

The Persian Famine.

As some misconception appears to exist here in regard to the present necessities of the population of the famine stricken districts in Persia, we publish the following telegram sent to the London Times by Captain Pierson, of the Royal Engineers, and dated 6 p.m. Friday, May 3: "Arrived at Teheran safely, as I traveled in force, but road exceedingly dangerous for small parties. At Hanz-i-Sultan I found the officer sent by the Grand Vizier to exterminate the robbers, in a complete state of destitution, having himself been stripped. The crops are magnificent and water abundant, but this final stage of famine is more terrible to witness than the first. The road is strewn with half-eaten corpses. I had several times to remove dead bodies from the rooms of the caravansaries where I lodged. Cannibalism is not uncommon, but prices are rapidly falling, and the end of the famine is, I trust, close at hand." Major Bateman Champlain, Secretary of the Famine Relief Fund in London, which by the way has already sent out \$80,000 as its own contribution, asks the Times to answer a doubt which, he says, has frequently been expressed, that money now subscribed would reach Persia too late to be of use. "The fact is," Major Chapman says, "that owing to the liberality of the Indo-European Telegraph Company, who permit us to use their wires gratis, we are enabled to place in the hands of our agents in Persia within a few hours, all sums at our disposal." Could not we have done something of the same kind?—*Ex.*

No Spring in France

We have had no spring this year, and judging from the wicked persistence of bad weather, are likely to have no summer, either. Only think that a good month hence, the days will commence to grow short, almost before they have grown long. Everything seems to be out of joint; the dogs having lost hope in the return of canicular days, are going mad, in despair perhaps to judge by the solemn police notice to muzzle them. A citizen without influenza, a cough or a toothache, a baby exempt from measles, or its grand parents from rheumatism, would be at this moment a curiosity. All the outdoor amusements in the Champs Elysees and the suburbs have had to suspend till winter ceases to linger in the lap of May; the market gardeners assert the cold and the rain have been their ruin, and the young birds are unable to agree in their little nests owing to having been washed out of them, their remains, as picked up under hedge-rows, suggesting the verdict of "found drowned." That disagreeable incident in home life has arrived—a return to fires, and with many, to flannels also; to remain within doors is as bad as to go out. As a natural consequence everything has run up in price; possibly this change would take place in any case, as, owing to the war, shopkeepers have assumed a stand and deliver attitude towards customers, and the latter are becoming armor-plated in self-defense.—*Paris Correspondent of Indianapolis Journal.*

GRABBING SEATS—The New York Times notes the disposition of many selfish people on railroad trains to grab all the seats they can, as a serious nuisance. It admits, of course, the right of any individual to look out for his own interests, but—selfishness is too mild a term for this practice—in a multitude of cases (the editor says) it is downright dishonesty. For a man and his wife, when other passengers are going from car to car looking for accommodations, to turn the back of a seat and put a couple of valises in such a position as to give the idea that they belong to persons who have taken the places, and will be back in a few minutes, is without any figure of speech, a fraud, of which respectable people ought to be ashamed. It is suggested that something might be done by railroad companies towards mitigating, if they cannot entirely prevent, the evil. A man should be appointed, whose duty it should be to superintend the seating of passengers at the starting of each train. Such an individual should make it his business to prevent the turning of seat-backs whenever it was likely to interfere with the rights of passengers, and should especially see to it that actual passengers should not be crowded out of places by bogus ones.

Col. Tennie C. Clafin has been measured for a star-spangled suit of regimentals.

WHINING.—There is a class of people in this world, by no means small, whose prominent peculiarity is whining. They whine because they are poor; or, if rich, because they have no health to enjoy riches; they whine because it is too shiny; they whine because they have "no luck," and others' prosperity exceeds theirs; they whine because some friends have died and they are living; they whine because they have aches and pains; and they whine no one can tell why. Now we would like to say a word to these whining persons. First, stop whining—it is no use, this everlasting complaining, fretting, fault-finding and whining. Why you are the most deluded set of creatures that ever existed. Do you know that it is a well settled principle of physiology and common sense that these habits are more exhausting to nervous vitality than almost any other violation of physiological law? And do you not know that life is pretty much as you make it? You can make it bright and sunny, or you can make it dark and shadowy. This life is only meant to discipline us—to fit us for a higher and purer state of being. Then stop whining and fretting and go on your way rejoicing.—*S. F. Figaro.*

A philosophical Kentuckian, who was the envied possessor of one shirt, while lying in bed awaiting its return from the line where it was flapping in solitary grandeur, was startled by an exclamation from the better half of his bosom, to the effect that the 'calf had eaten it.' To this he replied, with an equanimity, worthy of a better cause, "Them that has must lose!"

DECEASED.

At Moroni, Sanpete County, May 26th, JOHN, son of Joseph and Ellen Shepherd, of lung disease. Born May 4, 1862, at Moroni, Sanpete. *Mt. Star*, please copy.

At the residence of Alphonzo Green, American Fork, Utah County, May 27th, 1872, EUNICE SWEET, wife of Joseph S. Murdoch, Heber City, Wasatch County. Born Oct. 27th, 1818, in the Town of Quemans, County of Albany, and State of New York.

Deceased was married June 28th, 1842, became a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, April 15th, 1838, Onieda County, State of New York, and in 1847 emigrated to the Basin of the Great Salt Lake with the first fifty families, Ira Eldridge, Captain.

She left many friends and was a true Latter-day Saint to the end of her days.

In this city, May 31st, ANNE DICK, wife of Stephen Thompson, aged 27 years. *Mt. Star*, please copy.

In the 13th Ward, of this City, at 3-35 a. m. today, of old age, PHCEBE, relict of Isaac Chase, aged 77 years, 6 months and 5 days.

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