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SEATTLE, SUNDAY, AUG. 18.

WHOSE FAULT IS IT? Mr. Gladstone's recent address at Chester on the Armenian outrages was characterized by the same matchless oratory with which he called the attention of the world to the atrocities in the Balkan peninsula.

Mr. Gladstone charges the Turk with having overthrown peace in Armenia, and he would have justice ordained there even if the cost be millions and the result the annihilation of the sultan's power in Europe. This is all very fine, but rather late in the day.

Through a ridiculous fancy that, with Russia once at Constantinople, India might be threatened, the British government has continued to sustain this rotten monarchy, the eyesore of all Europe, and to British selfishness almost entirely is due the fact that it today has power, prestige and position among the decent nations of the earth.

Mr. Gladstone is now in favor of heroic methods; he generally has been when out of office. When in power, however, he has invariably followed in the path of his predecessors, made love to the Porte, assisted in maintaining the integrity of its encroaching sovereignty, kept it alive with all its viciousness, that, Russell Sage like, he might use it as a shield against any possible or fancied Russian encroachments on British possessions in the Indian empire.

WORKS THE WRONG WAY. One of the contentions of the tariff reformers was that a reduction of duties would extend our markets. They were not satisfied with this country with its sixty million consumers; they wanted to supply the old universe. If the tariff could only be reduced we would have the "markets of the world" open to us.

Somehow or other it hasn't worked as was anticipated. The tariff has been reduced, but instead of our supplying the markets of the world the markets of the world are supplying us. Foreigners are rushing their goods in upon us wherever the barriers have been let down, and the first six months show that our imports exceed our exports by nearly \$100,000,000.

THE VIKING'S EXPLOIT. The recent session of the International Geographical Congress was one of the most notable gatherings of scientists ever held. Geographical research affords no promise of great discoveries outside of the two lands of mystery at the poles, but it has not yet lost all of its romance.

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from abroad fill demands, which would otherwise have been filled by the American manufacturers. This may be "nuts" for the foreigners, but is hard on our own people. In addition to this, our markets in the southern countries were shut off materially by the repeal of the reciprocity treaties, so that today instead of supplying the whole world with our products, as was promised, we are shipping abroad much less than we were before the new law went into effect.

These "foreign markets" are a good deal of a delusion and a snare. About all we have to do with them under the new law is to go into them and buy what we formerly made at home. The result of the whole business is that we are selling less abroad and making less at home. This may be a gratifying condition of affairs, but it is difficult to see exactly why it should be.

SOCIAL VULGARITY. The unnoticed disappearance of girls whose fate would never have been known but for the disclosures made in the prosecution of Holmes should arouse parents to the imminence of a great danger. The sudden and mysterious vanishing of girls from their homes without a word of explanation finds its way at times into the newspapers, but these instances are isolated compared to the number of those cases where girls leave to go to another place for employment and gradually fade away until they are entirely lost sight of.

We are very much given to boasting of the independence, self-reliance and virtue of our girls, and there is good ground for it; but the modern liberty accorded to them has brought its anxieties and sorrows to parents. The last fifty years has worked a great although gradual change in the relations of girls to home life, and while the greater freedom to them has had its advantages there is much to regret in the dying out of the dependence of maidens upon the protection, advice and companionship of their parents.

The companionship of the sexes should be encouraged but always under home influence. In far too many cases parents know next to nothing of the character or dispositions of their daughters' male acquaintances, and less of the associations they form in the curriculum of their pastimes.

An old fashioned young man of a few years ago would never have thought of asking a young lady to whom he was not engaged to accompany him to a ball or to the theater. The request would have been addressed to her mother accompanied by an invitation to her also to go. Visits were not made to the girl but to her family, and her mother's presence would have been a matter of course.

It is only to be remedied by an awakening of parents from their own growing lethargy, the realization that young people must have society, and the provision of not too infrequent opportunities for social gathering. The assertion by parents of their right of protection to and the encouragement of good natured confidence on the part of daughters will serve to regulate the conduct of and check the over-familiarity of young men. The revival of good taste will stamp all infractions of conventional reserve as vulgar, and that will do most of all to work a reform.

The too common absence of dignified restraint by girls in their toleration of the freedom of young men, and the lack of formal respect on the part of young men to girls is indicative of vulgarity; and the veneering of jovial good fellowship with which it is sometimes accompanied does not diminish its offensiveness. It is usually harmless, at first; it cannot continue without a promiscuousness of experiences which may end in a shock to the naturally modest, if it do not go so far as to tant chastity.

The awful revelations of the divorce courts, the frequency of hasty because necessary marriages, the girlish suicides and disappearances from home should warn all loving parents that easy-going, good natured indifference is not essential to the accordance of a common sense recognition of the right of young people to have some choice of their own in friendship and recreation.

Senator Morgan telegraphed to the Washington City silver conference: "I will follow the old guard wherever it leads." It may be a Balaklava, senator; you better see that your life insurance premiums are paid.

A train load of government soldiers were blown up in Cuba on August 16. It looks as though the whole army, officers and privates, will be blown up when they get back to Spain.

In Bath, Me., the other day, a new schooner was christened with flowers instead of the traditional bottle of wine. It is necessary to have something with a bouquet to it.

As Col. Casey Young, of Memphis, says, four-fifths of the Democrats are for free coinage, we needn't worry about the money platform in the next Democratic convention.

A London tailor is suing a young lady for the presents he gave her during their engagement. Usually when it is broken off the young lady doesn't care for his presence.

An exchange, in describing the countenance of President Diaz, says his strength lies in his chin. In some respects Diaz is a good deal of a Populist.

S. A. Andre, whose project is to make a voyage of discovery, in a balloon, laid down his plans before a body not apt to be led off by chimerical schemes. He will, accompanied by two others, leave for Spitzbergen next June, and on the first day the wind is in the right direction will inflate his balloon and start for the North pole. The journey, he estimates, will not be over 700 miles, and his balloon will travel 200 or 300 miles a day. Then they will head for North America or Asia, as the wind favors. In July there would be no night, and he plans that they could sit in the car and photograph the scenery at any hour; there would be no danger from thunderstorms; the temperature at a moderate elevation of 700 feet would be moderate and pleasant, and the guide ropes would glide easily over the frozen sea.

The man who has been having some difficulty in explaining why his eyes are watery is all right now; he can throw it off on the smoke.

England seems inclined to punish Turkey. If she will wait till Thanksgiving the United States will join her in an offensive alliance.

Ten years ago Spokane would have been envious at seeing in the papers nothing but Walter, Waller, day after day.

The families of the Ellensburg men who were lynched were not much cut up when the bodies were cut down.

Hon. M. D. Harter, of Ohio, has launched his presidential boom. It is something of a vapor launch.

The Chicago papers don't seem to be boasting very much nowadays of Holmes' sweet home.

It has been suggested that a good thing for these Chinese vegetarians would be a little hemp.

If Peffer instead of coining land will coin whiskers he will become a plutocrat.

If the next congress raises the beer tax the people will have to cool off on froth.

Boot and shoe companies are about the only corporations that have no sales.

It was a sort of a cav-cuss the silver Democrats held in Washington.

What's the matter with W. C. Whitney. He's all right.

THE STATE PRESS. Olympian: The Vinsons were a bad lot, but the people of this state will regret that the citizens of Kittitas county could not be content to allow the law to take its course.

Sidney Independent: By holding back such expenditures as could possibly be stayed off the treasury deficit for July was held down to about \$900,000. And yet the average Democratic duffer glories in this party deficit.

Seattle Republican: The "Seattle spirit" has surely lost none of its originality, and Tacoma would still do well to imitate her spirit. Seattle raised \$150 for suffering Sprague, while Tacoma managed to get up \$50. Do you catch on to the "Seattle spirit"?

Seattle Republican: Editors Schively and Scobey are the right kind of material that the Washington Press Association is really in need of and every effort should be put forward to induce others of the same caliber to become interested in the association, for with the presence of a few such minds the association would become one of educational gain rather than one of levity and nonsensicalness.

Puget Sound Mail: The poor boy of today may become the cool, calm, collected, and reverse of fortune may plunge the rich at any time into poverty. Thus the tide is ever shifting and the two classes mingle and overlap and find their real interests in bringing about a harmony will make it easier for both to get along than a spirit of antagonism, as is ever being preached by calamity howlers, socialists and anarchists.

Colville Index: We are not one of those who take delight in denouncing the "Boss" for our experience has taught us that he is as necessary in politics as salt and general is in an army. No party can succeed without a recognized head, otherwise it becomes a disorganized mob, and with every advantage as to numbers is often defeated by a well-drilled minority. The "Boss" is, or should be, a man of assistance and tact, with a knowledge of men and a talent for combining the enemy, together with a talent to counterplot.

EDITORIAL SPARKLES. The man who does not advertise in summer is like the man who does not sprinkle his lawn in dry weather.—Printer's Ink.

The detectives in the Holmes case must now be below the slurrish strata and are rapidly working into the azolic.—Chicago Record.

Too many men in Kentucky seem to have a aim in life, and, unfortunately, the aim is too good in many cases.—Cincinnati Tribune.

Holmes' various statements in regard to the crimes of which he is accused indicate he mistook his calling. He really ought to have been the author of a book on coinage.—Albany Argus.

England claims to own Trinidad and has landed some coal there as a squatter's lien. People who have islands lying about loose should take them in out of the wet.—New Orleans Picayune.

The old man is patient and will stand a good many dodos in the new woman, but we warn her that he will be dangerous if she pushes her emancipation to the point of raising whiskers.—Chicago Tribune.

The old legend of the red-headed girl and the white horse has been remodeled. It has been discovered that whenever a red-headed girl is seen on a wheel there is in the neighborhood a white man on a bicycle.—St. Louis Star.

The German kaiser is said to dislike Americans intensely. This is too bad. Americans are all so dead in love with Emperor William over here that it breaks our hearts to learn the affection is unrequited.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

A man who uses the pistol, the bowie knife or the shotgun upon the mere plea of intruding honor or personal insult is a coward at heart and a brute by instinct, although he may dress in broadcloth and belong to one of the first families of Kentucky.—New York Mail and Express.

Some explorers are reported to have been badly frost-bitten while climbing "Mount Tacoma." If they call the peak "Mount Tacoma" they come very near to deserving their misfortune. The name is already included among the peaks of Mount Rainier, and it is an outrage to foist any other upon it.—New York Tribune.

One woman in Texas owns an entire congressional district. She is said to control the votes of her tenants and employees and in this way to name the member of congress. Nothing is said about this woman's husband, if such an appendage is included among her possessions.—San Francisco Bulletin.

WHAT'S NEW Always Interesting.

We've finished a trip through our stock of Chenille Portieres, and finding so many nice ones—we mean the high-grade goods—we decided to clear them out. So

CHENILLE PORTIERES At About Half Their Value.

That's the story. Now, they're the best goods, in the prettiest colors, such as old rose, maize, turquoise, tan, mahogany, etc., and all in perfect order.

Lay Aside Those Old Ones—Get a New Pair. They Cost So Little.

- Those Imported Applique Curtains that were \$20 are now \$11.50. Those 2-yard-wide Curtains that were \$14.50 are now \$10.00. Those extra-size All-Over Patterns that were \$15.50 are now \$9.75. Those extra-heavy Shaded Effects that were \$15 are now \$8.75. Those Gold Applique Work, with fringed border, that were \$12.50 are now \$7.50. Some Heavy Curtains, with all-over patterns, that were \$12.50 are now \$7.50. Some Oriental Designs that were \$11 are now \$6.75. Some splendid Curtains that were \$8.25 are now \$5.00. Some splendid Curtains with fringed borders that were \$7.50 are now \$4.75. Linen Velour that were \$17.50 are now \$10.00.

These are genuine reductions on goods that were exceptional values at the former prices.

Another Dress Goods Special. Saul Cord Serge, 50 inches wide, 65c a Yard.

A fine French make of Clay Serge, well worth \$1 a yard, in black and colors; these are good honest goods.

A Ladies' Hose—A New One—19c a Pair.

Only Fast Black, full finished, regular made, double heels, soles and toes, excellent value even at 25c a pair.

New Muslin Umbrella Skirts.

Just received, another shipment of those skirts that were such fast sellers; that's because they were just what was wanted.

New Black Satine Skirts.

All fast black, with embroidered and lace ruffles and plain, at 75c, \$1, \$1.50 and \$2 each.

J. A. Baillargeon & Co. Second and James Streets.

THE BON MARCHÉ FRONT AND CEDAR STREETS.

Wonderful Bargains for All THIS WEEK.

Our buyer has left for the New York and Eastern markets, and we now propose to clean up stock for our fall goods and will do this offering the most attractive list of extraordinary special bargains yet presented in the city. Do not miss these unusual values, as it will be money in your pocket to select from them now.

Dress Goods Specials.

40-inch All-Wool Black Henrietta, real value 50c, for 29c yard.

46-inch All-Wool Black Serge, remarkable value at 95c, now offered at 65c.

44-inch All-Wool Black Imported French Crepe, sold everywhere for \$1.65, our Special Price, \$1.

Full line of Fancy Dress Plaids, value 20c, marked down to 10c yard.

Full line of Colored English Cashmires, real value 30c, marked down to 20c yard.

40-inch Navy Blue Imported Serge, value 60c, now 40c yard.

46-inch Navy Blue Imported Serge, value 95c, now 65c yard.

Immense Bargains in Hosiery.

Children's Fast Black Bibbed Hose at 7c Pair.

Full line of Children's Hose, guaranteed stainless, at 10c Pair.

Children's Fast Black Bicycle Hose, sizes 6 to 10, at 20c pair.

50 dozen of Ladies' Albert Black Hose, worth 15c, at 10c Pair.

50 dozen Ladies' Hermsdorf Black Hose reduced from 33 1/2c to 25c Pair.

Balance of Balbriggan Underwear to close at 35c and 50c each.

Shoes at Reduced Prices.

Ladies' Hamilton Brown Shoes, plain toe, Dongola, button, the best value we have ever had in Ladies' Shoes, at \$1.50 Pair.

Ladies' Dongola Kid Button Shoes, with patent tip, worth \$1.75, only \$1.45 pair.

The New Era Button Shoe, in new opera and square toe, patent tip, cheap at \$2, only \$1.50 pair.

The Marlow, fine kid or cloth top, button shoe, with patent tip, in narrow opera or new square toe, equal in wear and comfort to any \$3 shoe, only \$2.25 pair.

Ladies' Hand Turned Oxford Ties at 75c and \$1 up. Infants' Kid Button Shoes at 19c, 35c, 45c, 50c. Boys' and Girls' Grain Shoes, durable and neat, size 5-8, 65c; 8-10, 79c; 11-2, 95c.

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