

getting into accord with the thought. The student of the eastern question will be greatly aided in his observations by an occasional reference to the atlas.

### EUROPEAN AFFAIRS STILL MUDDLED.

News from beyond the Atlantic, though not of a particularly belligerent character, continues to be interesting. Between the Ameer of Afghanistan and the Czar of Russia a reciprocity commercial scheme, it is said, has been agreed on. This is significant, inasmuch as it conveys the idea that Russia is pushing her industrial as well as her geographical sovereignty. It also shows that England will have to work hard to maintain her control of Oriental markets. One report has it that the Czar has obtained his trade concessions by bribes and purchase, but another says that the Russian manufacture is superior to English, hence the popularity of the former.

Then there is the report that reciprocity arrangements are in progress between Russia and Persia. The history of the past gives color to these reports as being partly truthful. Observers who are conversant with the condition of industry in Russia, know that close attention has been paid for some time to arts and manufacture. Only last winter a corps of Russian experts traveled in the United States to study our system of growing and manufacturing cotton. It was then said that Russia would in a short time supply the cotton markets of Europe.

Ribot, French Minister of Foreign affairs, speaking at Bayonne, on the 27th inst., said that France "henceforth is the mistress of her own destinies," and that a sovereign far-sighted in pacific designs has publicly announced the deep sympathies existing between France and Russia. This utterance was received with cries of "long live the Czar" and "long live Russia."

A dispatch of the 24th inst. from Cairo, in Egypt, states that the very existence of the Turkish Empire is threatened, owing to a rebellion in Arabia. And what is more startling still, it is said, that this rebellion is fomented by England, and the rebels supplied with English arms and ammunition. This part of the story is improbable. It would not help England in anyway to enter into a plot of this kind. It seems probable, however, that southwest Arabia is in revolt. What is even worse than rebellion, for Turkey, is the fact, that the rebels have proclaimed a new Caliph and have announced the deposition of Sultan Abdul Hamid as Commander of the Faithful.

In India much anxiety is felt regarding Russia's movements in the North. It is reported that some English officers have been taken prisoners by Russian troops.

On the 27th inst., at Palermo, in Italy, a steamer was launched. Signor Crispi, the Italian Minister, made a speech responding to the toast "King Humbert and Queen Victoria." He commended the coupling of the names of the rulers, and dilated upon the ties uniting the two countries since England and Sicily awoke to freedom under Norman kings.

The next legal period for holding a general election in England is April, 1893, but the Liberals are confident that an election will come at farthest next year, and they are confident of success. Thus it will be seen that the political horizon in Europe and even in Asia, continues to become more and more unsettled every day.

### A POLITICAL BLUNDER.

MR. BLAINE'S letter to Col. Conger as published recently, could not have been intended for the public. It is not the habit of Mr. Blaine to expose his personal convictions in a manner calculated to antagonize men who might otherwise be his friends and zealous political supporters. This is precisely what he has done in the letter referred to.

His statement that the election of Mr. McKinley means a policy of protection as distinguished from the free trade principles of Mr. Campbell, his Democratic opponent, will not be disputed by anybody. It is a truth over which there is not the slightest controversy. But with the question of honest or corrupt money, the case is altogether different. The policy which Mr. Blaine here refers to, as corruption of the currency is one which nearly every Republican west of the Missouri river and south of the Mason and Dixon line is contending for and will in all probability hold fast to in the campaign of 1892. They will not receive in the best of feeling this insinuation that they wish to corrupt the national treasury.

It was not necessary for Mr. Blaine to make this remark, and we are disposed to think that he did not intend it for the public and that Col. Conger has made a great mistake in giving it to the press. Western Republicans are perfectly aware of Mr. Blaine's personal views on the silver question, but so long as he was disposed to keep them in the back ground, his friends out here were willing to pass them by.

His side of the question may be right. But to be right is one thing and to make a majority of voters believe it, is another. It certainly takes a mighty brain, a perfect statesman, and in the present condition of public affairs, it requires constant caution to make a perfect politician.

### WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

*Provo Dispatch*—During the excitement of the circus parade yesterday, a gang of thieves were busy around town. The house of George Choules, in the Third Ward, was entered and some jewelry taken from there. An entrance was effected through a window in the rear of the house and every drawer and box was ransacked. A breast pin and other trinkets were taken, but the thieves overlooked five dollars in small change belonging to the children. Aside from this nothing is missing. Millie Singleton, a little girl, says that she saw two men coming out of the house, and that previous to that she had seen them around George Taylor's residence. When Peter Stubbs' family returned from the circus they found that the house, which is situated on J street, near the depot, had been ransacked,

and upon making a thorough search it was found that every drawer, desk, trunk and cupboard had been completely rifled and the contents strewn on the floor. It was also discovered that the robbers had got away with two gold watches and chains, several rings, and \$10 in cash. They made a complete sweep and everything of value in the shape of jewelry was taken.

The officers made a search, but no clue to the robbers could be found.

*Dillon Tribune*—L. E. Stringham, a well known resident of this city committed suicide by hanging, some time between Sunday at 9 o'clock and Monday at 11 a. m., when the body was discovered. The body was found by Michael Rooney in the warehouse north of the old First National bank. Rooney peered in through the broken window pane, why he cannot say, and saw the back of the body of a man, hanging by a rope tied to the rafters.

*Butte Journal*—Martin C. Miner, an old and well-known miner, while at work Monday last in the Union mine at Burke, met with a frightful accident which resulted fatally. Quinn was engaged in hauling timber up the manway when the rope broke, throwing him head foremost down a distance of ninety feet. When picked up his body was found to be dreadfully mangled. He was removed with all care to the Sisters' hospital at Wallace, where he lingered until death came to his release Wednesday. Deceased came to the Coeur d'Alene country about four years ago and spent a good portion of his time in prospecting. He was in the very prime of life, a native of the State of Illinois, and a man of strict integrity and most excellent habits. He was a member of the Gem Miners' union and was buried at Gem Thursday. His body was followed to the grave by many of his brethren and a large number of sorrowing friends.

*Evanston Register*—The preliminary examination of the parties interested in the Howard-Wade cutting scrape took place before Judge Castle. The woman over whom the fuss occurred was fined \$25 and in the absence of that amount was sent to the county jail for twenty-five days. Howard, who did the cutting was discharged from custody, as the testimony showed that Wade and the woman tried to prevent his exit and compelled him to cut his way out. It was a disgraceful affair and the woman who is at the bottom of it should, when her imprisonment expires, be prevented from sailing under false colors. It might be well for the county officials to investigate the matrimonial pretensions of this outfit.

*Spanish Fork Satr*—Marshal Sargent had quite a thrilling experience on Friday last, resulting from the attempt of a fellow, who don't belong to a Sunday school class, attempting to leave the town with three pairs of Douglas & Son's shoes. The fellow walked in the store (no one else being in except Willie Dixon, one of the clerks), picked up the shoes and coolly left without even asking Willie to charge them to his account. The alarm was given at once and the burglar ran through lots and fields until near Henry Fairbanks' place where some threshers