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EDITORIAL NOTES.

According to the latest census, Russian possesses 16,160,000 horses; Austria-Hungary, 3,542,000; Germany, 3,352,000; France, 3,351,000; Great Britain, 2,752,000; and Italy, 1,900,000.

England receives from France, annually from 12,000 to 15,000 elegances. The ladies like them. They are made of real hair, the countings cast aside from various lands, and plucked up by the rag picker in big cities. What sweet are the ladies wear!

The conquerors of the world have some curious customs. In Boston time, especially among the Papal tribes. An actual object of the life of these peoples has constituted an article on the subject of "Necrovia." Its title is "Egypt Five among the Cossacks," and it is to appear in the May issue of the magazine.

Climate seems to have a great deal to do with the preservation of Egyptian works in stone. The Luxor monolith at Luxor has changed materially in aspect, and appears to be decaying fast. In the thirty-six years of its existence in France, it has been damaged worse than during the same number of centuries in which it existed in Egypt.

Brother Daniel Tyler has something to say to the members of the Mormon Battalion in another column. A full account of the incidents attending the unpermitted march of that body of men, and the services they rendered to the country, would be exceedingly interesting and make a very valuable work. We hope Elder Tyler will be assisted in his labors by all who can afford him any information. He can glean many valuable details from a work recently published, called "The Conquest of New Mexico and California," which devotes considerable space to the trials of the Mormon Battalion. It is written by Gen. P. S. George Cooke, and can be had at James D. Tamm.

Quoting the passage, "And we will show wonders in the heavens above, and signs on the earth beneath, (Acts 2, 19), the *Yard*, as it was published, in Skien, Norway, gives an account of which the following is a translation: "From the name 'Prosthold' it's now, as we see it from other places, (but in a smaller scale,) were seen, reflected a battle or warfare from 10 o'clock until night on Monday the 11th of March, close to the cliffs to the south or rather the south-west. One would think that he was seeing troops marching, who, coming in contact, attacked one another, and with apparently terrible fury, slew each other. This appearing, it was reproduced the phenomenon continuing all day, and a similar wonder has been observed since the day above mentioned."

The story in Roman history, of Romulus and Remus, the founders of the great city, were suckled by a wolf as generally ridiculed in all matter-of-fact age. But, the following from the *Three-Springs*, published in Hart County, Ky., nearly parallels the old Roman legend: "We have here, in Hart County, Ky., a man by the name of William Bowman, [who] was thrown away in the Apalachee Mountains, North Carolina, while an infant, and was found by an old bear and adopted as a cub. At the age of 10 years he was captured, tied hand and foot, and then his captors found out that he could talk, not could he be persuaded to take any food but milk, which sucked from a bottle, showing that he lived solely by the nursing of the bear. Bowman is now a fat man near Omega, and any one desiring the truth of his statement, may verify it by seeing him."

MENDACIOUS AND MESQUINEY.

The Rocky Mountain Christian Advocate for April, has the following:

"The Mormon Church in theory and practice is opposed to education, and the Christian church must give their best energies and their liberal contributions of money to its advancement."

It is pitiful that the representatives of a powerful religious denomination like the Methodist Church, cannot pursue the business of their calling without resorting to wilful falsehood for the purpose of getting money. The writer of the above extract knew that he was stating the exact reverse of the truth when he penned it.

The theory of the "Mormon" church can be learned from its published works of authority; its practice is seen in the number of schools and the school population in the Territory, and the steady attention to the instruction of the children, devoted even in the darkest periods of the persecutions of the Church. The day schools and Sunday schools, under "Mormon" direction and influence, extending to every part of the Territory, have been steadily improving for many years, and are far ahead in every respect of similar institutions in the surrounding Territories.

In regard to the theory of the "Mormon" church we make the following quotations from the book of Doctrine and Covenants. In a revelation June 1831, W. W. Phelps is thus instructed of the "Lord":

"And again you shall be ordained to teach my people Oliver Cowdery to do the work of printing and selecting and writing books for schools in this church, that little children also may receive instruction before me, as is pleasing unto me." New edition p. 185.

"Seek ye out of the best books words of wisdom; seek learning by study, and also by faith." p. 186.

On page 286 the Elders are instructed to acquire knowledge,

"Of things both in heaven and in the earth; things which have been, things which are, things which are shortly to come to pass; things which are abounding; the wars and perplexities of nations; and the judgments which are on the land, and a knowledge also of countries and of kingdoms." p. 286.

"And study and learn, and become acquainted with all good books and with languages, tongues and people." p. 286.

"And to obtain a knowledge of history, and of countries and of kingdoms, of laws of God and of man." p. 285.

"The glory of God, is intelligence." p. 282.

So much for the theory of the Church. Its practice is seen marked on the road of its travel from Ohio to Missouri, from thence to Illinois and on to the vale of the Rocky Mountains, schools being established in every halting place, and the printing press being set up wherever the Church rested for a season. In every settlement in this Territory the first public building has invariably been a schoolhouse, and education has been urged by the leaders, and extended by the people as fast as means and opportunity permitted. The reports of the Superintendent of District Schools, and of the Sabbath School Union, recently published, show a most gratifying condition of school affairs in the Territory, and offer a complete refutation of the malicious and mercenary untrue told by the *Christian Advocate*. We would refer its editor to the ninth commandment, but for the belief that it would be entirely thrown away if it would be uttered, as the drift of his falsehood, is that he is a very Christian (?) opponent of the "Mormons" and *Advocate* of Mormonism.

TREATMENT OF THE INDIANS.

Gen. CROOK has been holding councils with the Bannack Indians. It will be remembered that their ponies were taken from them but subsequently restored under the General's orders. As attempts have evidently been made to stir them up to hostility, for the purpose of creating an opportunity for their extinction, in the *Advocate* the chief showed Gen. Crook that they had in the late wars refused to take part either with the Nez Perces or the Sioux, but their men had acted as scouts for the white soldiers. Yet now they have less than half the rations given to the Sioux, and are not permitted to leave their reservation and hunt buffalo in the Big Horn Mountains. The annexed is clipped from an account of the interview given by the *Omaha Herald*:

"So long as they were permitted to hunt buffalo the question of subsistence did not give them much concern, but now that they are forced to leave their reservation they find it difficult to manage with the insufficient supplies of the country. The immediate vicinity of the reservation is filling up with Mormon and other settlements. They repeated that if the Great Father would only furnish seeds and have them taught farming, they would be enabled to support themselves, but they must have enough for their women and children to eat until they can raise enough to support themselves."

The number of Snakes and Bannocks in the reservations represented at the council is 5,000 and 6,000, respectively, among whom are (1) the 1st. Dr. Hall (2) the Lemhi agency on the river of the same name—a branch of the Columbia, (3) the Camp Brown agency in the Wind River Valley, on the east side of the Rocky Mountains."

The policy pursued towards the red men is a reproach to the nation and a disgrace to the government.

The late Sioux war cost the country \$2,312,000 besides a large number of human lives. The Sioux commission pronounced it useless, expensive, dishonorable to those who originated it, and they told in this respect nothing but the truth. They further said: "Our government has expended more money in this war than all the religious bodies of our country have spent in Indian missions since our existence as a nation."

It is not time that a change of policy was pursued towards the primal owners of the soil, and that their rights should be regarded, treaties with them to be observed, and swindling agents be punished or prevented from robbing the Indians of their annuities. The nation will yet learn the truth and wisdom of the late President Brigham Young's motto "It is cheaper to feed the Indians than to fight them."

MORE QUARTETTE NOTINGS.

The Fourth Chapter of the quartette's "revelations" contains little worthy of comment. The testimony of the Probate Judge of Salt Lake County seems to commence, in the middle, and is so garbled as to cover up an important point, which is that in purchasing the land for the right of way for the Utah Southern, the portion not actually needed for the road was sold as a profit, and the transaction, altogether, cost the county in the end little or nothing.

It is shown that in borrowing the amount of \$10,000, the sum of \$20,000 in county orders was given as collateral. But the quartette conveniently represent another important fact, that is, that the orders were endorsed "not negotiable," so that there was no danger of any loss to the county by the transaction.

Certain amounts of interest paid are charged up to certain county officials. The quartette fail to explain that those officers received those amounts, not for their own benefit, but to pay to the holders of rights, and that they were charged against those who received them as burdens for the county.

So far, all that has been brought forth amounts to nothing improper. Not a single point has been advanced showing anything corrupt or fraudulent. The report would be untruthful of notice if it had not received a fictitious importance from recognition by a stupid Judge.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH.

TO-DAY'S DISPATCHES.

EASTER.

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—The building on Custom House street, occupied by Eddy & Ross, liquor dealers, was damaged \$25,000 by fire; insured.

Mariners Examined.

NEW YORK, 13.—John Shillington (colored) was hanged at Snow Hill, North Carolina, yesterday for the murder of his step daughter, Emma Thompson, in the fall of 1877. She was white.

Death of Gold.

It is reported that the Broadway

Bank is paying out gold in sums of

\$500 and under.

The feature of

the day in Wall Street is the decline

in the price of gold to 4;

the smallest difference between gold and silver is 10 cents.

Specie is

now 10 cents above gold.

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