NOTICES.

LOCAL POST OFFICE. - Open daily from 3 to 4 P.M. A delivery takes place every 1-hour. Pillar Letter Boxes in Hongkew (5) and Bubbling Well Road (4). The former cleared five times a day on week-days, and Sundays. The latter cleared three times a day on week-days, and once on Sundaye.

The London Mail of the 24th February, is due in Hongkong on the 31st Mar., and here of the 4th April. - The 25th of Feb. Mail arrived last year on the 7th April, per Lombardy.

The next French Mail of 19th Feb., is due in Hongkong on the 28th Mar., and here on the 3rd Apri

Latest mail advices received in London from ..... Feb. 7th.

THE publication of the North-China Daily News commenced at 5h. 30m. A.M.

DEATH. At Tientsin, on the 18th inst., FRITZ LOUP the age of 28 years, deeply regretted by all his friends.

TO-DAY'S DOINGS. AUCTION-Household Furniture. &c., at No.4, Minghong Road; Alex. Bielfeld ......10.30 a.m. Household Furniture, at Sin Jow Lane, Bubbling Well Rd.; Mackenzie & Co... 2.00 p.m. Music-Shanghai Public Band, at the Public Garden..... 3.30 p.m. MASONIC-Meeting of Royal Sussex Lodge ..... 8.30 p.m.

Month-China Daily News.

IMPARTIAL, NOT NEUTRAL. SHANGHAI, MARCH 28, 1882.

It is to the credit of both Catholic and Protestant missionaries in China that they have been wise enough to see the importance of providing the Chinese with instructive literature of a nonsectarian character. Some have edited, others prepared, articles, and nearly all and continuance. Now in one respect no doubt the Chinese look upon our religious notions very much as we do upon the true religion than we have for the false; besides which, they really know much less of our faith than we do of theirs. The various systems of religion in China are studied and the principles well understood by foreigners. On the other hand the Chinese know but little much that is absurd about the extraction of eyes, the performance of magical steadily increasing. rites, and the intrigues of priests. We cannot reasonably expect anyone to reject his own system of religion and accept ours until convinced that it is better. Time is therefore requisite to carefully examine both before the Chinese can be expected to discard the

one and receive the other.

The intelligent, thinking, educated men of any land are looked up to by the ignorant masses. They guide and control public sentiment and rule the realm of thought. If we wish to reach and mould the minds of those men there are two principal ways of doing it. One is to educate the young, who will constitute this class in the next generation. Their minds are now plastic, and those who wish to give them correct views should avail themselves of the opportunity. To influence the thinking men and women now on the stage one of the best methods is the press, through periodical literature. It is only fair to say of the Rev. Dr. Farnham, whose newspapers in Chinese we propose to notice in their turn to-day, that he has taken a lively | English miles. interest in both of these methods, and it was natural to expect that one so devoted to the education of the young would be a pioneer in providing them with instruction in this form. Next to Dr. Allen's Globe Magazine, the Child's Paper is the oldest religious newspaper published in the Chinese language. Its first number was issued well-timed and a great desideratum. had never seen the light. From the first, it met with a kind catering to the young, pictures were day.

found to be a sina qua non, and a native was taught engraving on foreign prin-8 A.M. to 6 P.M. Sundays, 9 to 10 A.M.; and ciples. Though some of his first attempts were rude, and resemble those produced almost centuries ago, when the art was in its infancy, yet many of his cuts are well executed. However, be given by Dr. R. A. Jamieson. had the editor been obliged to depend upon his own resources his publications must have been a comparative failure. It has been the grants of copies of the beautiful engravings from both the London Religious Tract Society and the American Tract Society of New York that has enabled him to embellish the columns of his paper. In the Child's Paper alone, up to the present time, there have appeared between nine hundred and a thousand engravings. The Chinese Illustrated News is edited and published in connection with the Child's Paper, with a view, as its title suggests, to give the news of the day with suitable illustrations. It deals post office, and educational systems have all been fully and plainly set forth. By matters, the publisher tells us, he hopes to secure the confidence of his readers, cordingly gave judgment with costs. so that when he speaks upon moral

familar to our readers we may quote plosion took place. the following as among those who have given their patronage to undertakings prepared or forwarded articles publish-Mrs. A. R. Randolph, Mrs. A. E. Moule, theirs. They have no more respect for Mrs. H. Corbett, and Mrs. S. J. Holmes. Miss D. M. Douw, Miss Radeliffe, Miss North and Miss Lawrence. The fact of contributors and are under the Shanghai at 4 p.m. on the 26th. patronage of missionaries of all denominations shows how popular they have become and what an important of our faith and that little is mixed with field they occupy. We are glad to add that the subscription list of both is

it their patronage and support.

A Commanding Officer's parade of the next at 5.30 p.m. when the Corps will march out to the Race Course.

Mr. Tong King-sing left for Tientsin by the s.s. Haeting on Sunday afternoon. His journey, we believe, is connected with the closing of the K'ai-p'ing coal mines.

According to Vanity Fair, a prominent Roman newspaper has announced the intended marriage of the Empress Eugenie with the Duke of Westminster.

columns it will be seen that the Annual General Meeting of the Chamber of Commerce has been convened for the 6th prox.

in Central Asia. Katti Konagan and Samarcand are now telephonically connected, the distance traversed being forty-four

K'ai-p'ing mines seems to be returning, as transactions are said to have taken place.

reception, and missionaries of every A Circular has been issued by the Com- while the American one will finish at Fort denomination subscribed for it, some mittee appointed to make arrangements Pond Bay, Long Island. taking as many as fifty and others one for the forthcoming Annual Inspection of hundred copies. It is now carried into the S.V.C. which will take place on the all places where missionaries go, all Race Course at 2 p.m. on the 6th prox. If Indian wheat from an article in the Times the Sandwich Isles and California. any lady the Committee will esteem it a annual produce of the North Western pro- the Chair, thanks being passed to the official. Though called a Child's Paper, it deals favour if the fact be brought to their no- vinces, exclusive of Oude, is equal to that former. with subjects calculated to interest tice. After the Inspection the whole of of Great Britain and Ireland. The joint and instruct most adult Chinese, the Corps will dine together at 7.30 p.m. produce of Oude, the central provinces Besides religious and moral instruc- at the Shanghai Club. The price of tickets and the Bombay presidency is still larger, Ward, Starkey, A. Anderson, F. Andertion we have running through the for both volunteers and guests has been by far. And the annual yield of Behar, numbers before us articles on Physi- fixed at \$4. In order to ensure a good of the Punjaub, of many districts in the vie between Messrs. Tottie, Scott, Veitch ology. Natural History, Geography, muster at the Inspection Parade Major Madras presidency, of Rajputana and the and Mr. Veitch was declared duly elected. etc., etc., with fables and a great variety Holliday and the Committee have endea- central Indian and other native states, of sketches and stories well calculated voured to secure the day on which it takes makes the opinion which experts have ex- and the retiring members of the Committee

W. B. Waring followed by a discussion, and the Punjaub, and vast rich but uncul

It would be a great blessing could the principles of the sesthetic-hoarding movement in London be developed in Shanghai, and extended to the telephone-poles which now disfigure our streets. It would be objects than the gaunt, bare posts that have been erected during the last few days in the Hankow Road. If they must be there, let something at least be done that poles cannot be dispensed with alto- wheat had the advantage as regards price; gether, and the system adopted by the Mutual Telephone Company be rendered compulsory on all.

The only business before the Civil Sum- in quality. with a great variety of topics, explain - mary Court yesterday was the case of Ah ing the phenomena of nature upon scieu- Home v. J. Roberts, in which the plaintiff tific principles, and clearing up many claimed \$39 as balance of amount due on a subjects to the Chinese mind hitherto promissory note. The defendant admitted involved in mystery and shrouded in the debt, and it appeared from his statesuperstition. Many foreign inventions ment that he had made himself responsible and appliances are thus brought to the for a liability incurred by his brother, who, notice of the Chinese reading public, from loss of employment, was unable to Port-au-Prince. explained, and defended. In this way meet the same. He expressed his willingthe telephone, telegraphs, railroads, the ness to pay the plaintiff, but said that the Balloon. small salary he was receiving would not admit of his doing so except by monthly giving correct information on secular instalments of \$5. The plaintiff consented to this arrangement, and His Honour ac-

and religious themes he will be credited. Xerotine siccative the greater is our sur-The Illustrated News meets with as prise that such a dangerous compound great favour as the Child's Paper, should have been placed on board the ships F. A. Groom, Dowdall, & Walker, J. L. Consuls and Commissioners of Customs, of war. It turns out that the Admiralty Scott, Burgoyne, Comyus, Bury, Stewart, merchants and missionaries, all giving knew very little of the nature of this patent | Shewan, Townsend, Uloth, McDonald, Sir drier, though they had officially adopted Wm. Johnston, &c. Two thousand five hundred copies of it for the purpose of cleansing the interior the News and three thousand of the hulls of iron ships. When exposed to the Child's Paper are published monthly. air it evolves a highly inflammable gas, It is only by looking over the list of and in the case of the Triumph there had the names gathered from the table of been an escape of the drier which immedicontents that one gets a proper notion ately turned from fluid to gas and took of the number of persous culisted as fire from the nearest light. On board the contributors. Besides a large corps of Doterel there had been an escape of the natives whose names would not be fluid some fifteen minutes before the ex-

Captain Jones of the steamer Ardantiene | Insurance Account petuity of these periodicals for a suc- cals:—Rev. Drs. C. C. Baldwin, Edkins, a.m. on the 21st inst., had light Northerly Entertainment Account ......... cession of years till they may be con- Martin, Williamson, Blodgett, Mateer, wind until 3 p.m. when about five miles sidered as fairly established upon a and Speer, Drs. Porter and McGowan, west of Cape Gotto a heavy squall came Boyd & Co. .... permanent basis. We cannot wonder, Revs. I. M. Condit, S. E. Meech, John on with hailstones and a threatening appeartoo, that the more intelligent have Wherry, G. W. Clarke, Jas. Dalziel, ance. Bar. 29.90 sea rising fast, deemed it sought to reach those able to read, and Jasper, S. MacIlvaine, D. Z. Sheffield, prudent to put back to Lano Bay. At 5 have spent their strength upon them J. Butler, J. D. Valentine, William p.m. came to an anchor in Lano Bay. Subscription Accountrather than upon the more uneducated Muirhead, B. Helm, D. N. Lyon, J. S. Blowing a heavy gale all night and next classes. In periodical literature one is Roberts, J. A. Leyenberger, George day and the following night had terrific whom he may reach week after week B.A., A. E. Moule, D. C. McCoy, H. anchor and proceeded; weather still heavy, Donation towards defraying Band Expenses.... and month after month, following up the Randle, C. Goodrich, J. R. Hykes, sea running very high. Noon, wind and Ground Expenses. impressions made in accordance with A. W. Douthwaite, and A. Strittmater, sea increasing, with terrific squalls and a what would seem to be two important Mrs. Dr. White, Mrs. Dr. Crawford, heavy appearance; sea breaking clean over factors in any work, viz., constancy Mrs. Dr. Farnham, and Mrs. Dr. Mateer, the ship. Found it impossible to proceed; Mrs. Geo. Fitch, Mrs. Griffith John, put back again to Lano Bay. Blowing a heavy gale all that night. Six a.m. on the Mrs. Nathau Sites, Mrs. J. L. Whiting, 24th weather moderating with a settled appearance, weighed auchor and proceeded on. Had fresh breeze from S. W. until abreast of the Saddles and thence to port strong that these papers have such a long list N.W. gale and hazy weather. Arrived at

> The Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris have been making some extensive experiments in illumination in their new premises, 16 123.53. He then called on the Secretary contemplation. With her own iron, and of these has been degraded one step and Rue Bergere. Nature, in describing them, says that not less than eighty electric regulators, and a large number of Swan lamps, in the expenditure was Akew's contract | tical people will not be long to take advant- of strangulation after imprisonment, will have been illuminated by Grenet's battery. which had continued the same from the age of it. My reason for thinking the now have his name added to the list of One of the peculiarities of the system is that previous year. The Pavilion had wanted above memorial refers to something of criminals under sentence of death which the offices are illuminated by the Jaspan S.V.C. has been convened for Thursday reflector system, but it is the ceiling itself that is used as a reflector. The effect is the advertising account there was a little whereby the Imperial exchequer might be Chih-tung, the new Governor of Shansi, splendid. The large hall is illuminated difference which had been caused by a filled. We shall see. from the top by sixteen Perrin and Sie- greater number of matches having been The weather has suddenly got very tang reported that he had superintended mens regulators. The arc is concealed by played, which had necessitated an increase warm. Yesterday the thermometer stood the boiling of the la pa chou. (See Gazette a ceiling of coloured lights. Seven lamps were more because when the band had 38°. At this time last year we had no are used for the staircases, and the chambers when the valuables are kept. All the to the Club instead of being partly de- with ice. The departing Peking residents rank at Tientsin, vacate his post, and await offices are connected with the Head office frayed by donations as had been the case are busy packing and soon we shall lose employment as a ching t'ang (Director or by telephony, pneumatic tubes and telegraphs. The battery is controlled by Receipts. electric agency. The fifty elements are placed in the upper part of the edifice as | was for. well as the tank for keeping the liquid. By a notice contained in our advertising The suppression of reflectors and the use of the ceiling in their stead was devised by the architect of the building, M. Corrayer.

We learn from the Journal of Commerce We notice by a recent issue of Nature that | that the capital of an ocean express line of the use of telephones is rapidly extending steamers from Milford Haven to New York has been subscribed in England. This is, we presume, a line that was projected last spring, to carry passengers and light cargo, for which purposes steamers were to be the expense of keeping the ground in order. were examined and the charge was found junk to Chihli. The total cost of the 300 built that would accomplish the voyage in The confidence of the Chinese in the six days. Work is said to have commenced on links of railway designed to transport we hear that the shares, after being sold passengers by "lightning trains" to and at 85 per cent. premium last week, are now from London. At the same time great at 120 per cent. premium, at which price hotels and pleasure grounds will be constructed at Milford for the accommodation of those passengers who may desire to We are informed by the Hon. Sec. of the spend some time among the scenery of seven years ago last May, the idea Royal Asiatic Society that the Itinerary of Wales. Our contemporary says that this having originated with Dr. J. G. Kerr, Mr. Wylie presented to us for publication line stands on its own merits and asks why who published a few numbers in Can- has already been read before the Society the same kind of line is obtruded on ton on blocks or a lithographic press. and printed in its Transactions. The donor Congress with a petition for a subsidy of The success that attended the publi- was not aware of this fact, having under- \$520,000 to \$624,000 a year tacked to it. cation of this paper showed that it was stood Mr. Wylie to say that the manuscript There is no difference in the two schemes, except that the English line proposes to make its American terminus at New York,

We gather the following particulars of to interest all classes of readers. In place being observed as a general half holi- presed as to the country's capabilities will the meeting then adjourned. by no means appear exaggerated. This

There will be a meeting of the Shanghai opinion is that India is quite capable of Young Men's Institute on Thursday taking rank with America, Australia, and evening at nine o'clock when an Essay Russia as a wheat producing country. on Thomas Carlyle will be read by Mr. There are millions of acres of land in pay so much a year into the Imperial a reading from Arnold's Light of Asia will tivated tracts in India, which only re- everybody all round has had his squeeze, quire a little irrigation and a supply of the remainder is remitted to the Capital men to become fields of waving corn. The samples sent to London some years since to be valued were found in many cases to have been fewer than usual at their port. be in a very unsatisfactory condition, a If the deficit be great, the Emperor insists large proportion of them being weeviled, or on its being gradually made up, but if the otherwise unfit for classification. But of difficult to conceive any more unsightly those which were sound the London experts decided that a considerable number were being often presented. Very seldom indeed equal to the wheat imported from Dantzig, Australia, California and Oregon; others were valued at slightly higher figures than cover their naked ugliness. It is regrettable Milwaukie wheat. Many kinds of American for this corruption, but the underlings of but it seems beyond doubt that, as regards a great many classes of wheat, India had the compensating advantage of superiority | Emperor says he will not refer

> REUTER'S TELEGRAMS. (Viá Suez.) (Supplied solely to the "N.-C. Daily News.")

London, 25th March 4,400 persons have died of smallpox at Burnaby has crossed the Channel in

Obituary.—The Poet Longfellow.

SHANGHAI CRICKET CLUB.

The Annual General Meeting of the members of the Shanghai Cricket Club The more we hear of the nature of was held last evening at the Shanghai can pass the examination, they may Club, when there were present :- Messrs. Hearn (Chairman), F. Anderson (Secretary), R. D. Starkey, W. C. Waid, Latham, Wade,

seconded that Mr. Hearn take the chair.

and Mr. Hearn accordingly took the chair. The statement of accounts, copies o which were distributed in the room, was taken as read. The following is a copy:-BALANCE SHEET-SEASON 1881-1882.

EXPENDITURE. Balance from Season 1880-1881 Band Expenses Account ..... Playing Members..... 855.00 do. ...... 375.00

Audited and found correct. W. JOHNSTON. Shanghai, 25th March, 1882. the meeting was to pass the accounts, to tion than foreigners dream of. When the of his apprehension, he had been living by elect a President and committee for the Chinese themselves take up a thing there is begging, spending his nights in a deserted ensuing year and to transact such other some hope of it. They do not like foreign temple. The usual punishments are awarded general business as might be brought before | dictation. It would be very remarkable | to all concerned, from the District Magisit. The main points in the accounts were if China should be indebted to her trate, Chung Lieh, downwards; although, that they commenced the year with a little neighbour Japan for the first intro- as an Act of Grace has intervened, they will a balance in favour of the Club of Tls. And yet there is something of the sort in Chung Lieh and the prisoner. The former

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to explain the principal items in the Japanese workmen and skill, the Viceroy transferred, for falsely representing that painting and the fences had required re- this sort is that the Board of Revenue has will be submitted for His Majesty's decipairs and Sir Wm. Johnston had agreed replied that it has not the money to spend sion after the Autumn Assize. in advertisements. The Band expenses 68° in the shade and at night it indicated of 24th January.) been hired the amount had been debited steamers at Tientsin, and the Gulf was filled toms' Taotai of the second degree of brevet in the previous year. He then briefly them. Already a new French inter- Sub-Director), of the fourth degree of commented on the principal items in the preter from Tientsin has arrived to official rank at Peking.

condition of the ground and the amount | -the 17th of March-is to be held here, | -The 'investigation' without doubt refers of clover always growing on it, and also the British Minister giving a grand dinner to the San P'ai-lou murder case.] concerning the ditch. With regard to the to his Hibernian friends. The programmes (3) P'eng Tsu-hsien, Governor of Hupei, At the request of Mr. Groom some corres- themselves and their ponies.

throw the work open to tender. the Secretary said Tis. 120 worth of gear ought to have sent his servants to the be sufficient for this year.

The CHAIRMAN proposed ;-That the Accounts as presented be passed. Mr. WARD seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. After some further discussion

The CHAIRMAN proposed :-That this meeting approves the proposition of the Recreation Fund as to a loan of Tis. 300 towards meeting the expenditure in improving the ground. Mr. STARKEY seconded.

The motion was carried with one disof a President and Committee for the At this stage of the proceedings Mr.

The CHAIRMAN and SECRETARY acted as Scrutineers and the ballot resulted as follows :- Mr. Hearn, President; Messrs. and Shewan. Papers were again distributed

With a vote of thanks to the Secretary

A Censor complains of corruption of the native Customs officials. These officers exchequer-whatever be the condition of trade. All ports are farmed out and after Very frequently the Gazette contains memorials requesting the Emperor to ex tend mercy to them, as the goods and ships sum be trifling it is passed over. This gives rise to no end of extortion and embezzlement, false statements of the revenue does the income fall short of the estimate. and if conducted on the foreign plan, would never prove insufficient. It is not the higher officials that are generally to blame the Customs who become wealthy. The Censor asks for an Edict to the effect that however much may be collected all mus be given to the Emperor. In reply, the past delinquencies, but for the future this must be attended to. Officials take office to get rich, and when they have well feathered their nests, they retire to live in ease and dignity. It is this that renders reform almost impossible in Chinese administra-Another Censor refers to another ev

equally flagrant, the enormous number of hangers-on for office. These by a late Edict were to be divided into four classes, and the last class dismissed altogether. The Governor of Fuhkien memorialises favour of mercy being extended to some of this class. They have been many years about the yamens and understand some little business, although they fail to pass the necessary examination. With regard to the new men coming up, the rule may be strictly observed; if they sent home. Very frequently the man o wen li is not the man of business, and vice versa. This holds good in the West as in China; in fact, it is almost proverbial that the book-worms are particularly bad men of ousiness. And yet China is governed by such a lot. No country perhaps possesses Mr. WARD proposed and Mr. LATHAM such an incompetent lot of officials as China. There is hope for Corea. By all accounts | memorializes, requesting that a second The motion was carried unanimously the Forbidden Land is going to open her captain, Ni I-chung, and a major, Fang ports to the great nations of the West- Ta-wen, may be excused from horsethe Great Ying and the Great Fah and the archery drill, as they are incapacitated Flowery Flag and the Hung-mao or red- by wounds received in action. The former haired foreigners. The Viceroy Li has cer- received wounds on his scalp, his left arm, tainly wisely recommended them to take this his ribs, both legs, one shoulder blade, his step as a prophylactic measure to prevent chest and his left foot. The loss of blood the country falling into the hands of the then suffered, now brings on spasms of 52.13 Russians or Japanese. The Coreans and pain which leave him no strength to Chinese are shrewd headed enough to see draw a bow or lift a weight. The latter 800.00 the value of foreign intercourse in this light. was wounded in the right wrist by a sword The land we fear will not be found the El cut, and can neither bend nor straighten Dorado it is supposed to be. It is about the hand.—Rescript: The Memorialist's one rule of procedure in such cases. If 68.10 the size of one of the ordinary Chinese request is granted. 58.15 provinces; it is very mountainous and (2) Li Wên-min, Governor of Kiangsi, 23.48 the soil is poor and thin. Gold is of course reports the escape of a prisoner from the 49.21 found, though not in any large quanti- gaol in An-jen Hsien. The original gaol to object to it, why was it finally allowed? ties; but probably with improved Western | was destroyed by the rebels, and the premodes of working, a rich mineral country sent one is a private house near the Dis-Tls. 1,685.83 may be discovered. After the opening of trict Magistrate's office, which has been Corea, Thibet will be the only other country | rented for the purpose. The prisoner was Tis. | in Asia which may be said to be locked. At | confined in a cage in the first cell, and on Newchwang the Scotch missionaries have the night in question the gaol-warden and been busy getting up the Corean lan- his subordinates went the round and found guage and preparing books and trans. his fetters secure. It was a night of wind lating the Scriptures. The United Pres. and rain, so boisterous that no lamps could 50.00 byterians of Caledonia are therefore to be lit, and the watchman and private on be the first Protestant Mission who are duty were forced to come inside, where 64.00 going in to possess the land. We are sorry they fell asleep. The prisoner Ch'u Ch'ingto hear of the intended departure of one liang took the opportunity to tear away of the missionaries from Newchwang for some of the wooden bars of his cage, and .Tis. 123.53 a trip home, just as there is such a promise then, stripping off his prison-garb, mounted of the opening of the country.

Customs duties, above referred to, I be- he got his head shaved by a travelling Hony. Secretary. lieve to be in some way connected with barber, explaining the length of the hair the laying-down of railways in China. We by declaring that he had just recovered The CHAIRMAN stated that the object of are apparently nearer this consumma- from illness. Since that time, till the date debit balance of Tls, 52.13 and ended with duction of the iron road into her territories. not be inflicted in any case but that of may be able to get the thin edge of the he was away on duty at the time of the The SECRETARY said the heaviest item | wedge in, and, once inserted, this prac- | escape; the latter, who was under sentence

The SECRETARY replied that it was for visit to Tientsin. The sad news of the Yung-sheng (Vice-President of the Board cutting the grass and keeping the ground | death of Dr. Martin's eldest son reached of Punishments) set out for Kiangsu to us a few days ago and the greatest sym- hold an investigation there. Let their Some discussion then took place on the pathy is felt for them. St. Patrick's day secretaries start with them at once. [Note latter the Secretary said there had been are out for the Peking races, and gentle- reports that he has deputed an officer to

Club had offered a loan of Tis. 300 towards forging seals and piau pan. His servants is made for the expense of forwarding each The CHAIRMAN said-It would be the correct. In the meantime, while his re- will thus amount to Tis. 82,306, which duty of the new committee who would be tainers were in prison, the official himself sum will be taken from the Huper land presently elected to see that Akew fulfilled | burned the false seals and accused his ser- tax receipts of 1881, if these suffice; if not, his contract properly with regard to keep- | vants of the crime, saying that as soon as he | the receipts for 1882 will be drawn upon. ing the ground clear of clover or else to learned that they were guilty, he had The junks are due in Chihli in 1883, and had the seals destroyed. The Censor who every effort will be made to despatch them In reply to a question by Mr. Groom | complains urges the charge that the official in time. were apprehended before burning the has been found guilty of keeping an opium forged instruments. This case is ordered house. -Granted by Rescript. to be carefully examined into.

In Houan there is some trouble about Governor of Tsitsinar, resigns on account the identity of a thief. The man in charge of ill-health. is not supposed to be the guilty person. the Throne for a special examination? report to us.

to the United States.

dismissed from office. One is Tung Hsiun, by the Emperor to obtain purity in the Chambers and in the Law Courts. The the President of the Board of Revenue, who civil administration. He submits that the severity to the Directors of the Union Générale, was formerly a Minister in the Foreign recommendation of worthy officials and Office. He is now an old man, and must be denunciation of the undeserving rests begun to earn a cheap reputation by declaring incapacitated by sheer age from discharg- entirely with the Heads of Departments, that the case of each one of the directors will ing his functions. Another is Wan Ching- who are, in their turn, all controlled by be examined with the utmost impartiality and

Office. His case has been getting into bad Now, the Chinese President of this office a native of Peking, he has made his removed from his position as Governor

Offi es respectively.

Admiral Peng of the Yang-tsze.

day, and the dust is something awful. and as Teng T'ien-fu's period of mourning Yesterday was like a summer day, and this had just expired, he was not holding any 16th March.

ABSTRACT OF PEKING GAZETTES.

January 26th.—(1) Chang Shu-sheng, Governor-General of the Two Kuang,

the wall by means of the bars, and so The memorial about the collection of the escaped. It subsequently appeared that

with the contractors for Tls. 250.27. In upon the scheme and this is a suggestion January 27th. - (Court Circular.) Chang had audience for instructions. Ling chung-

(1) A Decree. Let Chen Tsao-ju, Cus-

(4) Liu K'un-yi begs for permission to

January 28th.-(1) Ting-an, Military

(2) A Decree. The Censor Ching 1 The case has been hanging on for some time. represents that Tseng Jun and Wen P'ei, Ballot was then taken for the election a matter of this sort without calling upon into the truth of these statements, and There is no doubt a grave error some- (3) Memorial from the Censor Ch'en

li, the President of the Board of Civil the authorities of the Board of Civil Office. independence. Where the persons whose pro-

odour for some time, and a charge against is no other than Wan Ch'ing-li, an officer him a year ago was not pressed; but his late | who has been stigmatised by an Imperial act of nepotism has brought down upon him | Decree as a man obnoxious to the people a sentence of dismissal. He lives in a grand at large. He is an avaricious and unhouse which he has built outside the Shun scrupulous man, and, as His Majesty will Chih Mên and has been investing his money | remember, has been repeatedly denounced in rice and other shops. Although not on these counts. On one occasion he was abode here and has engaged his soul in Adjoint of Shun-t'ien; on another, from in buying and selling. And this in itself | that of Chancellor of the Hanlin; and it is no small crime for an official to be guilty | was only by His Majesty's great consideraf. We foretold sometime ago that he tion and wish to give him an opportunity would be asked to retire into private life. of retrieving past errors, that he was still A third man dismissed is Tung Hua of the continued in his post as President of the Censorate—his chief fault being misde- | Board of Civil Office. But the President, meanour, arising, as do most faults of far from feeling shame or contrition for his Chinese officials, out of inordinate avarice misdeeds, merely looks upon His Majesty's gracious pardon as an earnest of similar The only other two officials that have favours to come, and continues more and got their quietus are En Lin and Tieh Chi, more to mismanage the business of the Vice-Presidents of the War and Colonial Board. Of late there have been two such cases of mismanagement brought to the We observe with pleasure that Mao Imperial notice, one by Ming An (for a Chang-hsi, formerly President of the full account of which see translation of Board from which Wan has been dismissed, Gazette for 4th and 30th November), and and who retired for the customary 27 one by Li Hung-chang; and, although the months on the death of his mother, has Board contrived, by raking up old preceobtained the Presidentship of the Board of dents, to shew that it was not technically to blame, the intemperate language of the Among the Peking high officials that secretaries and the wholesale corruption of come out of this scrutiny and are mentioned the underlings of the Board are facts bewith praise are Prince Kung, Pao Chung- | yond dispute, and Wan Ch'ing-li who has tang, Li Hung-tsao (by-the-by he has held office long enough, it might be never once as yet put in an appearance at | thought, to be thoroughly conversant with the Foreign Office, to a seat at which the routine work of the Board, is responsi-Board he was appointed when preceptor to ble for these irregularities. However, let the late Emperor) Ching Lien, and Wang this be passed over for the present, and Wen-shao. It will be observed that these the blame distributed among the Secretamen are all in the Cabinet and members ries and other subordinates attached to the of the Foreign Office. It is pleasant Board. Memorialist has a fresh charge to therefore to see them getting their due bring against the President. Last autumn meed of praise although it should come from a first Secretaryship in Board of War themselves. Among the outside officials fell vacant, and should by regulation have three only are put down for praise, that been filled up an officer named Teng Tienis Li Hung-chang, Tso Tsung-t'ang and fu. But Wan Ch'ing-li had a son-in-law named Chi Pang-chen, who was an ex-It is blowing quite a hurricane here to- pectant second Secretary in the same office;

is the result-a very common one at Peking. substantive office which might upon his promotion be bestowed upon Chi Pangchen. The President accordingly determined to oppose the appointment of Teng T'ien-fu, and he communicated this intention to his secretaries, who did not scruple to maintain that the appointment of Teng T'ien-fu would not be in accordance with certain new rules; and, on the Board of War demurring to their candidate's being passed over, Wan Ch'ing-li tried what the arts of procrastination would effect and did not answer their despatch on the subject. In the meantime it so happened that another Secretaryship in the same office fell vacant, and on this, Wan Ch'ing-li immediately produced a precedent according to which it appeared that the appointment of Teng Tien-fu would be quite in order. Memorialist submits that there should be the appointment of Teng T'ien-fu should have been sanctioned in the first instance. why was it objected to? If it was proper Moreover, Memorialist hears that the commission of Teng Tien-fu was more than two months late in reaching him, while, in the case of Chi Pang-chen, there was a delay only of a few days. What, he asks, was the reason of the difference here made, and the meaning of this trifling and dallying with public business, which cannot fail to excite the disgust of the President's colleagues and to give general dissatisfaction? If such is the conduct of the President, how are his secretaries and official underlings to be controlled? and what wonder is it that the jobbery which goes on at the Board of Civil Office on the occasion of an appointment to a post or the determination of a penalty, is matter of public talk? Memorialist read in the Gazette some months back a Decree stating that, in advancing or rejecting its servants, the only test employed by the state was satisfactory discharge of duty. Now, Wan Ch'ing-li has been proved to be unfit for the posts of Governor Adjoint of Shun-t'ien, and Chancellor of the Hanlin: he was only retained in his present appointment by the special grace of His Majesty. How great an effort, then, should he make to redeem past shortcomings; and, if he is really incapable of hard work, how willing he should be to send in his resignation and make room for worthier men. Instead of this, he looks upon the tokens of Imperial favour he has received as meaningless formalities, and frivolities and favouritism are still the leading features of his administration. Memorialist concludes by paying His Majesty to call upon Wan Ch'ing-li to resign, that all similarly disposed officers may take warning thereby .- The Censorate has been earlier directed to hold a

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Court of Enquiry on this subject.

The calendar of memorable delusions is enriched with another saint. M. Bontoux, who is now lamenting in prison his inability to assist at the winding-up of the Union Génêrale, has for three years had Catholic France at his feet. Of all the concerns which promise take M. Ristelhueber's place, who goes (2) A Decree. Let Lin Shu (President to make the fortunes of those who have the Mr. VEITCH asked what Akew's Contract home on leave. Mr. Holcombe, the Am- of the Mongolian Superintendency and goed luck to believe in them early, the Union erican Charged'Affaires, has gone on a short | Minister of the Tsung-li Yamen), and Hsueh | Générale seemed the most flourishing. It had about it an air of combined fashion and piety which was excellently calculated to recommend it to one at least of the classes which have been most bitten by the recent mania. Some of the best names in France were on its list of directors, and to take shares in it was regarded as the newest method of making friends of the mammon of unrighteousness. Even to deposit money with it at interest was some dispute with the Recreation Club. men are beginning to look to training superintend the construction of 300 small almost as good as paying Peter's peuce, and junks, destined for employment on the at times it was even hoped that, in some unpondence on the subject was read from The Gazette refers to a charge against a Pei-ho. The cost of each is estimated at explained way, the Pope might regain his which it appeared that the Recreation Military Governor in Shense guilty of Tis. 234, and a further allowance of Tis. 40 dominions by means of Catholic financing. toux sowed his seed may be gathered from the description given in the Monde. Women of good family have of late been wholly given up to speculations. Nothing else has been talked of in fashionable houses, and the language at a ball or a reception has been unintelligible to those who are not learned in the proceedings of the Bourse. It is some time since the Frence nobility has had an excitement. They are excluded from politics; sport had been ordered from home which would yamen and not to have waited until they dismiss a captain on his military staff who does not hold so large a place in their minds as it does in those of Englishmen of the same class; and it is thought to be good form to invest society proper with the subdued air which befits a nation deprived against its will of its sovereign. To a class which has nothing particular to do and nothing very pleasant to think of speculation comes excellently recommended. It brings with it employment, in-The father of the so-called thief testifies Secretaries in charge of the builion vaults terest, and something to talk about, and it to the identity of his son, the thieves of the office of Imperial Household, have does this, or promises to do it, while opening with whom he is said to have been in held that post for more than three years out at the same moment large possibilities of league do not recognise him, and the under- and have not submitted the usual accounts. gain. Thus M. Bontoux found the ground lings insist that he has changed his He also accuses them of deducting a per- prepared for him. Any speculation would name. The Emperor is asked to send some | centage for themselves wherever they are have had attractions, but the Union Générale big official to enquire into the whole case. | called upon to issue silver. Let the Comp- had attractions which no other undertaking Why does the Governor himself not manage | troller of the Household inquire strictly | could hope to offer. To take shares in it was to fight the enemy on his own ground. The Church no longer waited to be attacked; it carried the war into a territory in which Jews and Republicans had where, and this appears like an attempt to Ch'i-t'ai, denouncing Wan Ch'ing-li, Pre- hitherto reigned as masters. M. Bontoux had over the Empire as well as to Japan, by accident an invitation has failed to reach of India. - At a very low estimate the Hearn withdrew and Mr. Ward assumed cover over the deficiencies of some former sident of the Board of Civil Office, for been raised up to show good Catholics that ingratitude to the Emperor, wilful per- they had in them the making of better finan-The appointment of the new Customs sistence in error, and perversion of public ciers than the people of the Old Covenant. Taotai at Tientsin is noted, in place of the procedure to suit private ends. The Censor Unfortunately, M. Bontoux seems likely to former, one Cheng, who has gone as Minister observes that he recently perused the pay dearly for his march towards Jerusalem. Imperial Decree referring to the import- The Lews heve proved stronger than the Peking was agitated a few mornings ago ance of the Metropolitan Scrutiny, and was Christians on the Bourse, and the Republicans son and Burrows. For the sixth there was a to learn that several high officials had been much affected by the solicitude displayed are likely to prove stronger than the Catholics

and the new Minister of Justice has already