

The act under which voters are registered in New York uses the word "persons," which admits of a doubt as to sex. Two ladies, having succeeded in persuading the Registrar to let them in through this loophole, they at once discounted a victory for Helva Lockwood in 1892, but all the same the registry is illegal, and the Registrar will probably be fined.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., is acquiring a sad sort of notoriety. The other day there occurred there one of the worst of the perpetually recurring railway horrors, and now a railway paymaster and his body guard have been murdered by three masked men, lying in ambush, and \$20,000, which the paymaster had with him for the purpose of paying the men, were taken.

There is trouble in the domestic circle of Mr. Blaine. Mr. J. G. Blaine, jr., has left his wife and child, at the instance, it is said, of Mr. and Mrs. Blaine, sr. Mrs. Blaine, jr., is a Catholic, and therefore cannot seek divorce, but Col. Ingersoll, Genl. Pryor, and Genl. McMahon, are about to bring suit on her behalf against Mr. and Mrs. Blaine, sr., for alienating the affections of her husband.

The French press takes seriously, and is jubilant over, the damage done to the reputation of Prince Bismarck by the publication of the extracts from the late Emperor Frederick's Diary. It is no wonder therefore that the Chancellor is savage.

The N. Y. *Herald's* Rome correspondent comments on the courtesies and invitations extended by Princess Bismarck to the family of Signor Crispi, the Italian Premier. These are the more marked, as Madame Crispi has been hitherto ignored in court and diplomatic circles.

The sensational story of the death of an American lady in the Harem of the Sultan, and of a wholesale execution of some of the denizens of that close corporation, is entirely denied by a competent American gentleman. The story was utterly improbable from the first, and evidently one of the sensational lies which the American correspondents in Europe revel in.

Princess Irene of Hesse, who has just married Prince Henry of Prussia, has received a thorough housewife's training. She can sew, make bread, and do everything she would have to do were she fated to become the wife of a poor man. All the Princesses of Hesse were trained in this way by their mother, the late grand duchess, daughter of Queen Victoria.

The Czar is expected in Berlin during November. Meantime the Italian papers are indulging in comments not very complimentary to the German Emperor's personal appearance, and that potentate is said to be showing signs of physical suffering, eating and drinking very little, but smoking cigarettes, which contain opium, continually. This, however, comes through American channels, and is only given for what it may be worth.

During the recent experiments with the new rifle at Aldershot communication was maintained between the markers and the firing party by means of the telephone, and direction and elevation were corrected according to the intimations received from the targets. Some idea of the assistance afforded by the use of the telephone at these important experiments may be gathered from the fact that the firing took place at ranges varying from 2,000 to 2,800 yards.

Sir Morell Mackenzie's vindication leaves a strong impression of brutality on the part of the German doctors, especially Bergmann. It would seem that if their consciences were clear there would not be such desperate efforts to stamp out the English specialist's book. The tendency of the Prussians to brutality in general has become so strong as to draw marked attention from the European press, and the opinion gains ground that if continued it will shake the prestige and coherence of the Empire.

The general tenor of French news seems to indicate that General Boulanger's popularity is again on the increase. The project of revising the constitution is imminent, and it is by no means impossible that the centenary of the great Revolution may witness a strenuous attempt to revive royalty of some sort, through the medium of Boulanger in the role of a general Monk to one of the Pretenders. Eighteen years, the age of the present Republic, seems to be about as long a period as France can stand under one regime. Both Louis Philippe and Louis Napoleon reigned that space of time.

According to the general run of cable news, Mr. Parnell's case is flourishing, and that of the *Times* weakening; but the American cable news is cooked, and utterly unreliable, and a special cable from Mr. Edmund Yates, who is always well informed, says that, in spite of all assertions to the contrary, the case of the *Times* against the leader of the Irish party is overwhelming, and that the authenticity of the letters will hardly be seriously questioned. Mr. Yates, in the *World*, and Mr. Labouchere, in *Truth*, are accustomed to bandy friendly mutual contradictions in their respective papers by their Christian names. This will probably be quite a case for "Edmund" and "Henry" to amuse themselves with.

It is proposed to commence a canal upon the western shore of Italy, just above Civita Vecchia, at Castro, and to cut through to Fano on the eastern or Adriatic shore. A glance at the map of Italy shows that in this line two lakes are met, those of Bolsena and Trasimeno. It is proposed to drain these, thus securing the area for cultivation. The length of the canal will be about 169 miles, the width of it 110 yards, and its depth is to be about 13 yards, so that ships of any tonnage will be able to pass through it. The cost of the canal is reckoned at £20,000,000. It is estimated that the work could be completed in five years. The Italian journals are taking up the matter warmly, and when the fact of the long sea passage round the south coast of Italy and up the stormy Adriatic to Trieste and Venice is remembered, the canal would be of immense service to the whole of southern Europe.

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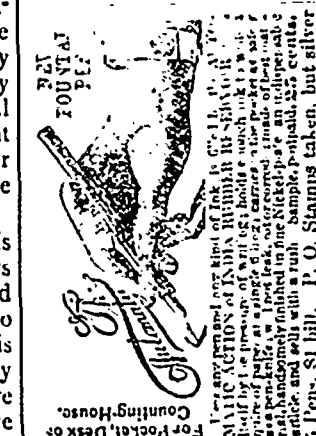
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