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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The population of Austria at the last census was 1,742,390. The population of its capital, Vienna, is 210,000.

According to *Le Monde Russ*, the following captures have been made by Russia during the present war with Turkey: 704 cañons, 29 Pashas and 48,000 other men.

The next astronomical item of more than ordinary interest is the transit of Mercury, which takes place on the 6th of next May. The French Government has made arrangements for a scientific expedition to the transit, and will send an expedition to San Francisco, which will be the best point of view.

A Minneapolis doctor, named Tanner, for the purpose of showing how long a man can live without food, announces that he has fasted for six weeks. He offers to repeat the experiment under the closest surveillance for \$5,000; \$1,000 to be subject to his order, and \$4,000 to be devoted to charitable purposes, as a committee shall direct. He agrees to abstain from food, totally, for 40 days and nights, fasting recorded in Holy Scripture.

The *Transcript* claims that California is ahead of all the States of the Union in newspaper and periodical literature, and gives the following figures to prove it: "There are now published in San Francisco 16 dailies, 43 weeklies, 1 semi-weekly and 15 monthlies and semi-monthlies. In the State there are published 239 journals and periodicals, of which 47 are daily papers. The average circulation is 10,000. The number of copies printed each year to each inhabitant is 90, being the highest average of any State in the Union. The average for New York is 80 and for Massachusetts 79. The general average is 52."

Boston's latest boy murderer, who shot a little fellow because he insulted him, obtained his infamy not only by his crime, but by his fanaticism for pistol practice from reading dime novels, the heroes of which he admired so much that he burned to imitate their exploits. Now, parents, let your boys and girls read the miserable trash till their minds are poisoned and their senses are perverted, and then when they plunge into mischief and crime and infamy, wonder where on earth they learned such wickedness and how they inherited such a disposition.

If the *Full Moll Gazette* is to be credited, Russia is not only opposed to Turkish rule, but to the Turkish habit of temperance. The revenues of the Czar are largely made up of taxes on liquors. The tax being raised exorbitantly, a large number of imbibers "were off" drinking and swore against paying the tax. Those who took the pledge were persecuted and punished, and in some cases the officers of the law forced liquor down the offenders' throats. Russia will have a fine field for such persecuting efforts among the Mohammedan abstemious, unless the Russian Government is arrested by the voice of the Great Powers.

The police of New York were puzzled for a long time to find out which of the many thieves who were robbing the city was the culprit. In a certain district of the city, about \$2,000 had been stolen within ten days. A few days ago they caught the culprit in the act. He proved to be a bright, intelligent girl, nine years old, who had been observed playing in the neighborhood. For ten days she had been robbing the city, and she was taken to the police station.

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The latest movement in connection with this project is of French origin. M. de Lesseps, the great engineer who triumphed over the gigantic obstacles in the way of the Suez Canal, advocates commencing on the Pacific coast, and points out a route in which one tunnel, about 15 kilometers in length, would be necessary, passing through the ridge from which the streams on either side flow to the Atlantic and on the other to the Pacific. The total cost he estimates at \$200,000,000 francs.

An expedition under Lieutenant Wray is on its way to the survey of the Isthmus of Darien. The work is undertaken by French Americans, and the expedition is expected to be completed in a few months. The project is of great importance, and the world is watching its progress with interest.

CHRISTIAN ISRAELITES.

A CONVENTION of Israelites who are willing to accept Jesus Christ as the Messiah of the world, is called for through the *New York Herald*, by Rev. David Rosenberg, M. D., of Columbus, Ohio, who desires correspondence with a view to fixing the time and place for the assembly. The object of the convention is stated to be:

"First, to form an alliance of all the converted Jews and of Israel throughout the world, and to appoint a set time to confess the sin of the nation in rejecting Jesus Christ the Son of God and crucifying Him, thereby bringing the wrath of God upon the nation. Therefore God has said the nation shall be dispersed throughout the world till the fulness of the Gentiles is come. God had promised that if we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Second, to form a basis for national existence upon the New Testament Scriptures as the statute and law of the nation. Third, to improve the lot of the Jewish people, and to secure the redemption of the Jews, which is the day of grace. The conflict in the East indicates that the day of the Lord is at hand."

We hope the call will not die out without effect. For, though the Gentile world may think it has no key to the removal of that "blindness in part which has happened unto Israel," and which will remain until "the fulness of the Gentiles is come," we would like to see an interest in this subject aroused in the Hebrew heart, and learn some facts and figures in relation to the extent of Jewish belief in the Messiahship of Jesus of Nazareth.

A vast amount of money has been expended by the Society for the Propagation of Christianity Among the Jews, but while the most figures up in the hundreds of thousands, the actual converts may be easily counted on the fingers of the president of the institution. A few unprincipled sons of Judah have been converted, but in nearly every case time has proven them to be mercenary impostors. The reason has not arrived for the veil to be taken away from the Jewish mind. And while the converted Jews are few, they have little more effect upon the masses than a drop of oil upon the sea. When the way begins to open for the redemption of their ancient inheritance and they gather in force to rebuild Jerusalem, many Jews will "begin to believe" in the equated Jesus, and to realize that their fathers were under the curse of shedding innocent blood. But the great influx of Jews to Palestine and the fulfillment of the prophecies of their ancient prophets concerning the restoration, will take place mainly without conversion to Christian doctrine, and until the Messiah appears in their midst as a Deliverer from the grasp of the Gentiles, greedy for blood and spoil, will they accept them, naturally, as the son of David who is to rule over Israel for ever.

This is according to the prophetic declarations of the Hebrew seers and the word of the Lord through the great prophets of the nineteenth century. To attempt to proselyte the Jewish people to labor in vain for the "Christian" sect. And to the "sons of Ephraim" who held the keys of the priesthood will the power be given, after they have finished the work among the Gentiles, to carry the truth to Israel and Judah. But we shall look for seedings of the Jewish convention, and note with pleasure any signs of the coming day of glory and redemption for the race which has been preserved, through the oppression and suffering of centuries, for a brilliant destiny and a vast dominion.

BY TELEGRAPH.

FOR THE WEEK END TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

TO-DAY'S DISPATCHES.

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EASTERN.

WASH. ORGON, Oct. 2.—Jas. McMillan, of this place, brutally killed his wife last night, with a club. McMillan is said to be paroled in a brief, intelligent girl, nine years old, who had been observed playing in the neighborhood. For ten days she had been robbing the city, and she was taken to the police station.

CHICAGO.

The most disquieting rumors prevail as to the armistice about to be concluded directly between Turkey and Russia, and while the desire of the English prime minister.

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morning, with the usual ceremonies. His inaugural is devoted almost exclusively to local and State matters. He deprecates the passage of the silver bill, and urges the stimulation of agricultural pursuits as one of the most important factors in the prosperity of a state. The savings banks of the State have deposited \$3,002,572, a decrease of \$1,523,298.

SALEM, N. J., 3.—Fire here last night caused a loss of \$50,000, distributed among a number of persons.

San Francisco, Cal., 3.—The Rollins Savings Bank at Salem, Mass., has given notice that no more deposits will be received for six months, but from the sales of the most available securities pay to all depositors, on or before Feb. 15, 25 per cent. on their respective accounts, and realizing from the assets of the bank as fast as consistent, with the best possible management, continuing to make good the depositors. This course is decided upon under no heavy loss or pressure of any kind, but the depression of the times. The bank has \$750,000 in deposits.

HARRISBURG, Pa., 3.—The mail house in this city, owned by H. M. Greider & Co., was totally destroyed by fire, this morning; loss \$70,000, insurance \$55,000.

BOSTON, 3.—Mr. Sampson, bookkeeper and clerk of the Lowell manufacturing corporation, confessed to having lost about \$10,000 of the company's money by speculation. The company declined to prosecute him, as he made a penitent confession, and promises to reimburse them.

New York, 3.—Wm. Gould, connected with Barnum's show, was dangerously stabbed yesterday by George Watson, a California George, a gambler of this city, formerly of California.

A fire in John Wood & Co's furniture ware room, Brooklyn, caused a loss of \$25,000, insured.

Motion Denied.

In the case of F. T. Wallace vs. Eugene Kelly and others, which was in the form of a motion for injunction to restrain Kelly and his partner from proceeding with the foreclosure of the first mortgage of the Marjorie estate, Judge Pratt, of Brooklyn, today denied the motion, with costs, and vacating the temporary injunction.

New York Stocks.

Silver bar, 104 greenbacks, 116 gold; silver coin, 103 1/2 discount; gold coin, 2 1/2; government bonds, 104; Western Union, 77 1/2; Quaker, 15; Pacific, 77 1/2; Marjorie, 11; Central, 106; Erie, 44; Kansas, 44; Union Pacific, 64; bonds, 104; Central Pacific, 104.

Indicted for Conspiracy.

HARTFORD, 3.—The grand jury, this afternoon found a true bill against James C. Walker, the late president, and Samuel H. White, the former secretary, and E. C. Wiggins, also a late president, and Henry J. Felt, a former manager of the Charter Oak Life Insurance Co., for conspiracy to defraud the policy holders of the company.

THE MORMONS.

GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, 3.—The Post publishes a paragraph, in an official form, to the effect that the cabinet, yesterday, by no means assumed that the Russian answer to the Porte will be expected to accompany the Russian answer to the Porte. The paragraph is not deemed to be very natural if England, before taking this step, inquire what conditions the Russian command-in-chief have been instructed to demand. By approaching the Russian command-in-chief in this way, England would be giving proof of her earnest desire to spare Europe further danger.

Another cabinet council is rumored for to-day.

Throwing Out Feelers.

A Vienna correspondent says the Russian government appears to be throwing out feelers pointing to the demolition of Turkish bastions as one of the conditions of peace.

Stagnation in Business.

The Times says money is in less demand for any purpose, and bills have been very scarce. The exchange is reported to be stagnating in business.

Consols 91 9/16; 4 1/2; 11 1/2; 4 1/2; 10 1/2; 5 1/2; 10 1/2.

Stocks of England.

Bullion in Bank of England increased 235,000 last week.

The proportion of bank reserve to liability is 42 1/2 per cent.

Earl Carnarvon's Conciliatory Speech.

Though the Earl of Carnarvon, Secretary of State for the Colonial Department, was yesterday to the deposition of South African merchants, was telegraphed last night, in this dispatch, as one of the press party in the Cape Colony, will be generally accepted as determining, in the affirmative, the only important question hitherto unsettled, viz., whether England will consent to the principle of separate negotiations between Russia and Turkey. All the other signatures of the treaty of Paris look forward to the recognition of the principle of separate negotiations between Russia and Turkey.

Disastrous Storm.

BOSTON, 3.—The snowstorm last night was quite severe in the east, the wind blowing from the north, which rendered navigation to inland mariners extremely hazardous.

A dispatch from O. J. P. Cape Cod, states that a severe storm, which was supposed to be a British ship, and the other a schooner. The crews of both vessels are supposed to be lost. The British ship was supposed to be the *Albatross*, and the schooner the *Albatross*.

A dispatch from Nouet also reports a large schooner at anchor in a storm, but her name could not be ascertained.

WASHINGTON, 3.—Twenty residents of the northeast section of the city, who are considered by the police as special officers to perform police duty in that section, for three months. The police department has decided to employ them for three months.

Warren Investigated.

ANDREWS, Mr., 3.—Governor Andrew was investigated, this

General Gourko fought a severe battle on the 1st of December, at Tashkent, before securing the Turkish detachments, the Russians had 700 men and a wounded. The Turks retreated to the eastward, pursued by the cavalry. After a halt for rest, and a reorganization, Gen. Gourko resumed his advance upon Sofia.

FRANCE.

PARIS, 3.—Specie in the Bank of France decreased 41,500,000 francs the past week.

GREECE.

ATHENS, 3.—Intelligence from Crete states that two Turkish envoys had a conference with the Christian chiefs, with a view to accept their proposals, negotiations fell through.

Turkish versus Mormon Women.

Written for the *Christian Statesman*.

BY HENRY CROSBY.

The *Christian Statesman*, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for November 1, 1877, contains an article credited to the *Church Union* which contains some statements in reference to "the secluded life of the Turkish women" and intimates that the "degraded slavery is superior to that of the wives under the Mormon system."

These statements have invited some reflections which we have respectfully requested the *Statesman* to call upon his erudite informant, if he knows his name and address, to rise and explain.

Will he please inform the public wherein this superiority consists?

As a "Gentile" non-sectarian resident of Utah, I have failed to see any "slavery" whatever under the "Mormon system," but every thing mentioned by him in reference to the Turkish only evidences the utter degradation of their social condition.

The idea that "a man cannot eat with his wife or daughter because the meal is in a public hall in the presence of a harem of women" is superior to the customs of the "Mormons," which requires that perfect equality and impartiality be observed toward each member of the family, in the whole of his life.

2, or whether it be son or daughter, is a statement which swears very much either of ignorance or of a malicious desire to mislead and body "would induce on to suppose that he thought the "Mormons" neither washed themselves nor changed their clothes. Has he ever seen a "Mormon" wash his face or change his clothes? Has he ever heard of one, except through the lying representation of some of the "Gentile" women find employment for their minds and hands in attending to the wants of the children and of their husbands; this, however, is not deemed an income task but a joy and pleasure-inspiring duty.

Your informant states that "the wife of a man in a Turkish family, but that of a daughter is looked upon as a family secret, and the husband and father refuse to see his child married to the mother." What the husband angry at his wife because she has committed the unpardonable crime of giving birth to his own begotten daughter, the fruit of his own loins! And this is the custom of the "Mormons," which prompts them to begot sons and daughters, to them and rejoice over the birth of each child, to thank their Heavenly Father for having blessed them with a large family of children—"for taking away their reproach," which in biblical significance they believe to be a blessing of the highest order. Agreeable to your informant's statement the Turkish contract marriage with the view that they may refuse to see their children, to be the constant companions of their wives for bringing into existence the fruits of their own carnal intercourse. The "Mormons," fearing that this carnal intercourse would be a reproach to their families, practice polygamy, because it will facilitate the procreation of their fellow human species, and thus they are able to add to the number of the children of Jesus Christ of his redeemed earthly kingdom, or the millennium period, which the "Mormons" believe will be a period of such peace and happiness as is ascribed to the angels of the spirit land. Are we to have a family of children, to be the constant companions of their wives for bringing into existence the fruits of their own carnal intercourse. The "Mormons," fearing that this carnal intercourse would be a reproach to their families, practice polygamy, because it will facilitate the procreation of their fellow human species, and thus they are able to add to the number of the children of Jesus Christ of his redeemed earthly kingdom, or the millennium period, which the "Mormons" believe will be a period of such peace and happiness as is ascribed to the angels of the spirit land.

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