

MISCELLANEOUS.

A LONDON NEWSPAPER.—The newspaper having the widest circulation in London is the Daily Telegraph, a penny paper, owned by Mr. Levy, a man of great private enterprise...

This Human Figure.—The proportions of the human figure are strictly mathematical. The whole figure is six times the length of the foot.

Harvey's theory of the circulation of the blood, or rather the cause of the circulation, is beginning to be generally admitted.

A foolish Frenchman, who used to be a rival of Blondin in his aerial feats, by the aid of iron stilts, across the rapids above the American Falls at Niagara on Monday last...

In asking whether, after a review of the late campaign, it is reasonable to place Grant on the same platform as Lee, the writer says:—I will at once avow my own conviction...

The manner in which the war is conducted by the North is referred to in the following terms:—There are many passages of warlike history which reveal such excesses of systematic and callous brutality towards the non-combatants...

NEWS GLEANINGS.

WAR MATTERS.

The Confederates seem to be operating extensively in the rebel country situated to the rear of a severe energetic look upon the 16th between the Federal General Sherman and a Confederate force under Wheeler at Gainsville...

COLONIAL.

The following extract we clip from the Toronto Globe:—

Meetings of the Cabinet are held daily, and I hear that much business is being done. All the members of the Government are busy with their work.

It is believed that he had passed the portals of death several times in a similar manner. He stood in another cavern where the air was pure, the ascending vapors being condensed at the top of the crater.

The Dublin Evening Mail thus refers to the manner in which the late Duke of Newcastle was treated by the Press:—The toasting of the Duke according to the present mode is an insult, and the leading men of the Press ought not to respond to it.

ERRATA.

In the "Fragrant Notes of a Traveller," in our last issue, the following error occurred:—The amount of the Duke of Newcastle's property was given as £100,000, instead of £1,000,000.

I believe about the Orange Bill, when he showed great signs of his might, for he threatened that if he did not agree with us, he would go to the Council and let them do it, and if that failed that he would go to Downing Street, to the Duke of Newcastle, and make him do it.

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THE UNION QUESTION.

We have been prevented, by absence from the island, during the past week, from preparing a continuation of our remarks on the above named question; but the following Letter from the Hon. Mr. Coles, being his second on the same question, will serve to keep the matter fresh in the minds of our readers. It affords abundant material for reflection, and will, no doubt, be very serviceable to the Provincial Delegates when they meet in their Conventional capacity this week. We cannot say that we agree with Mr. Coles in his details. We think that a Federal Union would be only an expensive absurdity so long as British connexion is maintained. The other mode of uniting the Colonies, that is, under one Legislature, every one seems to regard as impracticable. However, we shall have time enough to say our say on every point of the question before it can be settled.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE EXAMINER.

SIR:—In my first letter on the Union of the Provinces, I gave my opinion on the kind of Union I thought most advisable to establish. I shall now give concisely the reasons why a Federal Union is preferable to a Legislative one, independent of the great necessity of relieving the Colonial Office of that multiplicity of correspondence with seven or eight Colonial Governors, and frequently causing disappointment and bad feeling in the minds of Colonists, from their Legislative measures being frustrated by the Colonial Minister, owing chiefly to his want of a correct knowledge of the question submitted for his consideration, and frequently influenced by the selfishness of interested parties who happen to have easy access to him—the different Governors having to be guided by the Despatches, instead of their responsible advisers in the Colonies.

In the next place, supposing a war should break out between Great Britain and the United States, the four million of Colonists, as now distributed, would have no voice or opinion in a great question, by the contention of which their peace would be disturbed, and their lives and property sacrificed; and the Foreign Minister, over whom they have no power, may call on the Colonists to defend themselves, and that at a moment's notice, while no one of the Colonies has a voice in the councils of the other—a unity of action, but all going like a flock of sheep without a shepherd. Now, Sir, I consider that the support the Colonies would be desirous of giving to the mother country in case of war, cannot be successfully done under the existing systems of Government; but a Federal Government would decide on the military organization required in our self-defence, and undoubtedly would be the means of preventing intrusions on us by any State or country. And my own opinion is, that the time has arrived for the establishment of a comprehensive system of Government, and of an efficient union between the different Provinces, which will give some prospect of leading men beyond the petty schemes of colonial factions; and elevate our Colonial standing; and not force us to regard with hatred or ill-will the Parent State, because with hatred or ill-will the Parent State, because a Minister in Downing Street, irrespectable to us, controls our affairs. We are like father grow up young men, depending on their father for support, when we should be doing for ourselves, and rendering old Mother land all the assistance we can.

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