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ANTE-ELECTION GUESSING.

The number of prognostications and guesses as the result of the presidential election has been very many, and probably no one has been farther away from the actual result than the respective national contestants by their bulletins immediately prior to election day. As a sample of how close estimates sometimes come, when based upon care ful calculation, we give one that was made the day Mr. Bryan was nominated. Immediately after ballots of the convention's action was given to the public through the NEWS bulletin, a gentleman who had been watching parties affairs with a view to looking at them apart from partisan bias remarked: "I do not believe Bryan can get more than 215 electoral votes." This expression of opinion was challenged by a number who heard it, and in response to an invitation to do so the speaker placed on paper a detail of the vote as he thought it would stand. This was folded up, and today was opened; it read as follows:

SALT LAKE, July 16.—In my judgment the following states will cast their electoral votes for Major McKinley as the next President:

California	9
Connecticut	6
Illinois	24
Indiana	15
Iowa	13
Maine	6
Maryland	8
Massachusetts	15
Michigan	14
Minnesota	9
Nebraska	8
New Hampshire	4
New Jersey	10
New York	36
North Dakota	3
Ohio	23
Oregon	4
Pennsylvania	32
Rhode Island	4
South Dakota	4
Vermont	4
West Virginia	6
Wisconsin	12
Total	271

And these for Mr. Bryan:

Alabama	11
Arkansas	8
Colorado	4
Florida	4
Georgia	13
Idaho	3
Kentucky	13
Kansas	10
Louisiana	8
Mississippi	9
Missouri	17
Montana	3
Nevada	3
North Carolina	11
South Carolina	9
Tennessee	12
Texas	15
Utah	3
Virginia	12
Washington	4
Wyoming	3
Total	171

Kentucky or Kansas may exchange places with Nebraska, as all three are close and doubtful states.

As to how far off the calculation was may be noted by comparing it with the election returns as they are now in. There were also several guesses that have taken considerable local attention, among them being one by Anne Eva Fay. She made a number in the Theater one, most of which fell wide of the mark; and in one she declared that Wm. McKinley of Ohio would be the next President. There was also published in the Cincinnati Enquirer, and copied very generally in the political press throughout the country, a prediction made last August by "the Witch of Salem," Madame Milmith. It was said that at City Point, South Boston, July 21, 1896, in the presence of 12,000 people, she predicted Cleveland's election; that in 1888 she told of Harrison's success, and in 1892 prophesied Grover's second term. In August, last, in the presence of a group of reporters, she predicted Bryan's election. She also stated that Ohio, Nebraska, and two New England states would go for Bryan, and that about the time of election there would be a big fire, possibly in either Baltimore or Philadelphia. With regard to the then candidates she said: "Mr. McKinley cannot win, but even if he did, his time in the presidential chair would be short; he has not long to live. Mr. Bryan will win, but the election will be close."

In view of what has occurred, those who note the failure of some of the widely predictions will not have fears of the fulfillment of others. In relation to such prognostications, the fact is established by the evidence to be that on ordinary careful "guesses" is as correct as predicting events as are alleged "witches" or "second sight" people, and that a shrewd calculator who lays no particular claim to the gift of prescience can do better than either.

WHERE PAIN RULES.

Reports concerning the election in the Philippine Islands are meager, but from advices occasionally received it seems that the attention perpetrated in that part of the globe equal those in Armenia for barbarity. A correspondent of the New York World describes an execution on two half-caste pueblos suspected of being in communication with a rebel band and thereby, even without the formality of a trial, sentenced to death. It was a gloomy procession from the jail to the scaffold. First mounted police, then priests carrying the sacred banner of the church, in black and gold, then infantry surrounding the victims. The executioner was a condemned criminal who had his death sentence changed to imprisonment for life in consideration of his service at the scaffold.

The suspected patriots assisted by priests were placed on benches, their throats encased in brass collars; prayers were said; then a turn of the handle of the collar, the sound of crushing bones and life was ended. Also this was the grotesque conclusion in which now, as in the days of the holy inquisition, Spanish authorities admitted a crowd of thousands, including women and children.

The curious feature in this, and will be to our brave exile the greater pain? The dispatches have told of the torturing of some Spanish monks at the stake. It appears the rebels surprised a small monastery and captured the fathers there. In the morning they were tied to a wall, their throats encased with steel and the turn applied.

In Turkey the atrocities are enlarged in the barbarism of the Asiatic Turks and the hostilities of Islam; and all Europe, although armed to the teeth, is weeping because of her inability to stay the arm that swings the deadly scimitar. But who is responsible for the crimes enacted in the islands over which Catholican Spain claims sovereignty?

There is no the world a great power that with a real voice proclaims its presence to represent Him, whose mission in the earth above all was one of peace. The council of Rome is not so entirely without influence in the world as some suppose. But as yet there has been no visible sign of that power being exerted in the interest of suffering mankind. His holiness is seemingly occupying his time in carefully emptying and refilling chests-ful upon the validity of Anglican orders, while Armenian Christians on the one side of the globe, and poor, ignorant Pacific Islanders on the other, are crying aloud to high heaven for salvation from the barbarities of supposedly by-gone ages. Is it an unbearable charge to say that it is a serious reflection on the character of the dominant creed in Rome, that the 19th century finds civilization, after centuries, has not been able to lift it up above the level occupied by the followers of Islam? Present events seem to justify the accusation.

TURNIPS AND HORSERADISH.

There is much complaint in this city of adulterated foods, there being considerable sale of the same, notwithstanding the law against it and the vigorous efforts of officers to enforce the statute. A new kind of imposition in the food line is thus called to attention by a reader of the NEWS:

SALT LAKE CITY, Nov. 4, 1896.

To the Editor:

Will it be asking too much to request you again to publish the city ordinance on adulterated foods?

This morning I bought a bottle of some substance labeled "Horseradish," and put up in this way, which if it isn't against the law, ought to be. Instead of horseradish, then I have bought some vinegar sauce and soda.

Will it be lawful for me to return it to the manufacturer and demand money back, or should I submit it as the food inspector does? If this be so, where is he to be found?

It is, of course, a small thing in itself, but if all people who buy this stuff were like myself, and had their food ruined by every morsel of their food were eaten to dishonest vendors, it would cause a very serious matter to indeed, and I think that people who deliberately abuse the public even in these small matters can be dealt with in the same way as we who smoke bomb, but with less power.

NEWCOMER.

The city ordinance and the state law both affix a severe penalty to the selling of adulterated or unwholesome foods. The purchaser could have returned the alleged horseradish, provided it was not what the label claimed, and secured the purchase money back; or she could have taken it to the sanitary inspector, whose place it would be to follow up the offender, in case the article was not what was claimed for it by the manufacturer. The inspector—who is at the joint city and county building. One reason why the law seems sometimes lax is not because officers are remiss in their duty, but because proper evidence to secure the proper officer upon whom they are imposed upon.

SASSEN'S EXPEDITION.

Concerning the scientific results of Sassen's expedition to the Arctic regions, a writer in Natural Science is of the opinion that little or no advance is to be gained by the explorer as the first ranks of travelers in the frozen north. Some of these results are of general interest.

It is supposed that there is no larger sky basin than the one around the North Pole in a deep open basin. Formerly it was the common belief that it is a shallow water area full of islands, but the soundings taken by Nansen appear to prove that the depression in the bottom of the ocean west of Spitzbergen upon which the ice spreads over the whole polar area. If this is correct, it is presumed there will be no large groups of islands, as formerly supposed. Another idea has been considerably modified. The Arctic ocean is in its central part free from supposed to sustain ice of immense thickness and age. The fact seems to be that the thickness of the ice itself, except in certain spots, is about thirty feet. It is evident that geologists will have to revise some of their theories regarding the earth, should the conclusions founded on Nansen's observations prove correct.

With regard to the Polar current on which the explorer counted to carry him across the Pole, that seems to be proved an error. The Fram floated southward in the winter and spring and southward in the summer, according to the winds prevailing. There was no steady ocean current.

As to the planetary drift at Nansen's three years' exploration in the cold north, it was to show that it will bring the daring sailor something like 1,000 or more miles. His conception of the mercantile voyage will be in the line intact.

Archibald Constable, a publisher from London, has bought the privilege of publishing the English and American edition for $50,000, the German edition has been bought for $10,000 by Brockhaus. Hachette in Paris is giving $10,000 for the French edition and Beatty Armstrong in Christiania has undertaken the publication of the Norwegian edition. What the price agreed on is not known, but it is said an offer of over $25,000 from another firm was declined.

The right party can evidently make a fair to the Arctic waters pay well.

FRUIT IN UTAH.

There was in this year when in some respects the fruit industry was in a much more favorable condition than at present. The season of unfavorable to give special attention to the business, the conditions of the supply room outside the State, and the ravages of that pests all have combined to make the situation worse than it was formerly. Yet Utah could do very much better than now if fruit raisers were to put more brains and energy into their work to many ones, and in some where brains and energy are in full co-operation, if a little more capital were available for the grower in businesses. In other places, where fruits pests are equally as bad as ours, and where the price of fruit is cheaper even in comparison with the cost and where then a good orchard must receive, there are very many people who gain a good livelihood in the industry.

The fruit yield of the present season in Utah has been less than the previous year, and prices have ranged somewhat higher; yet the fruit business in this State is insignificant in comparison with what it ought to be. True, in all particulars Utah cannot be compared with California, because the latter state undeniably has advantages for many varieties of fruit; but in some it is not ahead of, if indeed it is equal, to this place. Yet California has an extensive market here for fruit that can be successfully and profitably raised in Utah. The present year, the Golden State orchardists shipped to points outside of their state, up to October 31, 8,961 carloads as against 4,796 last year; the loss is due to two causes: First, there was a light crop; and, secondly, the prices realized in the East did not warrant heavy shipments, consequently large quantities went to the canneries and dryers, and will find a market through that channel; further, the apple crop was a dead loss, owing to the ravages of the codlin moth, for California, like Utah, has found that spraying is not effective unless everyone will combine to eliminate all their trees—if there is one out of a hundred see the spray and clean up, the one who did it will not keep the pests in subjection.

Utah ought to have a share of the shipping business, both of fresh and dried fruits, or at least should supply local markets with much of the trade that now goes to California, Montana and elsewhere; not that the fruit from these places is inferior, but that the money thereby should be kept in circulation at home, and that more people from now should obtain sustenance from an industry which is almost a source at present from the lack of initiative and interest manifested therein.

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H. M. Blossom, senior member of H. M. Blossom & Co., 317 N. 4th St., St. Louis, writes: I had been ill with a very distressing cough, the result of influenza, which neither seemed to relieve, until I took Piso's Cure for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. One bottle completely cured me. I send one bottle to my sister, who had a severe cough, and she experienced immediate relief. I always recommend this syrup to my friends.

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