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CURRENT EVENTS.

France and China are still talking. General Hancock is already convalescent. Work on the Panama Canal is progressing vigorously. Reinforcements are being dispatched by the French to Tonquin.

It is stated that important witnesses in favor of O'Donnell, have reached London. Colfax Davidson, an editor living at Van Buren, Ark., committed suicide last week. A train was thrown from the track near Buchanan, killing and wounding many.

The cotton-weavers' strike in Lancashire, England, is likely to be adjusted. The Maryland State Republican Convention has completed a ticket. The Panama Canal is to be finished in 1885.

A rather incoherent statement of Mrs. Carey to a reporter is published. The examination of O'Donnell, who killed James Carey, has commenced in London. The railroad competition between Louisville and Chicago continues lively.

The Wool-growers' Associations ask for a return to a total tariff on wool. A big fire occurred in the railroad shops at Port Jervis, N. Y. Lord Coleridge was handsomely entertained at Chicago.

A storm on Monday night did much damage in Boston. The Massachusetts Greenback Convention renominated General Butler for Governor. The International Peace Association wants France and China to arbitrate their differences.

The fire at Constantinople caused a loss of \$1,000,000. No reply has been received from China in answer to the French memorandum. Very destructive forest fires have been raging in Maine.

The cable road over the Brooklyn bridge is open for traffic. There is a dispute over the validity of the late Mrs. Fillmore's will. Sharon denies and bitterly denounces the charges made against him.

At Osakis, Minn., a boiler explosion killed three and wounded five men. It is reported that Mitchell will fight Shade, the Maori, at Pierre, Dakota. The Insurance Commissioners of the several States held a convention at Columbus, Ohio.

A Paris dispatch says that the French intend to give the English very little satisfaction in the Tamatave affair. Thomas Powers O'Connor was attacked at Portland, Ireland, by some Orangemen, but escaped unhurt. Alfonso has finished hobnobbing with Emperor William of Germany and has turned his face homeward.

Judge Ray, of the Washington Postoffice Department, has resigned, probably under pressure. Frauds in pre-emption and timber-culture land claims have so multiplied that the matter is to be brought before Congress.

The reduction of prices of the New York dailies is causing considerable trouble in the news-vending business. The bodies of Lieutenant De Long and his companions are expected to arrive in this country in a few days.

The Columbian States are trying to raise money by hypothecating the subsidy paid by the Panama Railroad. The bids for the remnants of Robeson's property are to be sold at the prices bid for them.

President Arthur assisted at the ceremonies of laying the cornerstone of Burnside Memorial Hall at Providence, R. I. A cyclone occurred at Martinique on the 4th inst., by which eighteen vessels were wrecked.

The Colored Convention at Louisville adopted a long series of resolutions setting forth their grievances, real and imaginary. Two cents is now the price of the Herald, Times, World and most of the New York papers.

It appears that the Colored People's Convention at Louisville is likely to end in an inundation of talk. Lord Coleridge is seeing the sights of Chicago, which the residents of that burg think is about all that was worth seeing.

Fenny, the assaulter of the British Consulate at New York, will probably be sent to an insane asylum. Sitting Bull would be willing to embrace Christianity, but is unable to part with either of his two wives.

The London Times says that in the present condition of affairs between France and China mediation is scarcely possible. The Madagascar troops are gradually forcing the French from many of the positions occupied in Madagascar.

In spite of prohibition, several League meetings were held in Ireland on Sunday. One, however, was repressed. The mother of the child shot dead at Castleton, Maine, is suspected of committing the deed.

A locomotive engineer during the railroad accident near Akron, Ohio, stuck to his post like a hero, and died there. The steamship Ethel has left Philadelphia loaded with arms and ammunition for the Haytian Government.

The old mill made famous by its association with Abraham Lincoln was burned on Sunday night. At Montreal one C. J. Dewey has swindled the produce losses and banks out of large quantities of goods and great sums of money.

The Guatemalan Inter-oceanic Railroad is to be built as rapidly as possible, which, in that slow country, really means very deliberately. At the Colored People's Convention, now in session at Louisville, Fred Douglass made a long speech, which was well received.

A furious gale on the great lakes did much damage ashore, caused the loss of a number of vessels and the lives of many of their crews. In the case of Second Lieutenant Robertson, accused of making duplicate charges for pay, the defendant is to be suspended for one year.

The agents or officers of the Reliable Manufacturing Company of Philadelphia have been arrested on a charge of abusing mails. A Nationalist and an Orange meeting were held in Dungannon, County Tyrone, Ireland, at the same time. The presence of a large body of police and soldiers alone prevented a terrible collision.

The Bermoothes are keeping up their ancient reputation. A hurricane lately occurred in that region which caused the loss of many lives and numerous vessels and much property. Complimentary telegrams passed between President Arthur and Emperor and Empress of Brazil on the occasion of the completion of the South American telegraph line.

Fred Lovjoy has been elected President of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad. He says the line is to be put in first-class order as rapidly as it is possible for the work to be done. One of the Dutch line of transatlantic steamers stranded on a sand bank near her destination and was in a dangerous position. The passengers were all safely landed.

THE BAD BOY.

The Boy Gets His Customary Black Eye, and Reasons with the Grocery Man About Noah and the Ark.

"Well, I see you have got another black eye," said the groceryman to the bad boy, as he came in with a kerosene can, and sat down by a peach basket while the groceryman drew the kerosene. "How did you get it? Have a fight, or did your pa knock you down with a chair?"

"Got it trying to be an angel," said the boy, as he fumbled around the mosquito bar over the basket of peaches, to see if there wasn't a place where a peach might fall out.

"You know that blind woman that grinds the organ down on the corner. Well, a person would think that a poor blind woman who has to support herself and five children grinding out the awfulest music ever was, would be the last person in the world to have tricks played on her, but this morning I found a couple of dudes dropping lozenges in the cigar box that is on her organ for pennies. The first time they dropped in one the old lady smiled and took it out and eat it, and I wasn't very mad, 'cause I thought the dudes would surprise her by dropping in a five dollar gold piece for a nickel, and make her feel good. But the next time they dropped in a cayenne pepper lozenge, and they got behind a peanut stand to see how it worked. She bit it, and then she spat her mouth out and blushed, and I almost laughed at first, she made such a face, but when I see the tears begin to pour out of her poor old blind eyes, and roll down her withered cheeks, and she took the corner of her apron and wiped the tears away, as she stopped right in the middle of 'Annie Laurie,' and the organ drew a long breath, and when I looked at those two dudes laughing at her, I got crazy. Somehow I felt as though that poor old woman was my ma, and before I knew it, I jumped right in amongst those dudes, and knocked one of them through the peanut stand on the hot chestnut roaster, and I kicked the other where it hurt, and he ran, and the other one said, 'What you got to do about the old woman, don't you know?' and I said she was a friend of mine, 'cause she was blind, and then the Italian hit me in the eye with a hard peach, and a policeman came along and the dude told him I was a terrier, and the policeman jerked my coat-collar off, but when I told him what it was all about, he gave me back my coat collar and caused the dude, and the old lady thanked me with her trembling lips, that were smarting from the lozenge, and I went home to get my collar sewed on, and pa was going to take it out of my hide. I guess if I hadn't told him about the blind woman, he would have been kicking me yet. Sometimes I think it don't pay to be too darned good. For instance, now in this row, all the friend I have got is this blind woman, and she will not know me when she sees me. The two dudes and the Italian will lay for me, and the policeman will, very likely, be told by the dude that it was me who fired the lozenge in there, and I have got to wear this black eye for two weeks, just for having a heart in me. Do you think it pays to be good, or didn't you ever try it?"

"You bet it pays," said the groceryman, as he stuck the nozzle of the kerosene can into a potato, and ripped off the mosquito bar and told the boy to help himself to peaches. "You have got a friend in me, and you can call on me for a certificate of character at any time. A boy that protects the poor and unfortunate is a thorougbred, if he does get a black eye occasionally. But I don't see how it is that the minister is down on you so. He was in here this morning to get trusted for a number three mackerel, and he said he would walk around a block any time rather than meet you, because you asked him so many questions that he couldn't answer. What have you been asking him lately?"

"Oh, I only wanted to get a little light on yachting. He is paid a salary to enlighten his congregation, and he always wants us to ask questions, but lately he has turned me away with a soft answer. I asked him if he didn't think Mount Ararat would have been a boss place to hunt, just after Capt. Noah had turned the game loose, and the water was high so you could sneak right up on to elephants, and tigers, and chipmunks, and fox squirrels, and the minister, who had been telling pa what a boss time he had last winter hunting deer up in Michigan, got offended and told pa he better dismiss me with a boot. I don't know as it would be any more harm to hunt deer on Mount Ararat along about 2349 years B. C., than it would now, though they might have had a game law that would protect the game, on account of their being only a limited supply. But I suppose the game would have been very poor, 'cause it had been shut up in the ark a long time without any food, and the captain of the ark full of long juices."

"Hold on now, boy, don't be bearing false witness against thy neighbor," said the groceryman, horrified at the remarks of the boy. "There is no record that Noah had anything to drink on the ark. Give Noah his due, whatever you do."

"Well, maybe you are right, but as I understand it he had a terrible appetite for intoxicating drink on shore, and one would suppose if he didn't have a bar on the yacht he would have strapped a couple of jugs on the mules when they went aboard, and he must have known it was going to be a long and tedious cruise, and very lonesome, and if he had anything stimulating on board he took a nip occasionally. And you couldn't blame him. Everybody's appetite is better when sailing, and Noah had to run the boat night and day, and it wouldn't be strange if he spiced the main brace. By Jingo, I should think Noah would have got sick of a monogamy, and been mighty glad when he struck the top of the mountain and turned them loose, and when the water went down, and the animals went sliding down hills, falling over each other to find a good place to nibble grass, it must have been a picnic to Noah. But what do you suppose the lions found to eat? They live on meat, and as there were only two animals of a kind, they had to be raised before they could eat, 'cause if they eat any animal, that settled it, and there wouldn't never be any of those animals on earth. Say, don't you think those lions had pretty good control over their appetites not to make mince meat of the other animals? How do you account for the fact that all those animals lived without anything to eat?"

"Oh, I don't know. You make me tired. I don't wonder the minister can't get along with you. Maybe Noah took along fresh meat enough to last the lions a year, and baled hay for the elephants and giraffes and cattle. Fix it any way you want to. Darned if I know anything about it," said the groceryman as he took a piece of sand paper and began rubbing the rust off the cheese knife.

"That's the way with all of you," said the boy, as he took the kerosene can and started for the door. "I think that food was only a spring freshet, and that the world couldn't have been drowned. How did they know that America was not discovered until 1492, four thousand years afterward? I am going home and ask the hired girl about it. She is a Catholic, but she knows more about history than all of you, and she don't get mad when I ask her questions. By gosh, I would have liked to take a breech loading shot gun and pad led along in a skiff up to mount Ararat, just after Noah had run out the gang plank and let the animals off. I could have got elephants and behemoths, and rhinoceroses enough for a mess. I bet you, and the boy went out with his kerosene and a mind well stored with knowledge, as well as a pistol pocket well stored with peaches."

LADIES SPEARING FROGS.

A Middleton (N. Y.) correspondent of an Eastern paper writes:

When the city ladies first began their hunt for frogs it was several days before they could school themselves to control the natural impulse to scream when they discovered a frog. The pioneer expedition against the frogs was composed of six young ladies duly equipped and accompanied by the organizer. Acting on instructions from a native "frogger," they separated along the edge of the pond at intervals of twenty feet or so apart. Presently the huntress who was furthest ahead uttered a piercing shriek, dropped her pitchfork, and ran. The one next to her screamed, dropped the pitchfork, and ran. Thus, one after the other, all shrieked, dropped their pitchforks, and ran. When they met, almost breathless, far away from the pond, the one who had given the alarm was overwhelmed with anxious inquiries as to what was the matter.

"Oh! goodness gracious!" she said, "I saw one; oh, such an awfully big one!"

"Oh! my!" was the chorus of the huntresses. "Let's go back home."

A native fisherman who saw the retreat says "it was better'n a circus to see them gals droppin' them pitchforks, and gittin' way from that pond, yellin' as though the old boy was arter 'em." But braver parties were organized, and now there are but few among the daintiest of the lady boarders—some of whom would turn to see a chicken decapitated—who cannot thrust a spear through a frog, remove him, and separate his saddles with the coolness and skill of an old frog catcher. Most of the female froggers prefer the spear to hook and line and red flannel fishing, because the former requires more skill, and kills the frog at the same time. To catch frogs in the latter way, an ordinary red line, and hook are used. The hook is baited with a piece of red flannel. When a frog is discovered, the flannel is lowered in front of him. He never fails to snap it, and is caught. Then comes the necessity of killing him, which, to the novice, is by no means agreeable.

Climate and locality seem to have a great effect upon ideas of law and order. The same day the jury vindicated Frank James at Gallatin, Mo., a jury at Mexico, same state, find Hamilton Hall five dollars for selling a five cent cigar and a glass of soda-water, in violation of the Sunday law. If the cigar was as bad as some five-cent weeds, the jury did right in seeking it to the man who sold it. There is nothing worse than a vile cigar—not even train robbing and murder. The two instances, however, look as though justice runs through that state in streaks, like fat and lean in fed-every-other-day pork.

MATHEMATICIAN.

An Arithmetical Marvel—A Blind Man Who Finds Pleasure in Mental Play With Fractions.

Pardon Tillinghast, of Danielsonville, who is entirely blind, barely distinguishing day from night, has recently performed some wonderful feats in mental arithmetic. His attention was called to some facts in regard to the combination of figures 142,857. If multiplied by 2 the product is 285,714—the same figures and in the same order, only starting with another and changing the first two to the extreme right. Multiplying by 3, 4, 5, a like result is obtained; that is, the figures are the same and succeed each other in a similar way. This led to a careful study of these figures, and he soon found that preceded by the decimal point they are the decimal equivalent of 17. He found, too, that this is the repetend of a repeating decimal. His thoughts were in this way turned to the fraction 17, and he performed mentally the operation of reducing its square, 149, to a repeating decimal having a repetend of 42 places—six times as many as that of 17. Then he took the cube of 17, equal to 1343, and performed the prodigious feat of turning this into a repeating decimal whose repetend has 424 figures, or six times as many as that of 17.

All this, of course, without a mark to aid the calculation or the memory. It filled leisure hours of a number of days. He would work the division ten places at one operation, holding in memory the result, including the remainder, for hours or days, till he could work the next ten, and so on until he had the entire repetend. The necessity for frequent provings of his work added to its complication. The mathematicians of those parts doubt whether this mental effort has ever been equalled, at any rate, by a blind man.—[Hartford Courant.

ONE OF RUFUS HATCH'S JOKES.

Immediately on the arrival of the excursionists at Hot Springs Hotel, in Yellowstone Park, three dudes determined on having a bath, as the proper thing under the circumstances. They were directed to the bath spring, three-quarters of a mile from the hotel, and were soon mounted and on route. They had been in the water only a few minutes when they were saluted by a series of yells and the discharge of numerous revolvers. Following this pandemonium, half a dozen cowboys galloped into view, arrayed in buckskin togery and armed with revolvers and knives. The terrified dudes were ordered out of the spring and told to put on their shirts, shoes and trousers, and make a break for the mountains.

"Really, ye know, we can't do it," said one of them, sweating with terror. "Mr. 'Atch will expect us back to dinner. Won't he, Cholly?"

"True, you are," replied "Cholly." "We're engaged to dine, ye know. I say, cawn't you just let us 'ave our weskits and our 'oreses? Mr. 'Atch will pay you, ye know. It's quite too awful, left in this state of nature. Mr. 'Atch will 'ave to buy us some underwear, and I say, Mr. Highwaymen, cawn't you let us 'ave our revolvers? I'm told the bloody gophers are very fierce."

But the "highwaymen" were obdurate, and the three dudes were forced to leave their horses, and go their clothing, revolvers and money (\$210 each), and "hoof it" back to the hotel. When they arrived, full of the untold perils of their adventures, they were again paralyzed by finding their horses tied in front of the hotel and the plunder taken by the cowboys piled up on the office counter. Uncle Rufus kindly explained the situation, and Hobart went off into a long, deep and solitary canyon five miles away to have a laugh.

RICH MEN NOT AMERICA'S BEST PRODUCT.—The cottages of Newport have adopted a plan of reception for Lord Coleridge, which is based on the idea that they "represent the moral and intellectual forces which have made this country what it is." They represent nothing but money. Some of them made their money honestly; others made it out of their country's misfortunes; others made it by monopolies. They are merely a handful of rich men. It is not the rich men who made this country what it is. It was the country which made the rich men what they are. When we think of this we are not proud of the country. But we are too proud of it to permit any little set of mere parse potatoes to claim that they represent the moral and intellectual forces which have made it what it is.

J. GOULD'S GOOD ADVICE.—"Mr. Gould, would you kindly give me a 'pointer' in this stage of the market?" asked a clerical-looking individual of that gentleman.

"Certainly," was the prompt reply. "Ah! thanks, indeed. I shall take it with a most grateful heart. What is it, Mr. Gould?"

"Keep your money," and the modern Croesus turned on his heel.

It is a common saying that a woman can't keep a secret as well as a man. All both. Why, a woman will keep a secret that a man would forget in two hours, long enough to spread it over two counties. She never loses her grip on it till she gets a better one.

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The following article on the claims of Washington Territory for admission we take from the San Francisco Chronicle:

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Legislative Proceedings. COUNCIL. By Edmonston—Petition for the division of Garfield county. Passed.

By Collins—Changing the time for holding court in Third Judicial District. Referred.

By Power—Defining the term real property and land for the purpose of taxation. Laid on table.

By Whitehouse—Remonstrance against division of Spokane county. Referred.

Delegate Brents was introduced and made a short speech in favor of admission, and asked the Legislature to aid him in urging that admission in whatever manner deemed advisable.

Collins' bill to appropriate \$3000 for the support of the Territorial University, passed.

By Caton—For the repeal of the Sunday law, and enacting in lieu thereof a law allowing every one to select his own holy day.

By Smith—To repeal an act in relation to officers in newly organized counties. Referred.

Bill to create county of Lincoln. Passed.

Bill to create county of Assotin. Passed.

Bill fixing time for final adjournment. Laid on table.

Memorial praying for increased mail service between Whatcom and Seattle. Passed.

In the afternoon the Skagit county bill came up, and after considerable discussion was referred to Committee on Counties, with instructions to report on Tuesday, Oct. 23d.

By Besserer—Herd law. Referred. Act fixing time of convening Legislature and changing date to first Monday in December. Passed.

By Kuhn—Repeal of Sunday law. Laid.

The Speaker signed memorial for an appropriation from Congress for maintenance of snag boat on the rivers of Puget Sound.

Bill to make Territory pay for all parties confined in the Insane Asylum. Passed.

Bill amending Code so that all counties shall elect assessors. Passed.

By Young—Increased mail service between Seattle and Whatcom. Passed.

Bill to adjourn on November 10th. Passed.

Amending sealing law. Passed. Bill to appoint committee to recommend enabling act to secure admission of Washington as a State. Passed.

Bill granting suffrage to women. Passed.

Bill to create District Court for Garfield county. Passed.

AN OMISSION OF THE FUTURE.—The estimate of the future prospects of the vast and rich regions whose produce is to be drained by the Northern Pacific Railway and its branches, is heavily discounted by the mistake made by the Government in not taking full ownership and control of that road when the Jay Cook syndicate failed and threw up the job.

Had the Government built the road on its own par bonds at 3 per cent. for thirty years, the cost of the work fully equipped had been many millions less than the company had made it, and the interest account at least \$2,000,000 a year less.

This \$2,000,000, probably \$3,000,000, is the premium which the supporters of the road will be taxed by the corporation over and above the rates which the United States as owner and operator of the road would have charged.

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Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Administrator of the Estate of EDWARD J. DART, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against said deceased to exhibit the same with proper vouchers, within one year from the date of this notice.

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Notice is hereby given that WILLIAM KIRKAD has filed notice of intention to make final proof before the Clerk of the District Court, at his office in La Conner, W. T., on Wednesday, the 9th day of December, A. D. 1883.

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