

EVENING NEWS

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

A hypocrite is a man who tries to be pious and cant with a big preponderance of cant.

A religious journal, speaking of a contemporary, describes it as "a literary cave of gloom, a biblical dictionary of ruins, an unspeakably solemn and dismal ten can panorama of the holy land." "Behold how these Christians do worse than ever."

But has not been introduced into the Senate of Wisconsin, conferring upon the Supreme Court the power to go behind the returns made to the State canvassers of any general election and inquire as to their correctness, and to order the amendment of the return in case it is found not to be in accordance with law? Wisconsin would be the only state the right kind of counting in which election time comes.

The production of beet-root sugar in Europe, according to the statistics furnished by Herr Licht of Magdeburg, was 1,380,000 tons for 1878, against 1,557,154 tons for 1879. The amount is divided as follows, among the various states of Europe: Germany, 416,000 tons; France, 399,000; Austria-Hungary, 365,000; Russia, 225,000; Belgium, Holland, Italy, etc., 80,000. In France the diminution in the production of this article was 132,000 tons.

There are about thirty species of insects which subsist on our garden vegetables. The grape vine has about fifty insect enemies; the aphid, seventeen; the different kinds have over one hundred; wheat, barley, and oats, fifty. The estimated annual destruction of property by insects in the United States is as high as \$100,000,000. A great portion of this loss might be prevented by the preservation of many different kinds of birds.

HUMAN WOLVES.

Our readers have no doubt observed frequent reference in the telegraphic dispatches, to the case of Rev. Edward Cowley, of New York, now known as a convict in the State Penitentiary, where he is one of the most depraved and black-hearted men in America. Cowley is one of that class of characters which fatten on cruelty and benevolence. He was manager of an institution called "The Shepherd's Fold," in which a number of young children were supposed to be supplied with both natural and spiritual food, according to their needs and capacities. The institution was sustained by contributions from the charitable, won by appeals from the smooth-tongued and black-hearted "Chief Shepherd."

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, found out the true character of the pretended "Fold;" and, under its auspices, Cowley was brought to justice. The "Fold" was a veritable pit for young lambs, who on falling into it became prey to the "sheep wolf." Cowley's twenty-four little ones starved, diseased, bruised and emaciated, were brought into court, while others—one little boy in particular—were unable to appear, being under medical treatment and in a horrible condition. The story told in court of the fiendish "cruelty" of this "Christian" wolf, and the suffering of the poor innocent committed to his charge, in the immoral influences, systematic starvation and pitiless inhumanity that prevailed in the so-called Fold was sickening to behold. This case was pushed to an issue without those hindrances and obstructions so common in American courts of criminal law, and the wolf in sheep's clothing was puffed up for a season.

"The Shepherd's Fold" is another illustration of the gullibility of the "Christian" public. Others are to be found in the success of the pious frauds who periodically tramp through the States with "terrible disclosures of Mormonism," a subscription list and a contribution box. Lying in the name of the Lord, they work on the feelings of the soft-hearted and benighted, and make in heaps of coin and bundles of bills for the ostensible purpose of Christianizing the world. The real purpose of these unscrupulous brothers to the "Chief Shepherd," Cowley, Verify the voice of humbug is potent in the land, and the human wolves find a feast of fat things as they roll in the mire. "Let us pray," but unlike him they will not all meet their doom in the present life. However, there are prisons in the spheres beyond the veil, and a place is prepared for them all.

THE Nihilists.

A short time ago an affray was made to belittle the importance of the Nihilistic movement in Europe. We took occasion then to advise that the attempt was foolish, and the ground taken insufficient. The latest information of the Nihilists which came to light in this country was published in the *Deseret News* of the 20th of January, and follows in substance that the organization had been forged and maintained, and that the greatest impress of Northern Europe is a honeycomb with sedition and undermined with explosives.

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To our poor Russian people under the yoke of despotism, we again add our hearty sympathies, and leaving our words to speak for the home of the Nihilists, which is pitifully languished by the constant languishing of its patriotic friends. It already Siberian names by the scores, and the cities, and towns, and districts, and the capitals have no longer breathing.

many other unrecorded deeds of the arbitrary iron hand, which is bound to destroy every human body-animated by the Prometheus spark, speak to the hearts of true Russians more clearly, comprehensively and passionately than any words we have ever heard or spoken for us. Despotism has sated its deadly verdict by heartless cruelty and terrorism. But by threatening thoroughly to destroy our liberty, and by bringing us to the glow or rack with a refined severity of which Nero did not know that it was working for the cause of liberty, and only increasing and strengthening the number of our followers among the people. In short it secured nothing else by its reprisals, nor will it in the future. Our blood is always on the forfeit, and the richer the harvest will be. The execution of arbitrary power will come to those who have their devilish artifices and machinations at their glistening severity to hinder us in our work of regeneration of the Russian Empire, who will not succeed. The victims who fall are martyrs to the holy cause. Were the number of our enemies ten times greater than it is, victory is sooner or later ours; and we, knowing how much victory will bring, will be more zealous and courageous, and sacrifice the lives of too many victims have fallen. The Czar, only to conquer Plevna, shed much more blood than we shall if we succeed in conquering Russia and win 100,000,000 slaves for liberty. We addressees you only with the view of stimulating you to do your duty, and to inspire you with perseverance and courage, and to assure you that the hour of liberation from the yoke is approaching. For the present we cannot tell you more. Be assured also that we are not isolated, as the Czar's Empire is, but that we have powerful friends to fight for the right of freedom. Therefore, unfortunate and dear brothers, let us have patience, perseverance and complete devotion. Victory is ours! Hurrah for liberty and emancipation! Hurrah for the Russian people! Down with despots and their accomplices!

A Russian correspondent of the New York *Herald* announces a split in the Nihilistic ranks, and thinks that the more moderate of the conspirators strongly disapprove of the extreme measures of the authors of the recent murderous attempts. But he adds:

"Is the danger thereby diminished? Certainly not—or more correctly, not yet. For the radicals have conceived to get possession of all the funds gathered together by the association in their various associations, as their money shall last so long may their infernal machine be dredged, the influence of ready cash in Russia being enormous. For these radicals—the men who arranged and plotted in Moscow—Russia—Russia—Russia—is not an abode of gallows or scissoids. Of this they are well aware. They know what destiny awaits them, and are, therefore, resolved to fight to the end, exhausting every resource at their disposal, and to finish by selling their lives as sacrifices to the people. They are indeed desperate, incendiary, ruinous, who will not shrink from incendiarism on a vast scale, or from wholesale murder when driven into a corner."

From our dispatches this afternoon, it will be seen that General Melikoff, lately appointed Chief of the Supreme Council, has been shot at by an assassin. He fortunately escaped, but his assailant was captured.

Considering the merciless policy of the Czar's administration, and the severe punishments that are inflicted for the most trifling offences, it cannot be wondered that a terrible retribution is the consequence whenever the oppressed, and an opportunity for reprisals. As a case in point we refer to the banishment of Countess Hendrikoff, wife of one of the dignitaries of the court at St. Petersburg, who was arrested and hurried off out of the country without the slightest warning. Her friends insisted in expressing herself, in a gossipy manner, to the effect that in case the Empress should die the Emperor would in all probability marry the Princess Dolgorouki. This remark having been reported to the court, the ones offered the Countess to leave the Empire within twenty-four hours. To make sure that these orders were carried out two officers were sent to escort the lady across the frontier. Tyrants should know that the more violent and repulsive they are in keeping down the people, the greater and more destructive will be the upheaval when the day of reaction comes.

BY TELEGRAPH.

PEL WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH LINE

—GOLD INTERVIEWED.

CHICAGO, 3d.—The Tribune's Danville, Illinois, special says: Before leaving St. Louis, Jay Gould held the subjoined conversation with Mr. George F. Johnson, of the Chicago Tribune:

"You, Sir, are charged with allying the contracts entered into by the Missouri Pacific. Are the charges well founded?"

Mr. Gould: "If I should say no, you newspaper friends would not believe me. I'll say yes, the railroads will probably be on my back," after which he said, "I know something I know nothing about."

"You are also charged with certain Washington correspondents with being personally and professionally interested in the success of James G. Blaine's candidacy for the republican nomination."

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