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### THE NORTHERN FREE NEGRO.

The Philadelphia *North American*—a Black Republican journal—forgetting for the moment its fanatical creed, discourses very soberly and sensibly on the subject of the free colored population of the United States. It admits fully and frankly that the free negro cannot find a congenial home in this country; that in the North the class of the population suffers from almost universal degradation, and that we must look beyond prejudice and social ostracism and unequal legislation for an explanation. This is to be found only in the constitution of the negro himself. The journal in question, after candidly examining the position of the emancipated slave in the Northern States, the facilities and privileges afforded him by the laws, arrives at the conclusion that the black man cannot possibly compete with the white man, because an inferior race is invariably crushed out by one of superior intellect and energy. We need scarcely add that these deductions, which have been reached painfully, reluctantly and slowly by the anti-slavery sheets, have been for generations recognized truisms among the Southern people.

That the North perceives the impossibility of the two races living on equal terms is evidenced by the extraordinarily rigorous enactments adopted for the express purpose of excluding the colored population. Whenever a new State is formed the people take special pains to pass laws, or even to embody in their constitutions provisions intended effectually to prevent the settlement amongst them of the colored population. The older States which have not legislated against the presence of the free negro tolerate him with ill-concealed aversion. In South there is not a free State in the Union, including the violent Abolition communities which would not gladly and heartily clear itself of its imbecile, enervated, vicious and irreclaimable negro.

The *North American* is perplexed at the problem involved in the future of the free colored population. It asks, "what is to become of a race which, in the absence of prohibitory laws, can make no headway whatever for itself; or, at least, from the presence of a race of superior intellectual force and energy?" It acknowledges the extreme difficulty of answering the question, as it makes no attempt whatever to furnish a solution. This is perfectly characteristic of Black Republicanism. Its active and avowed hostility to the South, displayed in its persistent efforts to steal away our slaves and turn them off to the North, have brought about the very consequence deplored by the *North American*, viz: A swarm of idle, ignorant, thrill ess and debased freedmen, who are an eternal nuisance wherever they settle, and whom the North would gladly disembarrass itself of if it only knew how. The evil has increased every year, until it has become intolerable.

A remedy, however, is suggested by the New York *Herald*. It is that the North should return to the ecasistical laws established among negro slavery, and sell all the free negroes into family servitude. Says the *Herald*:

Humanity will demand this, to preserve them from being reduced to a state of degradation terrible to contemplate, by the overwhelming competition of the white race. Policy will require it to save the community from the burden of hundreds of thousands of able bodied paupers which can make no headway of themselves. The negro himself will assist it, even if that he may be restored to that consideration in the family which he enjoyed as a man. They will then be taken into our families again as servants, mechanics and husbandmen, and will be relieved from that social degradation which attends them in consequence of their doubtful position and increasing degradation.

Very judicious advice, but the Black Republicans will be ashamed to follow it. They are too proud to confess their error, and at the for it by the sole practical means left. They will prefer leaving SAMBO to pine, dwindle, starve and die by slow gradations in the bleak climate of the North, by the iron pressure of circumstances, than greatly doubt whether even they will have sense enough to suspend their stealing operations so as to avoid a further increase of a class a encumbrance to them.

FRANK LESLIE'S NEW FAMILY MAGAZINE.—The August number of this singularly cheap and excellent periodical has been received by A. & L. Fossier, No. 71 Exchange Place.

FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.—We perceive that the *Rice Planter* of Plaquemines announces Mr. CHARLES BIENVENU as a candidate for Congress in the First District. Mr. BIENVENU, we believe, is anti-Slidell.

PARISH OF PLAQUEMINES.—We are indebted to Mr. A. D. SALVANT, Assessor, for the following statistics of the Empire Parish:

Hogsheads sugar, 12,513; barrels molasses, 1,804; barrels rice, 2,243; barrels corn, 50,502; value real estate, $1,307,723; number of slaves, 4878; value of slaves, $2,914,640; value of horses not attached to a plantation, $12,202; value of carriages, $12,430; amount of interest in steamboats, $26,350; amount of money loaned on interest, $2000; capital vested in traffic, $25,400; number of persons having trades, 43; amount of State tax, $12,347 59; amount of mill tax, $6706 95; amount of poll tax, $951; amount of internal improvement tax, $1656 24; educable children, males 509, females 473—total 982.

INDIAN CONVICT.—On Monday evening last rather a novel commitment was made to the Washington penitentiary, in the shape of an Indian who had been found guilty in Kansas of horse-stealing. There being as yet no penitentiary in the Territory of Kansas, the convict was necessarily referred to the jurisdiction of the Federal Government, within whose general authority the crime was committed. The sentence was for three years, and the man has already been set to work.

OHIO.—Tom Corwin denied his position in a set speech at Xenia, Ohio, on Thursday night last. He avowed himself a Republican, but differed from those who believed that any fugitive slave law was unconstitutional. He believed, with every Republican, that it was the duty of Congress to prohibit slavery in the Territories. So long as there was a question of slavery or no slavery he was with the Republicans. He didn't like the fugitive slave law—wouldn't have voted for it—but it was law—had been sustained by the courts, and must be obeyed until repealed—if odious reveal it. Until that was done its penalties must be enforced by the proper authorities. He would respect a conscientious violation of it, but the courts could not.

The Philadelphia *Evening Journal* says that it is rumored that the robust Forrest, whose disruption with Ullman was somewhat angry, intends organizing a rival opera troupe for the next season. He will bring it to this country in September. The company will be headed by The Carl Formes Opera Company, in which Jenny Paur is to be the prima donna, his brother Theodore primo tenore, Cesare Badiali primo baritone, and he the primo basso.

VIRGINIA.—We noticed a few days since that the slave code question was under discussion in Virginia. The Richmond *Examiner*, one of the leaders in the Democracy, the metropolitan rival of the Richmond *Enquirer*, sums up as follows the state of sentiment as reflected by the Virginia Democratic press:

*Non Intervention Papers*—Lynchburg *Republican*, Alexandria *Sentinel*, Richmond *Examiner*, Fredericksburg *Recorder*, Wheeling *Argus*, Pincastle *Journal*, Martinsburg *Herald*, Richmond *True Virginian*, Bedford *Democrat*. *Semi-Intervention Papers*—

The Virginia *Index* concedes:

The views of the *Enquirer*, we believe, are sustained by the following Democratic papers in this State: Staunton *Vindicator*, Bible Ridge *Republican*, Charlottesville *Jeffersonian*, Tazewell *Advocate*.

Among the former but the reader will recognize nearly all the old reliable organs of the Virginia Democracy. The *Examiner* omits to add to the list the Petersburg *Express*, the Norfolk *Argus*, the Petersburg *Press*, and the Lexington *Star*, all of which, we believe, espouse the doctrine of Congressional non-interference.

ILLINOIS.—The politicians are having a lively time in Illinois. Long John Went worth, editor of the *Democrat*, is bitterly opposing S. A. Judd, a prominent Republican talked of as a candidate for Governor, and threatens to defeat him if nominated. The *Times*, the Douglas organ of Wentworth, in its issue of the 8th inst:

"The fact is that Wentworth is paving his way for an open transfer of himself, his paper and his followers from the Democratic to the Democratic party; and we know of what we speak when we say that an intimation of a desire or a willingness that he should do so, from Judge Douglas, at any time during the last six months, would have brought the lengthy individual rejoicing into our camp long since."

1 New York, July 21.—Yesterday afternoon a party of eight persons went on an excursion to Staten Island in the yacht Fulton. When near Seguine Island they were all overtaken by a squall and capsized. They all succeeded in clinging to the bottom of the boat until picked up by two boats from Seguine Island, except one of the party, a young man named Edward Marshall Bridges, a resident of this city, about 23 years of age, who was unable to swim. He was finally picked up by one of the boats in an exhausted condition and conveyed to Seguine Island, where every means was used to resuscitate him, but in vain.

## By Telegraph.

[TRANSMITTED TO THE NEW ORLEANS BEE.]

### Important Treaty with Mexico.

VALUABLE TRANSIT PRIVILEGES.

### American Protectorate Desired.

WASHINGTON, July 26.—The treaty recently negotiated by Mr. McLane, our Minister at Vera Cruz, with the Juarez Government, has now been received at the State Department.

The treaty gives us the right of way across the Northern States of Mexico, between the Rio Grande and the ports on the Gulf of California, with a guarantee for their protection.

The safety of the right of way and valuable transit privileges have been secured to the Louisiana Tehuantepec Transit Company.

The privilege is granted of erecting warehouses at the termini of the several transit routes.

The treaty also grants to the United States the privilege of transporting troops and munitions of war over such routes, and the right to send troops to protect the transit routes if Mexico fails to do so.

It also grants the right of free entry and transit of all goods belonging or consigned to American citizens or firms, also through the ports of the Gulf of California and across Sonora.

It also concedes to American citizens residing in Mexico entire and unquestionable freedom of religious opinions and worship.

Lastly, a clause is added which indicates the willingness of the Mexican Government to accept a modified form of protectorate of the United States, whenever the latter Government signifies its readiness to form such an engagement.

HAVRE COTTON MARKET.

HAVRE, July 12.—The Cotton market closed buoyant, and prices have advanced 1 to 2 francs. Orleans Bas closed at 105 to 105½ francs.

The sales for two days were 13,000 bales.

THE BARK JENNIE PITTS.

NORFOLK, July 26.—The bark Jennie Pitts, Captain Amory, from Havana, bound for Falmouth, England, with a cargo of sugar put into this port to-day on account of the death of the captain at sea.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

NEW YORK, July 26.—The Cotton market closed firm at 12½c for Middling Uplands. The sales to-day amount to 2500 bales.

Corn closed firm at yesterday's quotations. Oats closed dull at 44c.

Whisky closed steady at 24c.

Western Mess Pork $15 50. Sales to-day 200 bbls.

RIVER INTELLIGENCE.

ST. LOUIS, July 26.—The Mississippi at this point is rising slowly. The upper streams are also rising.

VICKSBURG, July 26.—The steamer Lucy Holcombe passed down at two o'clock this evening.

## EUROPE.

### THE AFRICA'S NEWS.

### THE ARMISTICE.

The steamship Africa, with dates from Liverpool to the 9th instant, arrived at New York early on the morning of the 21st.

An armistice had been agreed upon between the contending parties until the 15th August. The effect of this has been a great buoyancy in all the money markets, and strong hopes were entertained of peace.

On the 9th Napoleon telegraphed that the armistice agreed upon on the 8th was signed at Villa Franca by Hess and Vaillant. It ends on the 15th August, and stipulates that Tuscany, if vessels, with the distinctive pendant, shall be allowed to navigate the Adriatic unmolested.

The Paris *Moniteur* cautions the public against misunderstanding the armistice, and says that negotiations may be recommenced, but it does not see how the war may be terminated.

The armistice has caused much excitement. Consols have advanced 1¼ to 2 per cent., and on the Paris Bourse the advance was 2¼ per cent. The other continental figures are advanced materially. The Austrian funds at Frankfort rose 10 per cent.

Prior to the declaration of the armistice, the vessels of many had proceeded vigorously in the siege of Peschiera, but this and other movements have now lost their interest.

In the Federal Diet, on the 7th, Austria proposed to mobilize the whole Federal contingent, and request the Prince Regent of Prussia to assume the command in chief.

ENGLAND.—The seizure of the British ship Laurel at Baltimore, and the coasting trade between New York and California, via the Isthmus, claimed the attention of the House of Commons. The Government promised to represent the matter to the Federal authorities at Washington.

The navy estimates had been introduced in Parliament, and 10,000 additional men asked for.

It is reported that the mail steamers have been notified to prepare to carry armaments according to their contracts.

VIENNA, July 8.—The *Austrian Correspondence* contains the following from the French Imperial headquarters: Bombarded Sesra yesterday. The fortress returned the fire. The Imperial headquarters at last broke off the contest, apparently, to have suffered injury.

The Vienna *Gazette* publishes an amended list of the killed and wounded at Solferino. According to the return given 90 killed, 414 wounded, 15 missing—total 70 majors and lieut. 587. Of rank and file 2005 killed, and 9629 wounded, making a grand total of 11 213. Nothing is said respecting the number taken prisoners.

The French and Sardinians killed and was 2435. The numbers given by the Vienna journal are believed to be still below the truth.

The Vienna correspondent of the *Times* says that on the 2d instant the French fleet, consisting of sixty-four sail, was at no great distance from Venice.

The *Moniteur d'Armee* publishes the Imperial decree by which a new regiment of Algerian sharp-shooters is to be provisionally created. It is to consist of three battalions of six companies each.

ROME.—A letter from Rome, published in the *Times*, states that the Mazzinists have forged a pretended order of the Pope, as if it had been issued at the War Office, directing the most severe treatment of the revolted districts.

### The Very Latest by Telegraph.

LONDON, July 9, M.—A letter from Belgrade states that the Servian papers, belonging to the first families of Servia, have solicited permission to form a corps to fight in favor of Italian independence.

The gun boats destined for the bombardment of Peschiera have been launched at Lago de Garda.

A letter from Trebigonde says that Persia is making great preparations in anticipation of a war with Turkey.

The *Press* of Vienna says that another French squadron of ten vessels was seen from Trieste bearing towards Venice.

A semi official correspondent from Madrid declares that while desiring Italian independence, Spain will maintain her neutrality so long as Italian princes and the Church are maintained.

### The Armistice—Opinions of the British Press.

[From the London Times, July 8.]

While we are discussing the progress of the plot and speculating as to the nature of the catastrophe, the curtain falls. To-day, France and Austria were upon the point of joining in another desperate battle, the celebrated fortified quadrangle had been reached; Peschiera had been invested; Mantua had been masked; Verona was upon the point of being summoned; Venice was threatened, and Garibaldi was maneuvering upon the rear of the great fortress, the waves of warfare were undulating and vibrating to another great burst in foam—today, the spirit of peace has breathed upon the waters and the storm is for the moment at an end. Three months ago we expected peace, and seen surprised at war. To-day Europe was waiting in breathless expectation of a great battle fought in the very strongest fortress of Austria, and is again surprised by the announcement that an armistice has been concluded, and that two great armies are for the moment no longer enemies. The first impulse is one of joy. It is a great relief to see the whole human misery which we have from day to day been record ng is stayed—that the dogs of war are again chained up—that half a million of men have ceased to fly at each other's throats. But this congratulation uttered, we consider more closely the circumstances of the sudden halt of the conqueror in his triumph, and ask ourselves whether this armistice is really the prelude to peace, or whether it is but a stop to take breath for a further race of conquest. The position of the two parties is not of that equal character which would enable us to hope that both are in the same degree desirous of a lasting peace.

Every moment of delay to France is gain conceded by Austria—is confession of exhaustion. Austria has hitherto lost every thing that she could have lost. She has been beaten in every battle. She has been driven from every position. All the progress she has been destroyed, and her troops are demoralized less by defeat than by a profound distrust of their leaders and their military organization. She could not be in a worse position than now.

If she had yet another great battle on the Adige, if Peschiera had fallen, if Verona had been taken, and if Mantua had been stormed, it would not be more apparent to the world than at this moment that Austria is unable to cope with France as a military power. To her, therefore, the cessation of hostilities is but the surrender of all hope of retrieving her military honor. In consenting to it she must have abandoned all her pride, and must have embraced only the last hope of safety. She must mean peace, and she must mean to pay the price of peace, if the step be any other than an ill-advised momentary expedient.

To France, on the contrary, either for peace or for war, this armistice is worth another great victory. Paris may illuminate for it as for the victory on the Adige, or for the storming of Magenta. Austria is at home with her resources behind her, and with Germany mustering in her rear. France is far away, reduced by her hard fights, requiring reinforcements, anxious to bring up her supplies, and desirous of time to enable her combinations from sea coast to develop.

(From the Times, July 9.)

With regard to the armistice, there is little to communicate beyond what the public already know. All that seems to be well authenticated is, that the proposal came from France, and was the result of the Emperor's own determination. This fact is indeed highly important. That the Emperor Napoleon should stop short in his career of victory, and make overtures to a foe whom he has defeated in two pitched battles and hurled back from the limits of Lombardy, argues the moderation or the necessities of the French ruler.

We can hardly believe that the latter have been the cause of this sudden resolve. If the next week or two show that Napoleon and Francis Joseph wish to stop the effusion of blood, and settle, permanently, the affairs of Italy, we shall be glad to help them; but from this country, not to lower its dignity by pressing her advice, unasked, on two Emperors who have shown no desire that we shall share their council.

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THE NAVIES OF THE WORLD.—In a work, with the above title, just published in London, we find the following relative importance of the navies of the maritime nations of Europe and America:

On the 1st of April, 1859, England had 221 sailing vessels, 630 steam vessels—in all 751, from a ship of the line down to a naval yacht. Mr. Busk, the author of the work referred to, informs us that there are 43 sailing ships of the line, and it a note he tells us that a majority of these steamers are of very little use, not above 13 or 15 being effective." Of the 58 sailing frigates, Mr. Busk says that not more than 14 or 16 can be regarded as serviceable.

The French navy has 140 sailing vessels of all denominations, carrying 2972 guns, and of 77,820 horses, and carrying 5500 guns. In these statistics we judge that many mere storeships and vessels of burden are not enumerated. When we read these statements from Mr. Busk we happened to be busy by us the report of the French navy for 1841. Its contents will give us an idea of the immense strides France has made in her marine arm of defense. There were at that time in active service 86 sailing vessels of the line, from ships-of-the-line down to cutters and flotilla craft, and from down to very small size) 14 store ships, and 36 steamers (within aggregate power of 1490 horses.)

To them must be added 21 sailing vessels and 3 steamers; 9 of which were disposable in roadstead and 16 in commission in port. In 1854 the steam power was only equal to 26,750 horses, and thus we see that in five years this important part of the French naval service has more than doubled. It is more than probable that an equal number of English and French men-of-war will be taken at random from each marine, we should find those of the French navy superior in equipage to those of the English. But, on the other hand, an equal number of French and English sailors and marines compared would prove the superiority of the English.

We have prepared the following table of the navies of the world according to their respective rank, premising that where the number of vessels of one nation is greater than that of another, we give the preference to that one which has the greater number of guns; and that whenever we can, we distinguish between sailing vessels and steamers:

| | SAILING VESSELS. | STEAMERS. | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|
| England | 221 | 530 | 751 |
| France | 140 | 263 | 444 |
| Russia | 88 | 73 | 161 |
| Holland | 123 | 18 | 141 |
| Austria | 64 | 72 | 136 |
| Spain | 45 | 887 | 37 |
| Naples | 74 | 852 | 14 |
| Sardinia | | 852 | 12 |
| Sweden | | 436 | 39 |
| Portugal | | 427 | (mostly gun boats) 160 |
| Prussia | | 21 | 3 6 |
| Turkey | | 266 | 56 |
| Greece | | | 49 |
| United States | 49 | 27 | 76 |
| Brazil | 37 | 15 | 42 |
| Chili | | | 13 |

Austria has, in addition, a considerable number of steam gunboats, as well as rowboats of the same denomination.

The number of vessels belonging to the United States is extracted from the American Almanac for 1859 which gives the list up to November 1, 1858. It is observed, however, that in the number of sailing vessels four ships-of-the-line are stated, three ships-of-the-line and one frigate are given as "receiving ships," and some vessels are very ancient. We have included in the steamers two small steam tenders.

*New York Journal of Commerce.*

TABLE-TIPPING IN ATHENS.—The Boston *Courier* extracts from a paper by Professor Felton, on the present state of the Greek language, read before the American Academy, a humorous description of a table-tipping scene in an Athenian almanac:

A few years ago, when table tipping was spreading over Europe, it visited Athens also. There is an amusing article on the subject in the Almanac for 1854, from which I take the following pleasant account of a table which imprudently disclosed the age of a lady who was present:

If it only would move and walk about! But its education has to be improved every day. It already talks and writes, and counts and sings and dances. But with all these things accomplishments, it is not surprised by the same weaknesses and feminine faults. For example, it is talkative, thoughtless, and unable to govern its tongue, or shuffle its feet. Thus, at a certain party once, after it had answered many interesting stories, to the general wonder and diversion, it was finally questioned about the age of one of the ladies present. The mischievous table, with much grace, raised one of its feet, and began striking the floor lightly, to the very great gratification of all, and especially of the lady, whose hatred is the subject of general attention. It struck one, two, five, ten, and the lady laughed; fifteen, seventeen, and she continued to laugh. But the table kept on, and the lady's merriment began to contract. It struck twenty, twenty-one, and the lady held up her hands; twenty-two, twenty-three, twenty-four, and the lady pressed down on the table with all her might; but the cursed piece of furniture continued obstinately, twenty-eight, twenty-nine, thirty; and it struck the last number with great force, in confirmation of its truth. But on the other hand, at the same moment, the betrayed thirty-years-old young lady fell backward in a faint, and all confessed that the experiments of the tables are dangerous, as affecting the nervous system.

THE LOCUSTS, AND THEIR WAY OF FIGHTING. The Locusts, it is said, practice with the bayonet as others would the sword. Many are one of gutta percha. They stand, or rather crouch, with both legs wide apart, mate many feints, and when they get a chance the bayonet will send the thing with force enough to go through the body. No wonder the Austrians, unaccustomed to this sort of business, could not stand before them. Imagine a soldier with eyes popping out of his head, a turban, sent bare to the shoulders, jumping about like a devil, and with such a long bayonet! Long bit of polished steel, only watching an opportunity to run it through one's body. It is enough to make any one see the wisdom of speedy retreat.

☞ Look out for imitations of Lea & Perrins' Worcestershire Sauce. See advertisement of John Duncan & Sons.

### CITY INTELLIGENCE.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.—*City Hall, Tuesday Evening, July 26, 1859.*—Ald. MINOR, Chairman, and a quorum present.

A message from the City Controller was read and approved.

A resolution to pay sundry bills; one to have painted and repaired the police office on the levee near Customhouse street; one directing the Surveyor to build bridges on Morales and Urquhart streets; one to have certain repairs made to the Magazine and Soapstone Markets; one to raise and strengthen the levee from Louisa street to the Barracks; one to resell the contract made with Nicholson & Co. for square-blocking Calliope street out to Claiborne; one to resell the contracts made with Henry N. Guion and F. Marquis for constructing shell roads; one to require the City Assessors to deposit in the City Hall all their roll the next week or two show that Napoleon and Francis Joseph wish to stop the effusion of blood, and settle, permanently, the affairs of Italy, we shall be glad to help them; but from this country, not to lower its dignity by pressing her advice, unasked, on two Emperors who have shown no desire that we shall share their council.

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We have prepared the following table of the navies of the world according to their respective rank, premising that where the number of vessels of one nation is greater than that of another, we give the preference to that one which has the greater number of guns; and that whenever we can, we distinguish between sailing vessels and steamers:

| | SAILING VESSELS. | STEAMERS. | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|
| England | 221 | 530 | 751 |
| France | 140 | 263 | 444 |
| Russia | 88 | 73 | 161 |
| Holland | 123 | 18 | 141 |
| Austria | 64 | 72 | 136 |
| Spain | 45 | 887 | 37 |
| Naples | 74 | 852 | 14 |
| Sardinia | | 852 | 12 |
| Sweden | | 436 | 39 |
| Portugal | | 427 | (mostly gun boats) 160 |
| Prussia | | 21 | 3 6 |
| Turkey | | 266 | 56 |
| Greece | | | 49 |
| United States | 49 | 27 | 76 |
| Brazil | 37 | 15 | 42 |
| Chili | | | 13 |

Austria has, in addition, a considerable number of steam gunboats, as well as rowboats of the same denomination.

The number of vessels belonging to the United States is extracted from the American Almanac for 1859 which gives the list up to November 1, 1858. It is observed, however, that in the number of sailing vessels four ships-of-the-line are stated, three ships-of-the-line and one frigate are given as "receiving ships," and some vessels are very ancient. We have included in the steamers two small steam tenders.

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TABLE-TIPPING IN ATHENS.—The Boston *Courier* extracts from a paper by Professor Felton, on the present state of the Greek language, read before the American Academy, a humorous description of a table-tipping scene in an Athenian almanac:

A few years ago, when table tipping was spreading over Europe, it visited Athens also. There is an amusing article on the subject in the Almanac for 1854, from which I take the following pleasant account of a table which imprudently disclosed the age of a lady who was present:

If it only would move and walk about! But its education has to be improved every day. It already talks and writes, and counts and sings and dances. But with all these things accomplishments, it is not surprised by the same weaknesses and feminine faults. For example, it is talkative, thoughtless, and unable to govern its tongue, or shuffle its feet. Thus, at a certain party once, after it had answered many interesting stories, to the general wonder and diversion, it was finally questioned about the age of one of the ladies present. The mischievous table, with much grace, raised one of its feet, and began striking the floor lightly, to the very great gratification of all, and especially of the lady, whose hatred is the subject of general attention. It struck one, two, five, ten, and the lady laughed; fifteen, seventeen, and she continued to laugh. But the table kept on, and the lady's merriment began to contract. It struck twenty, twenty-one, and the lady held up her hands; twenty-two, twenty-three, twenty-four, and the lady pressed down on the table with all her might; but the cursed piece of furniture continued obstinately, twenty-eight, twenty-nine, thirty; and it struck the last number with great force, in confirmation of its truth. But on the other hand, at the same moment, the betrayed thirty-years-old young lady fell backward in a faint, and all confessed that the experiments of the tables are dangerous, as affecting the nervous system.

THE LOCUSTS, AND THEIR WAY OF FIGHTING. The Locusts, it is said, practice with the bayonet as others would the sword. Many are one of gutta percha. They stand, or rather crouch, with both legs wide apart, mate many feints, and when they get a chance the bayonet will send the thing with force enough to go through the body. No wonder the Austrians, unaccustomed to this sort of business, could not stand before them. Imagine a soldier with eyes popping out of his head, a turban, sent bare to the shoulders, jumping about like a devil, and with such a long bayonet! Long bit of polished steel, only watching an opportunity to run it through one's body. It is enough to make any one see the wisdom of speedy retreat.

☞ Look out for imitations of Lea & Perrins' Worcestershire Sauce. See advertisement of John Duncan & Sons.

### CITY INTELLIGENCE.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.—*City Hall, Tuesday Evening, July 26, 1859.*—Ald. MINOR, Chairman, and a quorum present.

A message from the City Controller was read and approved.

A resolution to pay sundry bills; one to have painted and repaired the police office on the levee near Customhouse street; one directing the Surveyor to build bridges on Morales and Urquhart streets; one to have certain repairs made to the Magazine and Soapstone Markets; one to raise and strengthen the levee from Louisa street to the Barracks; one to resell the contract made with Nicholson & Co. for square-blocking Calliope street out to Claiborne; one to resell the contracts made with Henry N. Guion and F. Marquis for constructing shell roads; one to require the City Assessors to deposit in the City Hall all their roll the next week or two show that Napoleon and Francis Joseph wish to stop the effusion of blood, and settle, permanently, the affairs of Italy, we shall be glad to help them; but from this country, not to lower its dignity by pressing her advice, unasked, on two Emperors who have shown no desire that we shall share their council.

The London Daily News, July 9:

Just as every body was expecting operations for reducing the last of the strongholds of Austria in Italy, comes the news of the armistice. The announcement in itself so important, is unattended by any statement of its origin, which might give clue to its probable consequences.

It is customary in circumstances like these in which we now find ourselves to recommend moderation to the victorious party, but the policy avowed by the Emperor of the French leaves no room for this advice. This is not a war of conquest or ambition. Napoleon disavowed personal or dynastic designs before he crossed the Ticino, and on the morrow of the victory of Magenta he repeated the same solemn protestations. It was then he proclaimed to the people of Italy:

Your desire of independence, so long expressed, so often declared, will be realized if you show yourselves worthy of it. To-morrow you will be free citizens of a great country.

To realize this pledge would not be to be moderate, and no one must ask him to do this. It is necessary for the progress of the age that Austria should be shut out of Italy. It is necessary for the tranquility of Europe that a strong and thoroughly national State be able to prevent the trespasses of foreigners, should hold the north of Italy. If these facts are boldly recognized by the great powers, the work of negotiation will be short and beneficial.

### Views of the French Journals.

The Paris *Moniteur*, in publishing the official dispatch, appends the following remarks: "It is necessary that the public should not misunderstand the extent of the armistice. It is limited merely to a relaxation of hostilities between the belligerent armies which, though leaving the field open for negotiations, do not enable us for the present to see how the war may be terminated."

The *Patrie* says: It is good to put public opinion upon its guard against every surprise. Speaking of the surprising negotiations with which the public will be occupied during the armistice, the *Patrie* calls to mind the programme traced by the Emperor before his departure for the army, which pointed out that Italy must be independent from the Alps to the Adriatic. The campaign has simply begun to this project the same ion of victory, therefore it negotiates, take place, they can only have as a basis the complete independence of Italy. The *Pays* publishes a note in the *Moniteur*, and the official communication, as intended to put the people on their guard against being led away by visions of peace. All the other papers express the same opinion.

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