can have in spite of being of Southern origin and having travelled a great distance.

PEORIA JOURNAL.

The Peoria *Journal* seems to be in the hair-raising business, from the way it has been applying the scalping-knife to a Mr. Emery, of that place and late of the Peoria *Transcript*.

WHAT'S THE MATTER.

The time is ripe for a breaking up in politics and the evolution of new issues.—*Indianapolis News*.

What's the matter now, John? Sometimes at this glorious season of the year a fellow is "very mellow" when he is not "ripe." Wait a week or so if the evolution of new issues don't subside.—*Inter Ocean*.

John seems to be out of humor, he can't be reconciled to the fact that people like Grant in spite of him. New issues is what he wants. Let the Captain-General, and the Pension question be stopped don't be harsh brother of the *Inter Ocean*.

TOO MUCH "WATCH."

An exchange reports that a leading dry goods house of Boston, has a hot fight on its hands. The wife of an iron manufacturer, while doing some Christmas shopping, was seized by a private detective, a cheap collar detached from the ruffling of her dress, where it had accidentally become caught, and the lady placed in a cell at the police station, charged with larceny. Her husband has given a handsome retainer to a leading lawyer, and instructed him to obtain full revenge for the outrage.

Egypt.

The first step in the work of judicial reform, about to be accomplished in Egypt, will probably be taken this week. The International Commission is closing its sessions. The last remnants of the abuses of consular privileges by which, from 1863 to 1868, not less than half a million dollars were extorted from the Egyptian government, will be swept away. The native courts, where bribery of every kind has long been practiced, will be put thoroughly in order. The criminal jurisdiction of the international tribunals will be extended. The present Egyptian code will be revived. In these reforms the representatives of the United States are taking an active part.

A witness in a criminal trial in France was asked if he wasn't a relative of the accused. "How can I tell?" was the answer. "I am a foundling."

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

Special Correspondence to the *News*.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27, 1880.

Not only Christmas day and New Years' day are celebrated at the Capital of the Nation, but Government employees are permitted a half holiday from the day before Christmas, to the 2nd of January. As our population is quite largely made up of officials, the season here, is one of greater leisure than almost anywhere else. But little public business is transacted between the 23rd of December and the 3rd of January.

The two political subjects most talked of here, since adjournment, are these: The freshly reported tender of the State Department to Senator Blaine, by President elect Garfield, and a rumor as to the "policy" of the latter. As to this matter of "policy," the Baltimore *Sun's* correspondent in this city telegraphed as follows, under date of the 26th:

"But there are rumors as to General Garfield's intentions, in regard to policy and patronage, which would seem to indicate a possibility that after all his administration may not be in more favor with the stalwarts, or a large portion of the stalwarts, than has been the administration of Mr. Hayes."

So far as the now general talk of Senator Blaine going into a State Department is concerned, it is impossible to say anything, except that all his friends in this city are positive that a choice of Cabinet places has been offered him. They state their belief so positively that I am forced to believe the story has the sanction of the Senator's own word.

As to the new reports concerning the course the President-elect will pursue, it is probable they are merely reflections of what was said while Gen. Garfield was here in November. As a ball of snow acquires body by being rolled from point to point, so a suggestion, made here a month ago, has become almost a positive statement. No well informed Republican in this city believes the next administration will be other than a Republican administration.

The agent sent here by the Oklahoma Colonists will remain, he now thinks, until the re-assembling of Congress, and as long thereafter as he sees a prospect of accomplishing anything. He gets no assurances from the President or the Secretary of the Interior.

Secretary Ramsey is one of the men of long experience here who have made many friends and no enemies. The reported probability of his coming again as Senator gives lively satisfaction in this city. Recent reports from Maine also are to the effect that Senator Hamlin's friends will not permit him to retire in favor of Hale, Frye, or any one else. The Senator refuses to talk on the subject, further than to say that he has done nothing to secure a re-election. In this case, too, a very large number of Washingtonians would be sorry to miss a familiar figure on their streets and in public places.

A great number of prominent Democrats insist that the vote of Georgia can not be counted. While it is true that the state law prescribes that the electors shall meet on the first Wednesday in December the Constitution likewise provides that the Congress may determine the time of choosing the electors and the day on which they shall give their votes, which shall be the same throughout the United States. It is held under this clause that it is clearly unconstitutional to count the vote of Georgia. The Democrats can afford to yield gracefully to the law inasmuch as Georgia can not effect the result.

KNOX.

Wyandotte Cave.

Wyandotte cave, in Crawford county, Indiana near the Ohio river, is now known to be next to the famous Mammoth cave, of Kentucky, in grandeur and extent. Its length is said by some to be twenty-three miles, but more careful estimates have placed it at considerably less—about nine or ten miles. The tortuous routes and difficult passages which must be followed in making an exploration make the distance seem greater than it really is. The general character and appearance of the cavern is similar to that of the Mammoth, and like the latter, is greatly inferior to the well-known caves in Virginia in beauty.

The elder portions of the Wyandotte were known ever since the settlement of the surrounding country. In 1850 an extensive addition was opened up, and recently another large chamber has been explored. Openings are seen which lead to still other chambers beyond those already known. The structure of this immense cavern differs somewhat from that of other caves. Instead of the funnel-shaped domes formed by surface drainage, found in the Mammoth cave, are extensive halls or chambers with arched roofs, and on their floors are mounds of loose rocks, corresponding in form to the curve of the ceiling. Some of these apartments are peculiarly grand in appearance. The largest is 1,000 feet in circumference and 245 feet in height, in the centre rising 175 feet above the surrounding level. Other chambers nearly equal this in extent and exceed it in beauty. Among the notable formations may be mentioned a stalagmite twenty-five feet in diameter and thirty feet in height, and a group of stalactites forming a semi-circle, having the appearance of a canopy. Gypsum and epomphite salt and flint in veins and nodules are abundant in many of the chambers.

A female correspondent complains that her husband eats onions and smokes. Now, a man who would smoke with an onion-flavored breath should go somewhere and start a desert.—*Wheeling Leader*.

Complications.

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