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Therefore, on the question of acquisition I say nothing to-day, only alluding to certain points involved. Sometimes it is insisted that emigrants will hurry in large numbers to the tropical islands when once annexed, and thus swell its means; but this alleged force is that, according to the testimony of history, the emigrant travels with the sun on parallels of latitude, and not on parallels of longitude, mainly following the isothermal line and not turning off at right angles, whether north or south. Some of the islands, however, will be better for the people of this island if annexed to our republic, but this allegation forgets the transcendent question, whether it is better for them, better for the African race, better for civilization, that the Black Republic should be absorbed out of sight, instead of being fostered into a successful example of self-government for the redemption of the race, not only on the Caribbean islands, but on the continent of Africa. Then, again, arises that other question, whether we will assume the bloody hazards involved in this business, as it has been paraded, with the alternative of expenditures for war ships and troops, causing most painful anxieties, while the land of Toussaint l'Ouverture listens to the constant whisper of independence. And there is still that other question of the expediency, acknowledged and unacknowledged, with an immense claim by Haiti, and an unsettled boundary which I have already called a bloody lawsuit.

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MONTMARTRE.

Sketch of the Headquarters of the Parisian Sectarians. Montmartre derives its name from Mons Martia, because the Romans built a temple thereon in honor of Mars. The hill itself is between three and four hundred feet above the level of the Seine, commanding an excellent view of Paris, and affording an eligible location for the batteries of a foreign or domestic enemy besieging the capital. Numerous gypsum quarries are opened here, and the little village, with its groups of windmills, which crown the summit of the acclivity, presents a pleasing and picturesque appearance to the approaching traveller.

The church formerly belonging to the Abbey of Montmartre was founded by Louis VI in the year 1100, and is still much visited by devout pilgrims, more especially during September. The cemetery of Montmartre is an object of considerable interest, being the first one established after the suppression of burial places in the city, and was called originally Champ du Repose. The spot was once a gypsum quarry, and the broken character of the ground adds much to its beauty. The total area, including recent additions, is fifty-four acres. A lofty stone cross stands near the gateway, and behind it, on a gentle eminence, are many tasteful monuments belonging to prominent aristocratic families.

On the other side of this eminence, and divided from the rest by a wall, is the Jewish cemetery; beyond which, to the right, is a beautiful chapel in the Byzantine style of architecture, erected to the memory of the Countess Potocka. A prominent feature of the place is a stone obelisk surmounted by a cross, which marks the grave of a Duchess de Montmorency. The fosses communes, or common graves, are near the further boundary of the enclosure. Electric bells communicate through subterranean pipes from the most distant parts of the cemetery with the central office, so that the superintendent may, by touching a key, summon any of his assistants to attend upon funerals as they arrive.

THE FOX WILL.

End of a Singular Contested Will Case—The United States to Receive the Personal Property.

Surrogate Hutchings, of New York, will file a decree in the remarkable contested will case of Charles Fox. It will be remembered the testator left all his real and personal estate to the United States, "to assist in paying the debt contracted by the war for the emancipation of the rebellious Confederate States," and has been before the court for more than a year past. The Surrogate has just rendered his decision, as follows:—

That said last will and testament is valid and operative as to the personal estate of the testator only.

That as to the personal estate of the testator, the petitioner, the United States of America, is the sole legatee under said will, after the payment of all his lawful debts.

That as to personally, the bequest in said will to petitioner is not operative as a trust, but as an absolute gift; the terms of said bequest as to the purpose thereof constituting no legal restriction upon the use of the legacy.

That the United States of America, as United States of America, is not entitled to, and cannot lawfully take, receive, or hold as devisee, in trust or otherwise, under said last will and testament, the real estate devised thereby or any part thereof.

That the real estate of said Charles Fox descends to his heirs at law.

KIDNAPING.

Cyprian Attempt to Steal a Child.

The Reading Eagle says:—Yesterday morning about 9 o'clock an attempt was made by a woman to steal a baby boy, a son of Mr. Charles Fisher, machinist, who resides in Sixth street, above Franklin. It seems that Mrs. Fisher went into the back yard to draw some water, leaving her babe lying in a cradle in the front room, and while she was absent the gypsy entered the front door, which had been left unlocked, took the cradle quilt and placed it in her basket and was in the act of placing the babe in the same, when the mother entered. She took the child from the gypsy, and ordered her to leave, but was too much frightened to give the alarm, and had the woman arrested. As an excuse, the gypsy said she had taken the child up to look at it, and poured forth upon Mrs. Fisher the vilest of abuse, and threatened her. When the attempted abduction became known at the depot, where Mr. Fisher works, considerable excitement was caused, and for a time it looked as if some of the employees would visit the gypsy band, and annihilate them. The band has been camped at Heiter's Spring for several days past, and the woman who thus attempted to make desolate the fireside of one of our citizens should be brought to justice at once.

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Fatal Affray in the Indiana Penitentiary. A probably fatal affray occurred in the Indiana State Prison some six or seven weeks ago Sunday evening, between two life-time convicts, Buck McKinney and Cyrus Carlisle, both of whom were originally from Kentucky. The former was at one time Sergeant-at-Arms of the Kentucky State Senate. The affair was aggravated by an existing feud between the men. On Sunday evening Carlisle went into the cell-house, of which McKinney has charge, and while attempting to get a drink, either accidentally or otherwise dropped the cup in a bucket and then thrust his hand into the water.

McKinney remonstrated, when a quarrel ensued, in which angry words were used, and finally Carlisle struck McKinney, whereupon the latter drew a knife similar in size and shape to a shoemaker's knife, and inflicted a slight wound on Carlisle's breast. At this point Carlisle slipped and fell on his back, when McKinney inflicted a second wound in the right shoulder, three inches in length, which will most likely prove fatal.

McKinney is reputed as a most desperate man, but up to this time, for a term of twelve years, had behaved himself so well in prison that he was, until recently, a "trusty." He was sent from Columbus, Indiana, for murder. Carlisle is in for life for the same offense. Since the affray McKinney has been placed in close confinement.

SAD CALAMITY.

Two Little Boys Killed by the Falling in of a Cave. At a quarter past 12 o'clock, Tuesday, two little sons of Boney and Amelia Brunell, Henry, in his eighth, and James Thomas, in his sixth year, were found crushed and smothered under an old deserted cave in the shore bank, south of the Wickford Academy, which the heavy rains had caused to fall in.

The old cave was a short distance from their home, and the children had been there one or two days before to play. Tuesday morning, before going to his work, their father discovered the boys going there again, and charged their older brother, Joseph, in his tenth year, to watch them. At 9 o'clock Joseph was sent for the doctor, to attend his sick mother, and when he returned the younger boys were missing. At half past 11 o'clock Joseph discovered that the cave had fallen in, and told his father, on his return at noon, that he feared his brothers were under it.

The distressed father secured the assistance of two of his neighbors and soon dug out the bodies and took them to his home, where the doctor examined them, but life was extinct. The neck of James was broken by the falling timber. The unfortunate lads were then prepared for the grave, and were interred on Wednesday in the Grove Cemetery.—Philadelphia Journal, March 23.

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