

land in December, and the forgeries were then in preparation. It is further stated the forgers were all well known to each other in America. These facts will give the mercantile community throughout the world an idea of the danger from which they have been relieved by the removal of the party from all further possibility of crime, and of the acknowledgments which are due to the Governors of the Bank of England and the bank solicitors, Messrs. Freshfield, for the vigor and sagacity by which that end has been accomplished.—*London Times*, Aug. 28.

### The End of the World Next Year.

The Adventists are gathered in camp at Springfield, Mass., and believe that the world will come to an end in 1874. Their evidence, is contained in the following quotations.

"I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning.—Isai. xlii., 9, 10.

"Come near, ye nations, to hear; and harken, ye people; let the earth hear, and all that is therein; the world and all things that come forth of it, for it's the day of the Lord's vengeance, and the year of recompenses for the controversy of Zion. And the stream thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch. It shall not be quenched night or day, the smoke thereof shall go up forever."—Isai. xxxiv., 1, 8, 9, 10.

Here follows seven long columns of figures, which, by a system of calculation peculiarly the writer's, are intended to prove beyond a doubt that the people of this world must depart for another in 1874. The compiler of this remarkable time-table earnestly assured a correspondent that it was very clear, and called his attention to the lower part of the poster, whereon was printed,

"Write the vision and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak and not lie; though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry."—Heb. ii. 2, 3.—*Missouri Democrat*.

### Mining Swindles in Utah.

The operations of unscrupulous speculators in mining property, in Utah, are doing, and have done, more harm to the mining interests of the Coast than can well be computed in dollars and cents. We have had the odium of a good many swindling transactions in this State and Nevada, but Utah bears off the palm. Not that the men there are more dishonest than elsewhere, but a class of people seem to have gone to the Territory for the express purpose of putting up jobs on unsuspecting individuals. We have had our eye-teeth cut, further west, but Utah is so much nearer the great centers of capital, than we, that it is a glorious field for the class of men to whom we refer. The undoubted richness of some of the mines in that Territory has attracted the attention of capitalists everywhere, and the consequence is that, for some time, investments in Utah mining property were heavy. The mines there need capital to develop them, like those of all mining countries, and they were so successful in getting it in many instances, that unfair means were employed by unscrupulous men to induce investment.

The real residents of the Territory, who have its interests at heart, no doubt deplore the existence of these facts more than any one, except those who lose their money; but still there is a class of nomadic speculators roaming around Salt Lake, who have no means to live on but their wits, who strive in every way to get the best of any one they can. What better field could there be for this class of people than in a new and rapidly developing mining country, within easy reach of railroads, and where capital would be likely to come. They make intangible locations, lay out imaginary mill sites, build mills and furnaces on paper, and wagon roads the same way, and with these and a few stolen specimens of ore, as a stock in trade, begin their nefarious business. Very few people from the east know any-

thing about mines, and these scamps are very glad they do not. They fix up some plausible story to get their money, and then walk off with their spoils.

Hardly a week passes that we do not hear of some sharp operation in mines, either great or small. The latest news of this kind is that a suit has been instituted for \$50,000, in which the plaintiff alleges that he was induced by gross misrepresentations to buy 300 feet of the Left Bower lode in Tintic, for which he paid \$30,000. Defendants are alleged to have shown ore which they said had been taken from the said lode, and assaying from \$250 to \$2,000 per ton. Plaintiff alleges that in fact there was no vein as represented; that no ore had been taken from the Left Bower, and that the lode was and is entirely worthless.

This is an old story in terse legal phrase. We do not know anything about this particular case, but there are many similar ones which we remember. The strangest part of all this is, that none of the swindlers are ever published. They all get off one way or another. If the courts had as little mercy on them as miners' committees have on jumpers and horse thieves, the community would be better off and the mining interests more prosperous. The fewer of these harpies there are in a district, the faster that district will be developed. They never do an honest day's work, but loaf around, seeking whom they may devour, and bring the whole business of mining into discredit. We hope Utah will have luck enough to get rid of some of them in a manner which will set a wholesome example to the others.—*S. F. Scientific Press*.

### EASTERN NOTES.

Canada encourages the production of beet sugar by voting not to tax it.

Gen. Banks will lecture on the country this winter, under the title "Will it Endure?"

Geo. Francis Train has an income of \$28,000 yearly from rents alone.

The various railroad and steamboat disasters which have recently occurred all appear chiefly traceable to one cause; the criminal ignorance or negligence of employees.

The *Tobacco Leaf* says, "Pennsylvania, next to Connecticut, is now raising the most superior tobacco for smoking purposes, produced on the continent."

A man in Marshall county, Tennessee, died from the effects of dropping hot sealing wax on his thumb. The inflammation extended up the arm and two successive amputations proved useless.

A farmer in Washington county, Ky., has found a practical use for a snake. For two years he has had one shut up in his corn crib, and during all that time not a live mouse has been seen there.

The *St. Louis Democrat*, Republican, says Ben Butler ought to go to Chicago. His fertile imagination, his hardened cheek, his superiority to moral considerations, all would be appreciated there. It further says that it is a long time since anybody has accused Ben Butler of being an honest man.

New Hampshire imposes a fine of \$2 for every egg destroyed belonging to robins, thrushes, larks, bluebirds, sparrows, martins, woodpeckers, bobolinks, yellow-birds, linnets, fly-catchers, warblers, plovers, yellow-legs, sand-snipes, partridges, grouse, quails, and wild pigeons.

Thurlow Weed is in feeble health, and supposed by many to be quite near his end. The venerable politician is spending his last strength upon his "Reminiscences," which cover a long space of time, and contain interesting memoranda of many famous men now dead. His daughter acts as his amanuensis.

Twenty-five years ago a gentleman went to Janesville with no fortune but a young wife and a pair of strong hands which feared no labor. The other day he left, old and bowed down, and took with him all his earthly possessions in the patched fragments of a grain bag. While he was there, though, he drank whisky enough to pay for a corner block.

So many persons have predicted the New York *Tribune* would cease to be profitable since the last campaign that it may be interesting to

them to know that it cleared some \$80,000 during the first six months of the present year, which is six per cent. per annum on the price of the latest shares sold—and this is not a good newspaper year, either, —*Philadelphia Press*.

Quite a number of the subordinate Granges of Iowa have incorporated into their institutions a clause binding members in cases where differences occur between them, to submit in all instances to the decision of arbitrators. This they rigidly adhere to, and law suits are becoming things almost unknown, and the lawyers and courts find little to do.

The Cincinnati *Enquirer*, of Sep. 1st, says that three Washington city notables have in embryo a project to secure from the Post Office Department a contract to carry the mails from all the Northern territories from Bismarck, the terminus of the N. P. R. R., to Helena, Montana, for the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars for one year, and adds that the enterprise is so barefaced that even the Post Office Department will probably not give it any encouragement.

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