

# DESERT EVENING NEWS.

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## DREDGING THE MOUTH OF THE JORDAN.

THE overflowing of our lands in the vicinity of the Jordan is an evil of growing magnitude. For the past two or three years the water has been steadily rising, threatening the area of the submerged lands. Various plans to remedy this evil have been suggested, and some efforts have been made by constructing canals and building levees to drain the land, and to keep the water to its legitimate channel; but how sanguine soever the projectors of these schemes have been in relation to them, this fact is patent to the public, the land still lies under water, and all that has yet been expended has failed in accomplishing the desired object. Probably the fault has not been so much in the plans which have been proposed and undertaken as in the want of means to carry them out. It is an exceedingly difficult thing, however, if not impossible, to carry out any system of drainage by ditches or canals that will not meet with opposition from landholders whose fields will be interfered with, and every scheme of this kind has a local opposition to contend with.

But there is one plan, which has not yet been tried, which, we think, is the best and only correct plan by which the evil can be remedied; that is, the employment of a dredge boat. The opening of the mouth of the Jordan and the deepening of the channel by the use of such a boat would have the effect, in our opinion, to drain all the lands that are now submerged by the overflowing of the water, and make the river perfectly safe against floods. It might be more expensive at first than some other ways which have been proposed; but while they would only afford partial relief, its use would correct the evil entirely, and therefore, in the end, it would be much the cheapest remedy that could be employed. The lands contiguous to Jordan would be so enhanced in value by the use of such a boat that their owners could afford to pay for it themselves.

An engineer has written to the *Alta California*, San Francisco, upon the subject of deepening the water and raising the banks of the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers of California. He quotes his experience as an engineer in clearing out the channel of the River Severn, Bristol, England. That river, years ago, became shoal from the immense deposits of mud carried into it daily by the tides from the British Channel. The water overflowed the land on each side to a great distance and vessels drawing four feet of water, would ground unless it was high Spring tide. Messrs. Grissell & Peto, of London, contracted to make the river navigable at all stages of the tide. They were allowed three years to do this; but they employed three dredge boats, and in less than one year and a half, the work was completed. Each boat lifted sixty-nine tons of mud per hour, with which levees were formed on both sides of the river; these levees were afterwards used as towing-paths.

Of course, for the river Jordan a boat of such a capacity would probably not be needed. A smaller boat, and of less power, would doubtless answer every purpose. But the principle upon which they operated is the one that should be put into application here. If Salt Lake were as low as it was in former years, then the dredging of the mouth of the Jordan would remedy the difficulty which now exists, even if the lowness of the waters of the Lake itself did not drain the water out of Jordan fast enough. But, as the Lake is at present, probably, the fact from the river to it is not sufficient were the mouth ever so well dredged, to drain it properly. By thoroughly opening the channel however, and lifting the mud from the bottom of the river, and forming good, substantial levees on each side with it, the river could be kept within its banks, even with the present high stage of water in the Lake.

As this is a subject of general interest it is worthy of consideration. By ventilating it the minds of the people can be familiarized with the various plans suggested, and the one best suited to the end to be gained be adopted. It is very clear that, should the present causes continue to operate, some steps will have to be taken ere long to control these waters and keep them within bounds.

By Telegraph.

## CONGRESSIONAL.

### SENATE.

Sherman presented a memorial from members elected to the Mississippi Legislature, alleging that the constitution of that State was adopted by a majority of legal voters, and praying Congress to recognize it as the constitution of Mississippi and to put the government in operation. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Morgan presented a memorial from William E. Dodge, Horace Greeley and others, praying Congress to appoint a special committee to investigate the naturalization and election frauds. Referred.

Morton introduced a bill to provide for the redemption of greenbacks and fractional currency in coin. The first section prohibits sales of gold by the Treasury, and directs all gold, not required for payment of the interest of the public debt, to be reserved and set apart for the redemption of United States notes. Section second directs the Secretary of the Treasury, after July 1st, '91, to pay all notes presented for redemption. Section third provides that after January 1st, '92, the national banks must redeem their notes in coin, and shall retain in their vaults all the coin received by them as interest on stocks after January 1st, '92. Section fourth directs the banks to replace their reserve of legal tender notes with coin, and to hold a reserve of legal tender notes. Section five authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to cancel all the notes redeemed under the provisions of this act, to the extent of his judgment, necessary for the proper maintenance of the currency. Section six requires that after January 1st, '92, greenbacks shall cease to be legal tenders, but shall be receivable for government dues and for the service of the Department for the year ending 1892. The sum total is twenty-four and a half millions, of which the inland mail transportation, including the overland and sea mail to California, receives thirteen and one-third millions.

Chicago, 15.—The preparations for the great military re-union, which begins to-day, are complete. The re-union embraces four armies, the Ohio, Cumberland, Tennessee, and Georgia, each of which will be fully represented. Probably 1,500 officers have already arrived, including all the most prominent Generals who ever served in these armies, except Sheridan, Rosecrans and Rosecrans. Amongst the Generals present are Grant, Sherman, Thomas, Slocum, Pope, Hardy, Schofield, McCook, Wright, McCallister, Vandeventer, Stoneman, Hartsuff, Corse and Willott. During the day each army corps held a separate re-union. At night the grand opening ceremonies will take place in the Opera House, which is lavishly decorated for the occasion. All the principal hotels are splendidly ornamented, and the city presents a gala appearance. On Wednesday night there will be a grand banquet at the Chamber of Commerce, which will present a magnificent appearance with its arms and with its No pains or expense will be spared on the part of Chicago to show herself worthy of being elected as the place of such an assemblage.

Two suicides occurred in the city yesterday.

FOREIGN.  
London, 13.—Hopes are held at Paris that the collision between Turkey and Greece may be avoided. The Turkish government are however, making every preparation for hostilities. The Turkish troops have been concentrated on the frontiers of Thessaly. Dispatches from Athens assert that the Greek government will yield nothing. A telegram from Copenhagen states that the King of Denmark and the Prince of Wales have written a joint note to King George urging him to concede to the demands of the Sublime Porte.

Dispatches from Madrid show that the affairs of Spain are rapidly approaching a crisis. Admiral Topete has been dispatched to Cadiz to negotiate; but according to the latest reports he had met with no success. An interview was held there between the leading rebels and the representatives of the Provisional ministry, at which Admiral Topete was present. The Republicans demand a share in the government which was refused by Topete, who told them that having so long submitted to a worse government, they must obey the present one. The proclamation of the government, declaring the post of Cadiz under blockade, has been promulgated. A fleet of two iron clads and transports, with three thousand troops, will sail for Cuba on the 15th.

New York.—Additional South American news received by the *Henry Clay*, says the people of Chile have espoused the cause of the Court against the Government, and the situation is becoming critical. Slight shocks of earthquake were still felt at Arequipa, but occasionally. No damage. There were rumors of another revolution in Peru, headed by the Vice-President, but the President was taking measures to prevent it. The steamer *Waterloo* sold for 3,200 dollars. The small-pox is raging at Lima and Callao. The yellow fever had broken out in South Peru.

New York.—The *Herald's* Madrid special of the 13th says that Gen. Roda yesterday issued a proclamation to the inhabitants, guaranteeing that he would spare the lives of those who would lay down their arms, and warning them that this was the only means by which insurgents would escape being treated with inflexible rigor. He granted the insurgents till to-morrow at noon to remove women and non-combatants from the town. This proclamation has produced a marked effect upon the insurgents, who sent a delegation, accompanied by the U. S. Consul to General Calles offering to place their arms in his hands.

London.—Lord Clarendon informed the foreign ministers formally that negotiations for a treaty of commerce were to be opened immediately with Mr. Burlingame of the Chinese embassy. Madrid, 14.—Foreigners that have left Cadiz thought the insurrection would be bloodlessly suppressed. London.—The *Times* hopes that England will adopt the American newspaper postal system.

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But General Daroca refused to allow them so to deposit their weapons, and held them to a strict compliance with the terms of his proclamation. Perfect quiet now prevails at Cadiz, there being no indications of the recent disturbances, except patrols of soldiers in the streets and at the Hotel de Ville and other public buildings.

About thirty persons have been arrested at Madrid for attempting to incite the working men of that city to rebel against the Government.

The *Correspondencia* of Madrid says the Duke de Montpensier made an offer of his personal services to the Provisional Government to assist in suppressing the rebels at Cadiz, and that this action was prompted by the belief that the insurrection was extinguished and connected by the Carlist party.

Washington.—Letters from London report that the troubles between Turkey and Greece are of no moment, so far as the preservation of the peace of Europe is concerned. The present ministry of Greece has openly about the support they are giving to the Cretan insurgents. This open violation of international obligation is the cause of a perfect crisis in the government, and it is well known that as soon as Greece retires, Crete will be powerless to maintain her present policy towards Turkey, and she will yield.

New York.—The *Herald's* Cadiz special on Sunday night, says there is great distress in the city; 30,000 persons have left Cadiz. All the foreign consuls, with their families, except the Swedish and American, have left the city. The American consul's house is filled with refugees. The insurgents seem satisfied with the result of their feelings in favor of the republic. Five hundred persons are reported killed and wounded on both sides during the fighting last week. No arrests have been made, and none are contemplated. The government promises to act magnanimously. Distinguished honors were paid the American flag during the insurrection.

Paris.—A Madrid special says notwithstanding the surrender of Cadiz by the insurgents, there is a reacting movement spreading throughout Spain, and that disturbances are prevalent in many places. The national guard was again called out yesterday to prevent the workmen rising. Many families are leaving Madrid through fear of coming troubles. The porters are in a fearful condition. Business is paralyzed. The Governor of Tassagons telegraphs that the Carlists are fomenting an agitation in the environs of Mt. Blanch, where associations have been formed. The Marquis de Villana is President of the organization, which is ostensibly formed for the protection and unity of Catholicism, but is really established to propagate the absolute principles, preparatory to a rising in favor of Don Carlos.

The *Herald's* special, at Virgo, on the 14th, says, Greece refuses compliance with the demands of the Turkish ultimatum, which requested the Greek government to disband the volunteer corps and to forbid Grecian officers to participate in the Cretan insurrection, and also to permit the families of the insurgents to return to Crete. Greece looks on these demands as offensive. The Turkish Minister is preparing to depart from Athens.

The *Herald's* Havana special advises to the 14th, received via Key West, the 14th, say the Government troops suffered fearfully in recent encounters, and that there are insurrectionary risings in several large towns. The insurgents are within fifteen miles of Havana. The British consul had notified English subjects to register immediately. The authorities require two millions for immediate use and have authorized the Spanish bank to make an additional issue of paper to that amount.

EDITORIAL CHANGE.—The Oregon *Herald* of the 1st instant contains a valedictory from Beriah Brown, Esq., its late editor, and a "salutatory" from Chester Penney, Esq., the gentleman chosen by the proprietor of the *Herald* to assume the future editorial responsibilities of that paper. Mr. Brown informs the readers of the *Herald* that the change is not the result of any misunderstanding between him and the proprietor, but is solely in consequence of other business arrangements.

TO BE THANKFUL.—We noticed, this morning, several of the worthies who recently figured before Alderman Clinton, and who were unable to pay the cost of their interview, adorned with ball and chain, en route to their grading contracts on the public highway. Such individuals ought to be thankful at having the privilege of a few days' innocent recreation for the benefit of their health, at the same time being supplied, at the expense of the public, with a plentiful supply of wholesome food. If they possess any gratitude, they certainly never will forget the benevolence of the municipal authorities of Salt Lake City.

STRAYED AWAY.—A son of Bro. Marchbanks, of the 12th ward, who is afflicted with fits, strayed from home yesterday, and had not returned this morning. The young man is eighteen years of age and about five feet four inches in height. Should any one have taken him in, or found him, they will relieve the minds of anxious friends by letting them know of his whereabouts.

WIS.—Cheyenne is to have a fire engine, one of the Sibley's make, No. 3, which is capable of throwing three hundred gallons a minute. It is named T. C. Durant, that gentleman and the Union Pacific Railroad company having made a donation of \$500 towards its purchase, and will transport the engine to Cheyenne free of charge.

DIED.—In this city, at half past 12, this morning, in the 10th Ward, of typhoid or nervous fever, Benjamin Lang, aged 38 years, 4 months and 28 days. The funeral will take place to-morrow, at 1 o'clock, from the 10th Ward School House. Friends are invited to attend.

DIED.—In this city, of heart disease, on the 12th inst., Robert A. Brown, aged 37 years, 4 months and 15 days.

In the 11th Ward, on the 14th inst., aged 8 months and 3 days, William A. son of Milford and Ella E. Ship. The funeral will take place from the residence of his parents, at 4 p.m. to-morrow. Friends are respectfully invited to attend.

In this city on the 13th inst., of Dropsy, Sarah Whitley, wife of Mark Barnes, aged 27 years. Star, please copy.

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