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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Recently Chief Bushhead of the Cherokee Nation, had a wagon and mules stolen by an old man and his one-armed son. The old chief, accompanied by Samuel Siskiller, chief of Indian police, followed the thieves into Texas, where they were securely held to await trial for the crime. Bushhead is evidently a man of some enterprise.

A man's memory is like his stomach. To do his best work it must have good treatment. It must neither be neglected nor overloaded. It can easily be abused by neglect, or by irregular and unsystematic employment, as to become chiefly a cause of annoyance and discomfort; or, again, it can be overworked and heavily taxed, so that it becomes practically the chief organ, or agent of the entire system; every other portion dwindling in its comparison. The latter course is the greater danger of those who value the help of a tenacious memory.

As the laws now exist, no person belonging to the army or navy can be elected to hold any civil office in any Territory of the United States. Senator Cockrell, of Missouri, wants to elect officers of the army on the retired list from the prohibition, and has introduced a bill into the Senate providing that such officers may hold and exercise any office "to which they may be elected by the people or appointed by the territorial authorities." The New York Sun thinks retired naval officers should be included in the benefits of the proposed amendment.

It has been appropriately said that when our friends with us, we are able to suffer from their misdeeds, or unkindness, or evil report, we do shrink from censuring their conduct and discussing their faults; but, when at length nothing that we can say can any more bring the blush of shame to the cheek or the blush of pain to the heart, we immediately become delicately resentful and draw a veil over their faults, and openly praise and applaud their supposed merits with but little discrimination. How much better it would be if some of this tender consideration were shown to the living while it has yet the power to give them happiness.

The Earl of Devon, one of the large land-owners in the County Limerick, Ireland, has proposed to his tenants that they purchase their holdings in fee, and by becoming the owners of these lands, make themselves independent of the landlords. Several meetings have been held by the tenants to consider the price at which the lands should be sold to them. Mr. Parnell has advised them not to pay more than sixteen years' rent for the land in fee, and not to pay a greater sum each year than the land would yield. At a meeting the tenants proposed to take the lands at an appraised valuation, one of the appraisers to be chosen by the Earl and the other by the tenants. It is probable that in this estate the land troubles will be settled by the parties themselves.

Mrs. James S. Smith, of Oakland, Cal., was at the Cliff House, near San Francisco, lately with several of her children, walking along the beach. The tide came in with more rapidity, and the water reached in further than for a long while past. Before she could escape a billow struck her prostrate, and the rolling water carried her out seaward. At the same time her five-year-old child was taken by the water and swept out after its mother. Happily men were at hand with presence of mind ample to fly at once to the rescue. Steve Maybell, Denis Kearney's partner, "Jack" McKelvie and C. W. Shaw plunged into the sea, and before the rolling waters had borne the victims into perilous depths, succeeded in laying hold of them and bringing them safely to land. Mr. Maybell is the same gentleman who visited this city in company with Denis Kearney some months since, when the two were on their way to Chicago. There is evidently some good in the man.

Some people entertain a ludicrous idea to the effect that when a crime is committed the best way to detect the perpetrators is to suppress the publication of the fact of the deed having been done. Lately the Cleveland Herald committing gross blunders in open daylight and the proceeds of the sale of the morning edition, about \$300 stolen. Commenting on the incident that paper says: "The Herald does not believe that the proper manner to detect criminals is to keep up a publication of the crime. William Hawkshaw Halligan has not been taken aside and his captives are pumped full of pointers, on the quiet, nor has Allen Pinkerton Lohrer, or M. Leod Lawrenson been invited to go and secret themselves for fear the disturber of the cash drawers will discover that he has violated the laws of the State. The gory minded person who laid waste the back door, sprung the lock, and devastated the counting-room, is well aware that he did so, and is likewise fully alive to the fact that he was badly let. Knowing therefore that truth will prevail and the right come uppermost in good time, no hesitation is felt in advertising that the Herald office was burglarized in the broad glare of noon-day.

Prince Demidoff San Donato has written a pamphlet on the condition of the Jews of Russia, most of whom, he says, lead a life of the most abject misery and poverty. On the basis of official statistics he gives a sorrowful account of their condition. He quotes from one of the official reports from the province of Grodno, as follows: "Nearly all the Jews here are of the very poorest class, always ill-used, scarcely knowing where to get their daily bread. Burdened with large families, they live herded together in a manner beyond all description. Very often as many as ten or twelve families live in three or four rooms. The food of the poorer Jews is of the meanest kind; an entire family has to subsist on a pound of bread, eaten with a herring once a week. A Jewish messenger will run about the whole day long to earn a cent." Citing again from an official account of the Jews in the government of Kovno, he says: "There are poor Jewish handworkers here whose families must go hungry the whole day long until they get home at night with a portion of his daily earnings." The author finally arrives at the conclusion that in order to improve the condition of the Jews it is necessary to give them the right of Russian citizenship and perfect freedom of movement.

OUTRAGEOUS CONDUCT OF AN ANTI-MORMON.

CONSIDERING the reception given to the Governor in the Opera House building on Friday as a matter of no special significance, we have said little or nothing about it. When a number of people so disposed get together in a mutual admiration capacity it is a matter of but little moment. The wind-blown is vigorously turned and people go to work puffing each other and abusing their neighbors. As the objects of the parties who are puffed need the performance of that operation to enable them to make anything like a showing, and doubtless these exchanges of flattery place the persons to whom the sweetest douch is directed on good terms with themselves. As certainly the outside parties who are the objects of the uncomplimentary part of proceedings can stand any amount of that kind of medicine.

However, it is difficult to conceive of a public assembly having any claim to decency who would suffer the penetration of gross and improper remarks as occurred at the admiration ball on Friday. Mr. S. A. Kenner, who does not belong to the Governor's party, was invited to address the meeting, and responded. He had no sooner begun than Mr. Charles Reed stood directly in front of him and applied an opprobrious remark to him. Mr. Kenner, once, and very properly, seized his hat and left the stand, but was prevailed upon by some gentlemen present to return. The insult was repeated, and he finally left the hall.

This gross indignity was not only participated in by Mr. Reed, but the assembly were virtually parties to the affront, their responsibility lying in the fact that they failed to protect their guest, for that was the capacity in which Mr. Kenner stood from the moment he was invited to take part in the proceedings. Such an occurrence showed beyond doubt that the gathering, like every other at which anti-Mormon feeling is exhibited, was utterly devoid of dignity.

After the affair broke up the same gentleman who offered the indignity to Mr. Kenner approached an unoffending citizen on the side-walk, near the Opera House, and asked him if he was a "Mormon." On being answered in the affirmative he, without the slightest provocation, struck the man a violent blow upon the face. Fortunately for Mr. Reed he selected a man of no account, and on vindictive assault. The person who was subjected to this brutal attack did not retaliate. Very likely had Mr. Reed selected a man of more temper he would have been disabled from ever perpetrating a similar outrage any more.

Mr. Reed belongs to the Liberal party, who are seeking to wrest the power of self-government from the majority of the people. His sentiment, so indecently expressed, is a sample of what might be expected from men of his class had they the power. Although, doubtless, numbers who participated in the reception deprecated his conduct, it appears this sentiment was so diluted, and the sympathy with him so strong, that a guest of the occasion could not obtain the protection from insult which would probably have been instantly accorded him in almost any other gathering of people claiming to be civilized.

EFFECTS OF THE FREIGHT QUESTION.

It was wired all over the country on Friday that the freight rates on the lines running between the East and Utah had been restored to the old figure. It appears that this sudden increase looked like a splendid chance for some of the merchants of this city to make a good deal of money by raising the price of staples to the figures at which they were sold before the cut occurred. A number of them, evidently with a mutual understanding, decided to take advantage of the situation. But a lion stood in the path. Z. C. M. I. did not increase prices. To remove the obstacle the institution was piled with large orders for goods of that class, but refused to comply. It so happens, however, that the U. P. directors declined to endorse the action of their representative at the Chicago conference of competing lines, the result being that the twenty-five cent rate will prevail, and the restoration action taken at Chicago is knocked to pieces.

We make mention of the local mercantile move in connection with the freight question as another evidence of the position of Z. C. M. I. as a protector of the people from combinations for the maintenance of high prices on goods and against the establishment of "corners" in trade, which enable merchants and others to haul in money in enormous quantities at the expense of the helpless consumer.

We are informed that negotiations for the resumption of the old rates will be recommended, and it is not improbable that they will soon prevail.

BUSINESS INACTIVITY SOUTHWARD.

From gentlemen lately arrived from Southern Utah, we learn that business has not been so sluggish for years as it is now in that direction. The produce markets are practically closed. Silver has been used to an active mining town, is virtually dead. Flour is selling there at \$2.50 a hundred pounds and other produce proportionately. Farmers in Sanpete and other parts load up with produce and convey it there without first ascertaining the value of the market, the result being that they have either "sold for song" or return home with their loads. The hands of the Christian mine, the only one of any consequence that has been operating for some time, were paid on Thursday last in paper converted into cash at sixty days from date. The workmen are thus left to await its maturity and consume the amounts in expenses or sell it out at a liberal discount.

Throughout all the settlements a general dullness is felt, but the people have no abundance of materials on which to subsist, the only inconvenience felt being from the extreme tightness of the money market. Among other mining camps that have become all but extinct is Pioche, Nevada. Pioche, the Utah, formerly one of the liveliest towns in that section of the country, is now all but defunct. It used to be a good market for Utah products, but is now all but totally closed.

LEGISLATURE.

COUNCIL.

Shortly after the appointed hour, 2 p.m., the prospective lawmakers of the Territory gathered into the Council Chamber, each one installing himself in his place. The positions having been previously selected, matters were arranged as smoothly as could be desired, there being no hurry, no confusion.

E. J. Nuttall, Esq., the former Chief Clerk, being called the members together and called the roll and proceeded to business. He proceeded to read the certified list of members. On the roll being called, the following members were found to be present: Messrs. Edmunds, Hatch, Cannon, and others.

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