

THE TURKS claim to have inflicted another severe defeat upon the Russians at Plovna, the scene of the former Turkish victory. Matters look rather squally for the Muscovites. The weather will soon put an end to campaigning for this year.

THE RUSSIANS have been promising to crush out the Turks every day for the past two weeks, but the end has not come yet. The Turks are not to be run over easily. They still preserve some of the fighting qualities which made the Turk the dread of Christendom during the fifteenth century.

GOVERNOR HAMPTON, in an interview with a reporter of the Chicago Times, said: "The meanest anonymous letter ever written, I think, was mailed me from Chicago. It was addressed thus: 'To Wado Hampton, Columbia, S. C., or wherever else the d---d villain may be. Curses on his soul.'"

PRESIDENT HAYES has expressed an intention of visiting Columbia some time in January or February; and the city council have tendered him the hospitality of the city. The correspondent of the News and Courier intimates that two or three thousand red-shirted warriors will greet him on his arrival in the Palmetto State. Let him have an ovation by all means.

GOVERNOR HAMPTON made a patriotic address at the fair at Winnobago, Illinois, on the 14th. It will be remembered that President Davis was invited to speak there last year, but some Radicals made such a noise over it that he wisely declined. This year the feeling seems much better; and our governor was heartily applauded.

THE PROGRAMME and premium list of the State Agricultural Fair has just been issued. The citizens of Columbia have pledged themselves for the premiums, and the fair in that respect will be a success. It is to be hoped that the farmers will participate actively, so that the enterprise will be a success. Next to the political redemption of the State, her agricultural regeneration is most important.

A NEGRO member of the Legislature from Newberry has been convicted of bigamy and is now awaiting sentence. This will make another vacancy to be filled by a Democrat. The New York Times published a canard in regard to this matter, in which Col. Ellison S. Keitt was falsely charged as the bigamist. Of course no harm was done wherever Colonel Keitt was known. These Radical papers will lie in spite of the dickens.

THE FREEDMEN'S Bank Commissioners have collected enough money to declare a ten per cent. dividend, but, in consequence of the fact that there are five thousand depositors of less than one dollar each, and fifteen thousand of less than five dollars each, they have determined to make no division until they shall have collected twenty-five per cent. A smaller dividend would be frittered away in expenses. The deluded freedmen will have to contain their souls in patience for some time yet.

SOLICITOR JERVEY, of the first circuit, is after the trial justices. He has addressed to them a circular explaining their jurisdiction and duties. His instructions are that, in criminal proceedings, no one can appear for the State but the solicitor, or some one deputed by him; that the testimony should be reduced to writing, and forwarded with the warrant, and that the offense must be detailed with exactness. Moreover, he warns the trial justices that they are responsible for the sufficiency of bail, and tells them that no case, once begun must be not pressed.

Mr. Jervoy displays commendable zeal in endeavoring to reform the abuses existing in the trial justice system. Whether he will be successful, cannot be foretold. His example, however, should be followed by the other solicitors.

The School Amendment.

The first duty of the Legislature at the ensuing session should be the ratification of the amendment to the constitution concerning the public schools. The adoption of this amendment is essential to the regular action of the system. The first provision of the amendment is that there shall be levied a yearly tax of two mills for the support of schools. The second is that the money raised in each county shall be applied solely to the schools in its own limits, instead of being apportioned, out as at present, through the whole State on the basis of school attendance. This basis is so fluctuating, and so unreliable and unsatisfactory are the school reports of the counties, that an attempt to apportion money on this plan is a farce. It offers an inducement to dishonest school commissioners to cook up fraudulent and exaggerated statistics, in view of securing more money. We are firmly persuaded that this practice has been indulged in to a large extent, and that counties in which returns have been honestly made, have thereby been defrauded. Fairfield, for instance, which has raised about eight thousand dollars for schools yearly, has never received back on this basis of apportionment more than a fourth or a half of this amount. Under the present law she will continue to be defrauded of her dues. It behooves her representatives to take an active part in pushing the amendment through. Five or six thousand dollars a year makes a great difference in the school system of a county. The objection offered to the amendment is that it fixes the sum to be raised, and that the State may become so wealthy in time that the two mills school tax will raise too much money, is not a good one. Population will increase with wealth, and there is no probability of an excess of school money. Massachusetts raises about six millions a year, or over twenty dollars to each child. Most other States raise from ten to fifteen dollars per child, while even with the amendment South Carolina would be appropriating only about one dollar a child. There is vast room for improvement, and money is the best lever for pulling the schools out of the mire. Let us have a liberal appropriation for the schools; and especially let the amendment be passed, so that Fairfield may expend on her own schools all the money she raises for educational purposes. She is too poor to educate other people's children.

Tennyson on Grant.

Grant! Hoppety hoppety, toodledy dum! Nobody knew he was going to come; Ringing the rounds of a rangeless fame; Now we are gladfully glad that he came; And when he flies to his Western home, We will be happy to think he had come; Winging his way to that Westerly clime, May he be happy to think he kine; He may be sure there'll be plenty of room, Waiting for him the next time he may oom. Fact!

The above is all we are permitted to publish of an unpublished poem by Mr. Tennyson on the occasion of Gen. Grant's recent visit to England. We only present this exquisite stanza to readers for the purpose of allaying the fears of those who thought the Laureate was going to neglect our ex-President.—Burlington Hawkeye.

Frank Leslie, the celebrated publisher of newspapers and magazines, has failed. His liabilities are said to be about \$350,000. He had gone into heavy speculations in real estate, and this carried him under. At a meeting of his creditors a committee was appointed to investigate the condition of the property and its probable profits in the future. It is believed that the estate will be made to pay the creditors in full, and that Mr. Leslie will ultimately enter upon its possession and management.

A Fastidious Tramp.

He was very gentle in manner; he had a mild blue eye and a nasal twang, relieved by a lisp charmingly beautiful not to hear. His pull on the bell was gentleness itself; and when Mrs. Spriggs decided to answer the ring she felt cert in it was some amiable friend. The "good mornings were said with a heartiness only to be acquired by long self-denial and training." "Have you an overcoat, missus? I'm a poor man—a widower with seven small children—five that I adopted out of pure charity—and I thought I'd drop in and see about a coat."

Mrs. Spriggs' heart moved with pity. She felt that she could never stand to be a widow long, and she joyfully replied: "Oh, yes! I have one of Mr. Spriggs' that he had made to order last March."

"Oh! then it is not of the latest style?" "Oh, no! I am sorry to say one of those dreadful tramps stole his best."

The man's face flushed up a little as he asked:

"Buckhorn buttons or gutta percha?"

"Gutta percha," said Mrs. Spriggs.

"Oh, they have a disagreeable odor."

"Oh, well," said Mrs. Spriggs, noticing his look of disappointment, "it's a very nice coat. I'll run up and get it out of the camphor."

"No, no, you need not. Camphor I detest, and gutta percha buttons! Au revoir, madame," and he passed down the steps, the very picture of grand manhood.

In the Mount Auburn cemetery, Boston, is a lot containing five stones, one at each corner and one in the centre. The latter is inscribed: "Our Husband," and the others respectively bear, "My I Wife," "My II Wife," "My III Wife," and "My IV Wife."

ONE OF THE leading New York weeklies has hit upon a happy plan for disposing of people who want to talk the editor to death. Upon entering the office the visitor sees in the glass partition before him four windows, with a silver plate over each. One is inscribed, "Book-keeper;" another, "Advertisements;" another, "Subscriptions;" and last, but not least, the fourth is inscribed, "For Bored." Any stranger showing a disposition to argue the subject for more than five minutes is referred to the fourth window, where a speaking tube, running down to the cellar, thence up to the roof, and down again to an opening close to his ear, is at his disposal. Tube or no tube—that is the question which he next asks himself. He generally puts his lips to the orifice, yells out, "Is the editor in?" and then starts back affrighted as the words repeat themselves in his left ear. He yells it again, and again the echo is repeated. Then he looks sheepish, smiles a sickly smile, remarks that "that's a pretty good thing," slides out of the door and down stairs before any one knows what's the matter with him, and never comes back.

Mrs. HARRIET LANE JOHNSON, who presided at the White House in the reign of her uncle, Mr. Buchanan, is said to be still, although forty-five or more, a very pretty woman. She has white hair, regular, high-bred features, sparkling blue eyes, dimpled chin, and is a charming, polished talker.

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