

EXTREMES IN AGE.

A Visit to the Famous Monastery Founded by St. Benedict.

And Viewing a Gondola Race on the Canals of Venice.

Home Correspondent to San Francisco City.

Returning to Rome from Olevano, we passed by S-Biagio, in order to visit the famous Benedictine monasteries in its neighborhood.

Other chapels were soon afterwards created, and in the eleventh century the present church was built.

BUILT IN THE SOLID ROCK.

There is something mysterious and awe-inspiring as you come suddenly into this brilliant cathedral, built in the solid rock, with its vaulted corridors, and broad steps that lead down into a lower church, scarcely less gorgeous, where beautiful painted glass windows throw strange shadows and lights, and as the eye accustomed itself to the "dim religious light" surrounding the little grotto, became visible, and the figure of St. Benedict stands out, his finger on his lips, imposing silence.

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A HISTORICAL MONUMENT.

The building of Santa Scholastica is comparatively modern, the tower only dating from A. D. 1633. This monastery is interesting as being the spot where the first printing press in Italy was set up, the first book, "Lactantius de Divina Institutionibus," was published in 1464.

A GONDOLA RACE.

But the great feast of the season was a gondola race, got up in honor of the geographical congress in Venice, regardless of expense, it appeared, judging from the lavish beauty of the scene. Sun, sky and atmosphere all were in harmony.

The second "bissonne" represented a "Pesca Tartarum," with the figure of a "Veechian Tartarum" returning from coral fishing with an abundant cargo, which consisted of heaps of corals and pearls.

Lastly came "Esquimaux," at the prow a white bear showing his teeth, at the poop the stuffed skin of a sealion. Skins of wild animals, masses of snow and ice, completed this fantastic cargo.

by the color of their boats and clothing. Green came in the winning color, and the rowers, Francesco Balbo and Luigi Zancotto, received the first prize, 350 lire.

CABINET TALK.

Speculations About the Composition of the New Anti-Garfield Cabinet.

Washington Correspondence to New York Times. There is very little talk in this city about President Arthur's Cabinet, although the time for the selection of its members is close at hand.

There are seven cabinet positions. One of them—that of secretary of the treasury—has already been removed from the realm of conjecture by the appointment of Judge Folger in the place of Secretary Windom, who resigned in order again to become a senator.

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Some prominent gentlemen who then supported him are now supporting Mr. Chaffee, who was formerly known as an adherent of Mr. Blaine. He seems to unite in his favor elements which have hitherto been opposed. It is said that he does care for the interior department, but would take the place now held by Mr. James.

It is believed that the positions will be filled out of the number, although some unexpected rearrangements of the whole list, at the last moment, may bring in some one of whom little or nothing has been said.

It is believed by some well-informed persons, however, is not out of Col. Dudley's reach. The forces which naturally come to his support are strong. They caused the late President Garfield to remove an energetic and faithful officer in order to make room for him, and they may lift him higher. Gen. Beale is a warm and intimate friend of Gen. Grant, and is a wealthy resident of this city.

There are some who expect that one place in the cabinet will be given to the south, and that Senator Mahone's influence will have much weight in respect to the selection. The rumor that the senator himself might leave the senate and become a cabinet officer has no foundation in fact.

The three southern men whose names have been given above would undoubtedly be considered if it should be decided to give to the south a representative. There seems to be little probability, however, that President Arthur will take this course.

It has been assumed that Secretary Lincoln will remain in the cabinet. If this assumption be correct, Mr. Storrs may be regarded as eliminated from the problem.

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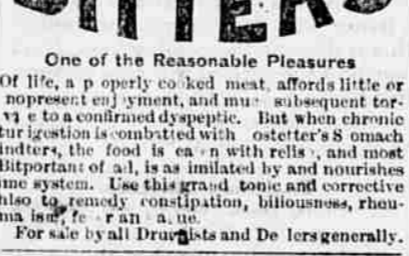
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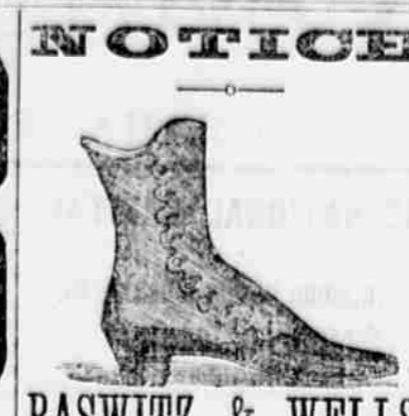
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