

installation of Thurman as President *pro tem.* puts the supervision in his hands.

Babcock, president of the Pacific Mail, publishes a notice to the stockholders of the company denying that he has solicited proxies to be voted on, at the ensuing election, and all such uses of his name are forgeries. He says further: The company is now in a far better condition than it was one year ago. Its revenues are largely increased; its expenditures decreased, and plans for the future are in contemplation which, if carried out, must very materially add to its value. What is needed for its permanent success, is that it shall be controlled by a board of directors alone interested in the Pacific Mail, and who can and will work together in harmony for its welfare.

The World believes the silver question is coming to the front in England, and revives its last year's hope that the British government will shortly be forced to establish a mint in Cyprus. In July, 1878, silver was worth 52 13-16 pence per ounce in London. Nine months have passed and silver is down to 49 1/2 pence. The free coinage whatever be the seigniorage charged of the silver rupees in British India, has undoubtedly been a blessing to the people of British India, and never more so than during the recent periods of famine. It is needless to recall the accounts from Bombay telling you that the poor brought their silver trinkets to be converted into coin of the realm. Those who were in charge of Her Majesty's government cannot forget the facts. Equally is it unnecessary to repeat what advantage to the British interests it would be if silver should recover its former current value of 59 1/2 @ 60 pence per ounce. The Latin union is now no help in that direction. The whole world looks to England in the crisis from which England is now thought to suffer as severely as any nation.

CHICAGO, 16.—Francis A. Oppenheim, a young German, who, since 1871, has been in the employ of Wasmansdorf & Heinemann, bankers, was arrested, yesterday afternoon, on the charge of forging two drafts on Berlin; one on March 24th for 23,000 marks, and one on April 1st for 10,000. The forgery was perpetrated in the name of his employers. The cause of his crime was fast living. The sum involved is about \$7,700, which, it is said, his friends will pay.

GALVESTON, 16.—News' specials, from well distributed points in the sixth congressional district, indicate the election of Columbus Upson (democrat) over Maney (greenbacker) to fill the vacancy of the death of Schleicher. The election is quiet; there is a light vote.

Specials from North Texas report a heavy hail storm, doing great damage to crops. At Lisbon, near Dallas, several houses were shattered, live stock killed, and a number of persons severely injured.

SAN FRANCISCO, 16.—A Portland dispatch says. The trial of the two Indians, arrested for the murder of Brown, at Sitka, resulted in one of them being acquitted, and the other convicted of murder in the first degree.

Dr. Chalfant, the supposed murderer of Josiah Bacon, surrendered himself at the Central Police Station, this morning. He is haggard and worn in appearance, having been roaming about the hills, in the suburbs of the city, since Sunday, without food or rest. He has made statement as yet of the circumstances.

FOREIGN.

CITY OF MEXICO, 15.—Congress opened on the 1st instant, when President Diaz delivered an important message. He informs congress of the conclusion of a contract by the secretary of public works for laying a sub-marine and land line telegraph from the Gulf port of the United States along the Mexican coast, touching at various Mexican ports, and passing by way of the Isthmus of Tehuantepec to the Pacific Coast, where it is to terminate. Referring to the United States, President Diaz complains that the order of General Ord for pursuing the raiders across the border is still in force, and the treaty of 1848 is thereby violated. President Diaz hopes that the United States, in obeying the dictates of justice and considering the interests of commerce and industry, will revoke that order, as it is contrary to international law. The President hopes

the patriotism of congress will approve the international exposition. LONDON, 16.—The consul general of the Argentine Republic has published a telegram, dated Buenos Ayres 14, from the minister of finance, denying all rumors of a probable complication of the Argentine States in a war on the Pacific coast, and declaring that the Argentine government intends to carry out the convention of the frontier question concluded with Chili last December.

ST. PETERSBURG, 16.—This morning Soloweff, the would-be assassin, was insensible, but was expected to rally. No papers were found upon him. It is thought that on Monday night all suspected houses were searched. Last week the revolutionary committee issued a proclamation threatening the life of the Emperor and a second St. Bartholomew.

Telegrams were received on Friday and Saturday last, from the Berlin secret police, giving warning that during easter an attempt would be made to assassinate the Emperor, the Czarowitch, or some member of the imperial family. In consequence of these telegrams from Berlin, the usual entrance to the winter palace was closed, and the Czarowitch went at midnight to the Easter eve reception of the Czar, escorted by four Cossacks. It is said heads of the secret police are about to resign, having discovered that three-fourths of the force are in league with the Nihilists. Letters from Keiff state that between the 8th and 10th inst., five attempts at murder were made against officials there.

The name of the would-be assassin of the Czar is Alexander Soloweff. He is a schoolmaster of the Targez government of Pleskov. He will be tried by the highest criminal tribunal. Prosecutor General Senator Leontieff is charged with the preliminary inquiry, and has begun his labors. The belief that the prisoner took poison is erroneous. He was severely injured by the populace, who would have killed him but for the police.

Count Schouvaloff, Russian ambassador to England, left on Monday for London, to present his letters of recall.

ROME, 16.—Queen Victoria and the King and Queen of Italy will meet on the 18th instant, at the Castle of Monza, near Milan. After a walk in the park and lunch, the royal party will return to Baveno and Rome respectively. The Italian Majesties intend to visit Baveno, but there is no palace in the villa there capable of accommodating the united parties and their attendants. Queen Victoria, while expressing the pleasure she would derive from a visit from the King and Queen, intimated her desire to save them from inconvenience by going to meet them at Monza. Queen Victoria's visit to Italy will terminate on the 23d. She will arrive at Paris on the 24th, Cherbourg on the 25th, and in England on the 26th.

The statement that the Pope wrote to the Queen, welcoming her to Italy, is declared unfounded.

SHORT AND SHARP.

A gentleman addressed his servant: "James; how is it that my butcher bills are so large, and I always have such bad dinners?" "Really, sir, I don't know; for I am sure we never have anything nice in the kitchen that we don't send some of it up to the parlor."—Boston Globe.

"Here," said a farmer in Syracuse, as he exhibited a broken jar to the manufacturer, "I packed this jar full of butter, and the jar split from top to bottom. Perhaps you can explain the phenomenon?" "Oh, yes, I can," was the ready reply; "the butter was stronger than the jar."

"Mamma, I don't think the people who make dolls are very pious people," said a little girl to her mother, one day. "Why not, my child?" "Because you can never make them kneel. I always have to lay my doll on her stomach to say her prayers."—Youth's Companion.

Snoodles wears a suspiciously large diamond pin, and the other day he was pained and disgusted to have a friend stop him on the street and remark: Hello, Snoodles, is that really you? I thought at first you were a paper hanger!" "Why, how so?" asked the unsus-

picious Snoodles. "Cause you've got so much paste on your shirt," chuckled the heartless friend as he walked on.

Human nature is very discouraging. Put up the sign, "No thoroughfare, danger!" and every teamster on the continent feels that that particular street is the only one that leads to his stable. Or, as some one else has suggested, put up the sign, "Fresh paint!" and every passer-by will touch it with his finger to see whether it is dry yet.

There is a story told of a patriotic Russian, which shows how far the worship of the powers that be can go. He was boasting in the presence of an Englishman of the excellences of the Czar. He proved beyond a doubt that he possessed mere gifts and virtues than all the other crowned heads of Europe put together. The Englishman naturally rebelled, and at last said in tones of superb sarcasm, "Well, my friend, you will at least acknowledge that the Czar is not equal to the Almighty." The Russian, unwilling to admit even that replied evasively, "Perhaps not; but you know the Czar is young yet."

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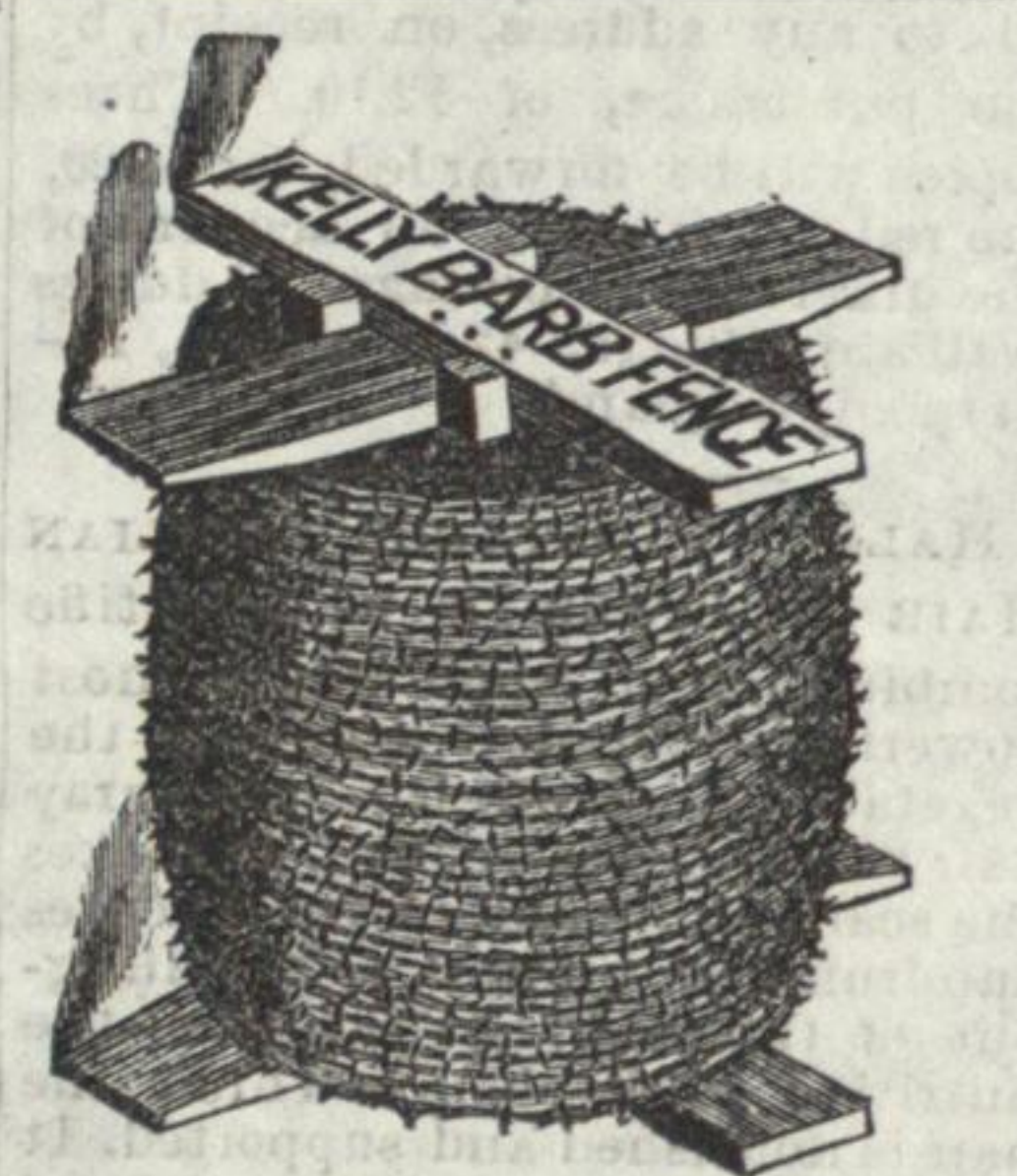
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