

WASHINGTON CAPITALISMS.

We find out in newspaper offices what the election season means. The country journals come in double-leaded, with a flavor of bad grammar, blurred Latin and tobacco juice about them. A sickly looking fowl tops the editorial column, with a disheveled tail and disjointed neck. The election campaign is synonymous with dirty rollers and drunken typos, and each return bears a mutual relation with the polls and truth—it is equally distant from both.—*Ex.*

"Fourth—That when the currency shall have been restored to a specie value banking should be made free, so that the circulating medium may be expanded or contracted according to the demand of commerce and trade."

The above is the fourth plank of the Republican platform of the Ohio Republicans. It is a little obscure, but a few words will make it sufficiently plain. Currency is here meant the measure of value through which we are enabled to trade intelligently; and to get at what the able financiers mean we have only to change the reading slightly, as follows: "We favor the substitution of gum-elastic yardsticks for the present unyielding measure of wood, so that they may be expanded or contracted, according to the demands of trade and commerce." Do you see?

POOR GRANT.—We pity him. Convention after convention of the Republican persuasion meet and disperse without a word of thanks for the patriotic way in which he has saved the country. Has he not held the helpless thing up by the tail, as a granger would put it, to these many years? And yet here are the ungrateful republic and Republicans ignoring his existence. If some zealous seeker after office mentions a third term it is jeered at and hooted. "He must step down and out." Poor man, he goeth on the camp-grounds of the godly and solicits the prayers of the righteous. Our dreaded Caesar—

"Dead and turned to clay,
May stop a hole to keep the wind away!"

Let the choir sing.

"If we would preserve our State government and the liberties of our people, we must cease to look to military power to enforce the law and punish crime," says Governor Brown in his late proclamation to the people of Tennessee. It is a sentiment that deserves to be written in the heart of every citizen who believes in a return to constitutional government by the utter and final overthrow of this *post bellum* idea of military interference in civil affairs. Whatever disorders are now existing in the South may in part be referred to the fact that military governments first invaded the civil rights of the people and established carpet-bag rule, and now we are seeing the evils of the reconstruction policy, of the succession of eccentric governments.

An Ecclesiastical Curiosity.

Several French newspapers have recently published the following:

"Lord Dupanloup, the Bishop of Orleans, has appointed an ecclesiastical committee to commence immediately, under his direction, the preliminary proceedings necessary for the canonization of Joan of Arc."

It is an historical fact well established that the Catholic clergy had a large share in the martyrdom of Joan of Arc by fire; and now this same clergy intend to place her among their saints! But this proceeding is not at all necessary to secure to her memory the reverence of all Frenchmen, for they never forget that through her agency their country was once delivered from a British invasion.

It is, and always has been, customary with the Catholic priesthood to claim as members of their church all whose names have become famous on account of great deeds, although at the commencement of their career that priesthood were their bitterest enemies. Christopher Columbus, the discoverer of America, is a memorable illustration of this fact. The Catholic priesthood left no stone unturned to oppose the projects of this immortal navigator. First in the council of the king of Portugal, and then in the cabinet of Madrid, they branded his intended trip around the world as absurd, impious, and

sacrilegious; but their living successors are now trying to claim all the honor of his glorious discoveries.

It may be observed here that the notions of Columbus were founded on the fact of the sphericity of the earth, which it was supposed by the ignorant ecclesiasts of that day, came in contact with many passages of the Bible. But strange as it may appear the successors of those very priests are now making strenuous efforts for the canonization of the great navigator.

To this end, an important work of two volumes, each containing about a thousand pages, was written and published, a few years ago, by Mr. Roselly de Lorgues. This singular work has been highly endorsed and praised by numbers of very influential ecclesiastical ultramontane authorities in Europe. The object of this exceedingly funny publication was to prove to the world that Christopher Columbus was a Capuchin monk, and that to this venerable order of friars belongs exclusively the glory of having discovered the New World! *Resum teneatis, amice.* Do not laugh, kind reader!

Now upon what foundation stands this curious system of historical science, which has so striking a likeness to the famed historical romances of father Leriquet? It stands upon the fact that Columbus, during a wandering tour in Spain, was an unknown traveler, a very poor man, and that he was, as such, hospitably entertained a single night in a convent of Capuchins, at Santa Maria de Robida, in the fair province of Andalusia. As he was entirely destitute of means, he borrowed or received, according to the holy fathers' legend, a Capuchin's garment or robe; and according to their story, that holy robe was the only article of clothing worn by Columbus until his death, and it was as a Capuchin, a *bona fide* Capuchin, that he accomplished all his discoveries, erecting crosses of Catholic missions on every shore, and here and there performing stupendous miracles, all of which are related and greatly amplified in Mr. Roselly de Lorgues' book, upon the reliable authority of the Capuchin fathers. Even Columbus' idea of a western hemisphere was not his own; he gained it by association with the Capuchins, and he was only their messenger, their humble instrument, &c.

By such ludicrous and impudent inventions as these have patronage and immunities been sought and obtained at the papal court of Rome. The object of the book written by Mr. Roselly de Lorgues was to develop, amplify and embellish all this and, as people say, to prepare the way, and from the time of its publication, the question of his canonization has been before the "Sacred Consulta," that is, before the committee of Jesuits which is empowered to distribute seats to the Saints in the Heaven of heavens. The public therefore need not be surprised to learn shortly that Christopher Columbus, the once victim of the Catholic priesthood, who branded him as a heretic and would have gladly burned him at the stake, has been placed by this same priesthood among the saints of the Romish calendar.

Blessed is the man who succeeds! Such is the morality of the story. Blessed is the man who triumphs, even after his death, although he has been persecuted during his life! It will be so with Joan of Arc. She will soon be canonized by the Vatican, judging by the preparatory proceedings of Lord Dupanloup, after having been condemned to death, and most inhumanly burned by the cure of Lord Cauchon, the bishop of Beauvais, an accomplice of the English, after the latter had been expelled from France by her instrumentality.

The proclamation of the dogma of the immaculate conception of the Virgin Mary, and of papal infallibility, and the canonization of Columbus and of Joan of Arc will constitute the chief religious acts, as in a political sense the loss of his temporal kingdom is already the principal event, of Pius the Ninth's pontificate.

LOUIS A. BERTRAND.

"I should like 'Courtship and Marriage,' and 'The Best of Husbands,'" said a pretty girl, tripping into a Broadway bookstore. "I think I can fill that bill, Miss," replied the dapper young salesman. "Have you 'Ten Thousand a Year'?"

Correspondence.

SALT LAKE CITY,
Sept. 21, 1874.

Editor Deseret News:

I have just returned from a pleasant trip to American Fork, Utah county, whither I went yesterday morning, in accordance with an invitation from Superintendent Wm. Putman, to attend the tenth anniversary of the organization of the Sunday school of that place. American Fork is one of the most prosperous towns of Utah county, and is chiefly noted for the abundance and excellence of its hay crop. Raising hay, however, is not the only thing in which the people of that town excel. In the matter of possessing a well conducted Sunday school, filled to overflowing with eager, smiling, handsome children, there are few towns that will equal it, and certainly none that can excel. The school is in every respect a model one, which fact is owing in great part to the untiring efforts of Bro. Paxman, who has been its superintendent since it was started ten years ago.

The anniversary yesterday was a most enjoyable affair, the worst feature of it being that the meeting house was too small to accommodate half those who wished to get in. The hall was decorated with great taste with evergreens and flowers. Rustic scrolls surrounded the room, bearing such mottoes as "Welcome to our Tenth Anniversary" and "United we Stand, and Divided we Fall." The exercises consisted chiefly of songs and recitations, all well rendered, the performers, as is usual on such occasions, being mostly girls, showing that they are more susceptible of receiving the benefits of the Sunday school than are the boys, who partake largely of the rowdy element. Forenoon and afternoon were occupied in getting through the rather lengthy programme, but the best of order prevailed, and not a sign was evinced of anyone being tired. One pleasing feature of the affair was, that the selections were nearly all from our home authors. At the conclusion of the exercises about eighty volumes, chiefly historical, were distributed as prizes to those who excelled; and it was then announced that their pleasant annual anniversary was only half through, as the children, with as many of their parents and friends as chose to come, were expected to meet this (Monday) morning at the hall and march to the grove below town, where a day of varied enjoyment would be spent. Business considerations prevented me from enjoying the day with them. A number of visitors from the surrounding towns were present yesterday, and all were loud in their praises of Supt. Paxman and his assistant teachers for the great mission for good they were performing among the young folks in their Sunday school. The scholars enrolled number something over four hundred, with an average attendance of about three hundred and fifty. Respectfully,
G. C. L.

Our Country Contemporaries.

Beaver Enterprise, Sept. 19—

On the 17th the Grand Jury of the Second District Court presented an indictment against John E. Lloyd for illegal voting; on the following day Lloyd entered into recognizance, with Joseph Field and Philo T. Farnsworth, Sr., as sureties to appear at the ensuing November term of Court.

Last evening, as we were leaving our office we saw a spike team coming down the street with a wagon, containing a woman and six or seven children with their effects, the man walking and a small boy riding the lead horse. They had traveled in that way all the way from Texas. As they passed along, five or six of the children stuck their heads from under the cover, viewing the sights to be seen. The man says they have not occupied a house for about nine months. He wishes to stop here a short time to recruit his teams and replenish his stock of provisions, when he thinks he will go to Dixie.

Ogden Junction, Sept. 21—

We commence to-day the third volume of the *Daily Junction*.

Major Bird, a member of that delectable class of Salt Lake worthies known as deputy marshals, came up on the U. C. train this morning.

Ye home brewers of small beer in this vicinity, beware! We do not know who it is that's "wanted," but presume the Major won't return till he has earned a fee.

About three o'clock yesterday afternoon a little son of Michael Sullivan, aged eight years, in attempting to climb between two cars of a train on the U. N. track, near where it crosses Fourth St., fell from the drawheads to the ground. He was in company with his brother, a somewhat larger boy, and on picking himself up made no complaints of being hurt, but proceeded homeward, where he remained without mentioning his fall to his parents, and nothing was discovered to be amiss until his mother gave him a little bucket of milk, bidding him take it to one of the neighbors. In attempting to take the bucket with his right hand, the muscles refused to perform their office, and on examination the little fellow's arm was found to be broken just below the elbow. This discovery was not made till about seven o'clock in the evening, when the boy's father took him to Dr. Brown's office and had the limb set. During the operation the little fellow, though very pale with pain, did not cry out or utter a word. The doctor stated that such extraordinary nerve and fortitude in one so young had never been equalled in his experience.

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