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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Don't say anything about cold weather at Salt Lake. The thermometer registered 22 deg. below zero in Chicago last night. So we learn by telegraph.

Shere Ali talks about returning to Afghanistan after a congress at St. Petersburg. Who knows anything about such an assembly? Is this one of Russia's spurts of "secret policy"?

News having been received from whaling captains, of a vessel which they supposed to be a Russian man-of-war, reported by Esquimaux as locked in the ice, north of Behring Straits, it is concluded that it is the Vega, with the expedition in command of Prof. Nordenskjöld, particulars of which were recently given in this paper, and a company is being formed to proceed to his relief.

Captain Boynton, "the man fish," has made an interesting but perilous voyage down the River Tagus, from Toledo, in Spain, to Lisbon, in Portugal. In eighteen days he floated down a distance of 1,000 kilometers, encountering 102 waterfalls and a large number of rapids. Some of the rapids by the way were terribly scared, taking the adventurous swimmer for his Satanic Majesty.

The *Jeanette*, James Gordon Bennett's steam vessel, formerly called the *Pandora*, has reached San Francisco on her way via the Pacific to explore the Arctic and Polar regions. She sailed from Havre last July and doubled Cape Horn in October. Her dimensions are 142 feet in length, 25 feet beam, 12 feet 6 inches hold and 435 tons register. Her engines are 30 horse power. She is constructed entirely of wood, and well protected about the hull. She will recruit at Mare Island, then proceed to Alaska, and after procuring an outfit of Esquimaux dogs, push on northward to make investigations in the neighborhood of Wrangel's Land, on which no landing has ever been made, although it has been seen at a distance many times. Success to the *Jeanette*.

The Holmeses, the "spiritual mediums" who so imposed on the late Robert Dale Owen in the Katie King business, has disappeared after the exposure which so seriously affected Mr. Owen. But they have recently turned up in the learned city of Boston, where they have been quietly regaling the susceptible with ghostly wonders from the spirit land, at the low charge of one dollar admission to each seance. Some newspaper men, getting wind of this, made a concerted attack upon the "spiritual" humbug, and being admitted with a company of believers, exposed the fraud by seeing Mrs. Holmes, who was supposed to be in a trance in the cabinet, while personating an ethereal being from the land of shades. The exposure was complete, but the "materializing" business will flourish in spite of the repeated proofs of its bald deception.

Uranine is the name of the most recently discovered, and perhaps the most remarkable, of all the coal tar or aniline group of coloring substances, now so extensively used for the adornment of the finest fabrics. Its coloring power is astonishing; a single grain will impart a marked color to nearly five hundred gallons of water. A most interesting experiment, which anybody may try, consists in sprinkling a few atoms of Uranine upon the surface of water in a glass tumbler. Each atom immediately sends down through the water what appears to be a bright green rootlet; and the tumbler soon looks as if it were crowded full of beautiful plants. For day or evening experiment nothing can be prettier than these trials of Uranine, which are especially entertaining for the young folks. We are indebted for samples of the color to the editors of the *Scientific American*, who are sending out specimens, free of charge, to all subscribers to their most excellent paper.

FAMINE AND PESTILENCE.

While the bulk of the people of the United States have been feasting and rejoicing, famine, pestilence and war have been holding high carnival in northeastern Brazil. In the province of Ceara, which has a population of about fifty thousand, the people have been perishing by hundreds per day from disease and the lack of food.

Ceara's northern boundary is washed by the shores of the Atlantic, and therefore on its coast has a pretty comfortable climate. But in the mountainous interior, where rains fall heavily in the spring, but drop no moisture during the remainder of the year, the harvest is often very slim. This is where the famine prevails. The people in the rural districts have crowded into the capital, Fortaleza, where small pox has broken out, and what with the pestilence and the famine the deaths are reported as reaching three hundred a day. The most horrible accounts are given of the hunger and sufferings of the poor wretches, and it is stated that even dead bodies have been devoured by the famishing.

It would seem that the Emperor, who has learned much of the world's civilization, would be able to devise means of relief for his perishing subjects, who, though isolated from other portions of the Empire through lack of railroad communication, may be approached from the sea board, Ceara being

but a small province, its interior boundary being at farthest only about 200 miles from the coast. It is awful to think that, amid the festivities of Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, so many human beings were dying for want of common sustenance.

THE GOOCH CASE.

The Gooch case, which has created much excitement in England, particularly in aristocratic circles, has at length been decided.

Lady Annie Louise Gooch, wife of Sir Francis Gooch, Baronet, a young childless, laid a plan to secure a young baby and pass it off as her own offspring. She had been a mother, but her child died very young, and the family physician, for reasons to him good and sufficient, declared that she would never bear another.

Sir Francis was fully aware of this, and when his lady pretended to be in expectation of an increase to the Gooch family, he told her plainly that she was only trying to deceive him. However, she persisted in her scheme and endeavored to induce her "companion," Miss Garrod, to assist her. This person refused to join in the conspiracy, and carried information to Sir Francis as the lady unfolded to her the plans she had devised. Sir Francis summoned the family physician, who on examination, pronounced the affair nothing but a sham. Still Lady Gooch went on with the plot, and going to London, put up at a hotel where a two weeks old baby having been procured, she went to bed and pretended that she had given birth to a son.

The reason for this foolish and badly arranged scheme was, Lady Gooch's fear that her husband, who was in delicate health, and whose estates were entailed, would die and leave her without claim on the property, which would then go to relatives of his whom she detested. Sir Francis, considering it his duty to expose the fraud, made complaint against his own wife, and she was arrested and committed for trial on the charge of conspiracy. The case made a tremendous stir, but when it came before the Grand Jury at the Central Criminal Court in London, "no true bill" was returned, on the ground that Lady Gooch's individual act could not be brought under the legal term conspiracy, because she had deceived no one and had no real accomplices. As it takes at the very least, two persons to make a "conspiracy," the wife of a mother of a purchased infant, escaped the punishment of offended justice. But she has failed to secure the prize for which she staked, and, in addition to losing the estates, she has lost the respect and recognition of society, from which she may be now considered a titled outcast.

BY TELEGRAPH.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—At the sub-treasury, yesterday, men who present gold certificates answered the clerk's question, "gold or greenbacks?" with "greenbacks are good enough for me," or "give me bills, what do I want with gold." One gentleman said: "Bills, do you want me to bring gold around?" The clerk said, two hours after he had begun paying gold out, "nobody wants it, we have received enormous quantities of gold certificates, and every one of the messengers demand either notes of larger denomination, or clearing house certificates." There was little division of opinion on the subject of gold as a working medium of exchange at par, and several bankers insisted that the treasury's gold balances would immediately increase instead of decreasing.

One national bank sent \$100,000 in gold to the sub-treasury. Some of the gold was in the room of most of whose lives have been identified with the traffic, looked very much discouraged. The scene was almost laughable, as he had entertained the hope that there might be a small speculative or at least a loan market, and gazed at the word "gold" which stood on the blackboard in the largest letters that faithful conveyor of information would hold. There was not a sale, and at 30 minutes to noon Register Mercantile said, "I have orders from the governing committee to shut up shop, and here we close." "There, you've seen the last of it, and those who want to sell gold can get cash at the banks or sub-treasury."

The Fitzjohn Porter case re-opened at West Point, yesterday. One fact appeared, which was new to every one connected with the case, including General Porter himself. It was that President Lincoln ordered a court of inquiry as to the conduct of General Porter, Franklin and Griffin, in Aug. 1862, which was convened three times; and then adjourned, without doing any business. Correspondence between Pope and Prent. Grant, in 1874, was one of the notable features, most of the documents that were admitted being of comparative unimportance.

The Seward Case. Springer's committee resumes the Seward case to-morrow. Seward's committee thinks the efforts to make his tenure more honorable unconstitutional. It is not generally believed, therefore, that he will be brought before the bar of the House.

Patterson Denies. The *World's* Washington special has written a letter to Teller emphatically denying the charge he made in the Senate that the democratic party in that State had spent more money in the late election than had been spent by all of the previous parties there for the last 35 years. He also brands as false the charge of Teller that the democrats of Colorado seized the treasury of the railroad and used it for election purposes, and adds that as Teller is a director in the road named, he ought to have known that his statement was unfounded.

Teller's own committee to be sent to Colorado.

Scarlet Fever Increasing. The morning journals announce that scarlet fever is steadily increasing.

O'Leary's Condition. The *World* says: The pedestrian O'Leary has gone to the Hot Springs, Arkansas, via Chicago. He is still lame, and the doctor says he has done just walking unless he takes care of himself for months.

Teller Answers Patterson. The *Tribune's* Washington special contains the reply of Teller to Patterson. It is a long and strong document. Teller says: "I cannot think that you have prepared this letter as furnishing a reasonable basis to your friends outside of Colorado for your defeat at the late election, and your anxiety to rush into print with it is a pretty good proof of this view of the case. Your charges are so far from truth that you cannot expect to make the people believe them, much less to persuade legislators."

Saturday's Chinamen. The clerk of the United States circuit court, Boston, recently refused the application of a Chinaman for naturalization, on the ground taken by Judge Lowell, that Mongolians do not come within the provisions of the statute relating to the naturalization of free whites or Africans.

Fresh to Fight. At noon, to-day, the thermometer marked seven above zero. Two brakemen on freight trains on the Central New Jersey and North Pennsylvania roads were frozen to death this morning.

The Female Walker. At 10 o'clock this afternoon Madame Anderson, in Mozart Hall, Brooklyn, was completing the 1,700th quarter mile.

New York Stocks. Silver bars, 108; silver coin, 110 1/2 discount; Money active at 6; Government bonds strong; Stocks quiet; Western Union, 85; Quicksilver, 11; Pacific Mail, 13; Mariposa, 3; Wells Fargo, 97 1/2; N. Y. Central, 113; Erie, 68 1/2; Anaconda, 124; Union Pacific, 69; Bonds, 103; Central Pacific, 103; Suto Tunnel, 31.

Destroyed by Fire. QUINCY, Ill., 3.—The First Presbyterian Church in this city, just completed, was destroyed by fire from the heating apparatus, last night, and was completely destroyed. It was to have been dedicated next Sunday. Loss will amount to about \$60,000; insurance, \$30,000.

Cold Weather. ST. LOUIS, 3.—Dispatches from Missouri, Kansas central and southern, report extremely cold weather. Three deaths by freezing are reported.

\$25,000 Fire. CHICAGO, 3.—The *Tribune's* Evanston, Ill., special says: Dumpster Hall was destroyed by fire, last night; loss \$25,000; insurance, \$3,000. This building was the theological home of a number of Methodist ministers of the northwest, being a branch of the Northwestern University.

Government Printing Office Frauds. Finley's committee, which has been investigating the alleged frauds in the management of the government printing office, completed its report to-day. The report will charge that the management of the office has been loose. Particularly in the manner in which the accounts have been kept. It will allege that money has been drawn from the treasury and not accounted for to the extent of at least three-quarters of a million dollars since 1869; that the cost of materials used in the printing office has been in excess of the ruling market rates by at least a third; that assessments have been levied, that frauds exist which will implicate the chief clerk. The report will probably recommend that each department control its own printing.

Coin of Different Countries.

The annual circular of the director of the mint, giving the value of the United States money, of the coin of the different countries of the world. Now that the dollar is the monetary unit of the world, and the gold dollar of the British possessions of North America, of Siberia, and of the Sandwich Islands is of the same value as our dollar, the silver dollar of Mexico is worth 101 cents in our money. That of Bolivia 96 cents. That of Peru, Ecuador, Central America, 84 cents. From this statement it appears that the bullion value of the silver dollar of the United States is nearly less than that of the silver dollar of American countries.

Terrific Storm.

BUFFALO, 3.—The storm at East Buffalo rages. All business is suspended. The storm is more severe than that just before Christmas. Snow blows are of little use, as the drifts fill as fast as clearances are made.

Third Intendant.

WASHINGTON, 3.—The Mexican government has made arrangements for the payment of the third interest on the \$300,000 indent, due to American citizens, due this month.

Dead.

NEWBURYPORT, 3.—Caleb Cushing died last night.

FOREIGN.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Voluntary Liquidation. LONDON, 3.—The directors of the Credit Company, which has a capital of \$450,000, and liabilities of over \$1,250,000, issued a circular to the shareholders, recommending voluntary liquidation of the company's affairs.

Stocks.

Consols, 95 3/4; 44 Bonds, 107 1/2; sixty seconds, 104 1/2; New River 105 1/2; Erie, 22.

Bullion in Bank.

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Snow Storm—Floods. There is another heavy snow storm in Scotland and piercing cold air. Outdoor labor is again interrupted. A railway blockade is feared.

In France, owing to the rapid thaw, the rivers are overflowing their banks, and much damage has been done.

Grant in Dublin.

DUBLIN, 3.—General Grant arrived, this morning, accompanied by General Noyes, United States minister to Ireland. The President was met by the Lord Mayor. There was no public demonstration.

The General was presented with the freedom of the city, and later, visited places of interest.

FRANCE.

Communications Paralyzed. PARIS.—Twenty-four communists in New Caledonia have been pardoned because of their services against the insurgents.

GERMANY.

The Bankrupt Steamships. BREMEN, 3.—The town court has decided that Dr. Strousburg was bankrupt in consequence of the outbreak of the French war and unforeseen losses, and that he is, therefore, not blamable. The court approved the agreement. The creditors are to accept three per cent in settlement of their claims.

Distance to Hayden's Ferry.

December 6, 1878.

President John Taylor: Dear Brother—Now that I have completed the trip from Salt Lake City to Hayden's Ferry, Salt River, Arizona, I take the liberty of recommending the road leading from St. George to Hayden's Ferry, Henry Pierce's ferry on the Colorado to this point, having made the 500 miles with ox teams and the balance with horse teams.

Following are the distances:

	Miles.
Salt Lake to St. George	350
St. George to Moapa Pass	14
Moapa to Wolf Hole	12
Wolf Hole to Poocompocket (or Kane Springs)	14
Take the right hand road. Poocompocket to Black Willow	18
Some heavy sand. Carry water. Black Willow to Tahshauby Wash	15
By lead road over Moan	10
Tahshauby to Colorado at Ferry	12
Carry water and camp on summit. Colorado to Running Creek	8
Running Creek to Grass Springs	14
Heavy wash (gravel and sand) carry water. Grass Springs to Iron	6
Iron to Granite	15
Water here mites to the left in head of wash. Granite to Hackberry	35
Good grass, but no water. Hackberry to Rock Tanks	18
Rock Tanks to Stinking Springs	8
Stinking Springs to Ship's Ranch	10
Ships to Whitney's	10
Whitney's to Omons or Clarke	13
Clarke to Siguel	17
Siguel to San Maria (St. Mary)	20
To Grapevine	8
To Dale Creek	24
No water. To Wickenburg	30
No water. To Hengry	12
No water. To Agnafia	30
Cold water. To Phinx	19 1/2
Cold water. To Hagdens	10
Moan City (Mormon Settlement)	9
Total	750 1/2

I thought the above would be beneficial to our people, traveling. These good grades make the way but the brethren should travel to this country from September to May, and not before or after that. They might suffer for water and feed. There are other roads the brethren can travel to the place after leaving Hackberry. Mule teams and wide tired wagons are preferable.

The brethren here are in general good health and spirits so far as I have seen.

Write to me to enquiring friends, your brother and well-wisher.

D. P. KIMBALL.

EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

THE teachers and trustees of the district school, who are to be organized into an educational association, the object of which will be to unite our educational forces, and discuss and adopt such measures as will be for the benefit of the schools more effective.

Co. Sup't. of Dist. Schools.

W. H. HULBERT.

PERSONS wishing carpets woven, will do well to call on Wm. H. Hulbert, near the Theatre, who weaves carpets to order at cheap rates.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

We are now offering the balance of our STOCK OF WINTER GOODS, such as DRESS GOODS, REPELANTS, SUITINGS, LINSEYS, FLANNELS, HOSIERY and WOOLEN GOODS, CLOAKS, SHAWLS, Etc., Etc., at Extremely Low Figures, in order to CLOSE THEM OUT BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF SPRING PURCHASES.

SPECIAL BARGAINS IN WHITE AND GREY BLANKETS.

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