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MEN and MATTERS IN THE FORE as the WORLD MOVES



as she was crossing between the two platforms at the local station one day an express train came thundering down upon her.

Literature and Love.

Special Correspondence.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE CALL, 5 HENRIETTA STREET, COVENT GARDEN, LONDON, May 29.—Although Mrs. Humphry Ward is seriously given to many sorts of reforms



GEORGE MACAULAY TREVELYAN, SON OF THE HISTORIAN, AND HIS WIFE JANET.

and is a niece of Matthew Arnold and is one of the most learned women novelists of our day, yet she finds time and inclination somehow to be an uncommonly successful mother.

Spirits Incite to Crime.

Special Correspondence.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE CALL, 5 HENRIETTA STREET, COVENT GARDEN, LONDON, May 29.—It is the general opinion that few more extraordinary crimes have occurred in this country than that committed by Frank Rodgers, of whom the whole kingdom is talking.

Some of the witnesses testified that he brooded much over his mother's intemperance. To an acquaintance he remarked that he hated the thought of liquor, pathetically adding, "See what it has done in our house."

The most remarkable evidence was that given by Dr. Octavius Ennon, the family physician, who was summoned to the house immediately after Mrs. Rodgers had been shot.

CLEVELAND AND PARKER.

THE complexity of the Democratic situation is further revealed in the disclosures made by Mr. Cleveland and by Mr. Murphy, the Tammany leader.

The defeat of Hearst is twice put by Mr. Cleveland as among the first duties of the party. He uses the term "conservatives" as applied to all who are against Hearst, and in conclusion speaks of the organization that is expected to issue from the national convention as "the new Democracy."

That part of the situation seems to be straight enough. But when the Tammany position, as declared by Mr. Murphy, is laid alongside of Cleveland's straight line it zigzags like summer lightning.

He declares that Mr. Belmont has used the corporation lobbies in the Southern States to secure delegates for Parker, and this is undoubtedly true.

That the Democratic merger is represented by Mr. Belmont is plainly evident. That choice is not at all unwise, though Mr. Hearst, from a very superficial view, has assumed that it is.

Ever since the trusts and combines started on a hunt for President Roosevelt's scalp it has been apparent that they could not hit him through the Republican party.

Even Mr. Hearst has been able to stop admiring his own photograph long enough to see this and has wigwagged the new merger to the effect that he is in favor of the good trusts and combinations and is friendly to legitimate wealth.

His practical abandonment of the field leaves it to the new Democracy, the trusts and Judge Parker. Tammany will pitch McClellan into the ring and he will be pitched out again and the trusts will march against the President behind the man from Esopus.

The Dominican rebels have won another victory and every bantam in the brood of South American republics is crowing.

THE RIVER CONVENTION.

THE valley press expresses rather poignant disappointment with the recent river convention. In some quarters the part taken by the Promotion Committee is objected to as indicating its partisanship of some unrevealed plan.

They are indeed so familiar with it that it is a disquieting subject. What they want is a remedy for the floods. They admit that this cannot be in the form of a check on the rainfall nor in its more even distribution so that the flood crest will not appear.

but as they come from that part of the State that is most interested we repeat our first conclusion, that discussion in this convention would have been better though it only brought out the different remedies without adopting any of them.

Efforts are being made to induce the American Medical Society to hold its annual national convention of 1905 in this city.

FRUITS OF ADVERTISING.

IT is gratifying to learn from the latest number of the Foreign Trade Bulletin, which is published in this city by the Pacific Commercial Museum, that practical returns have already been received from the issuance by the museum of a San Francisco trade index.

The purpose is to place before reputable importing houses throughout countries that border on the Pacific Ocean a reference book on the resources of California, the manufacturing and distributing business of San Francisco and the names of the members of the Commercial Museum who are prepared to supply goods for which there is a demand abroad.

While it was primarily intended to reach Spanish-speaking people, the book has also been distributed throughout the Orient and Australasia and to all the United States Consuls and to many foreign chambers of commerce.

The Trade Bulletin reports that since the index was sent out, a matter of two months ago, inquiries have been received in this city for prices on certain cotton goods, from Mexico asking for catalogues, prices and the names of exporters of mining machinery, electrical supplies, wire, sawmill machinery, dry goods, seeds, mica and graphite; from Hamburg, Germany, for names of dried fruit exporters; from Toronto, Canada, and from Hongkong for the names of exporters of miscellaneous products.

There is no doubt that the judicious use of printer's ink can be made of great value to a State that has as much to advertise as California.

The lands that are washed by the waters of the Pacific Ocean are the natural customers of the Pacific Coast States. Any effect that may result from the Panama canal to the trade of South America for manufactured goods, South America being mainly east of New York and the other great seaports of the Atlantic Coast of the United States, it is morally certain that the Pacific Coast will always have an advantage in the islands of the Pacific and in the great market that the Orient affords.

The Panama canal will compel the great transcontinental railroads to make sea rates between the points of origination of freights and the Orient to meet the sea rates by way of the Isthmus of Panama.

But the reports from the Pacific Commercial Museum are encouraging. They show that California is considered abroad to be on the commercial map as a manufacturing and distributing center.

An old man who robbed his life of not only every incidental pleasure but even of its bare necessities died the other day and left to inquiring relatives property valued at something considerably more than one million dollars.

The trial of a coolie leader of a local Chinese tong, accused of the murder of one of his fellows, has developed the startling fact that Mongol assassins, resident among us, may barter for their lives with degenerate whites even in a regularly constituted court of justice.

In addressing a class of graduating schoolboys President Roosevelt declared that what the nation needs is men, not prigs, and that the snob should be eliminated in the school to save the trouble of destroying him in the wider and more complicated field of working existence.

A wife is suing in a local court for divorce on the ground that her husband has cultivated a habit of tickling her neck with a clasp knife, at the same time threatening to send her where earthly cares will cease to sadden and harass.

TALK OF THE TOWN AND TOPICS OF THE TIMES



Pungling Before Ducking.

"Say, guv'ner, tell one uv yer hired men ter gimme coffee an' sinkers," ordered a ragged street arab as he dropped a dime in front of the cashier of a Fourth street restaurant a few evenings ago.



IF I FEEDS 'FORE I SQUARE UP 'TIL DUCK WIDOUT PUNG-LING.

Oranges and the Voice.

Alfred Wilkie, the well-known tenor of San Francisco and Oakland, is a believer in the efficacy of the succulent orange on the voice, and generally during the day, especially before he sings in public, he will devour several of them.

Recently Wilkie was crossing to San Francisco from over the bay to render some songs and had placed in the tail pocket of his evening dresscoat a large and tempting orange.

Quickly he replaced the orange-stained gloves in his pocket and, bowing from right to left, took time to dry off the juice from his hands and then, barring a highly flushed face and a broad grin, sang his numbers as if nothing uncomfortable had happened.

Stanley's Orders.

It was in the middle of October, 1869, while roaming about Spain, that the late Henry M. Stanley received a telegram from James Gordon Bennett, then in Paris, urgently summoning him to the French capital.

"I went straight to the Grand Hotel and knocked at the door of Mr. Bennett's room. "Come in," I heard a voice say. "Entering, I found Mr. Bennett in bed. "Who are you?" he asked. "My name is Stanley," I answered. "Ah, yes! sit down; I have important business on hand for you."

himself thoughtfully and deliberately—the old man may be in want. Take enough with you to help him should he require it. Of course, you will act according to your plans and do what you think best—but find Livingstone!"

This was the turning point in Stanley's life—the floodtide in his affairs which was destined to bear him to fame and fortune.

Back to Lee.

Max an' me was talkin' 'bout the good old times in Lee. Where the folks are jest as happy as the Lord would have 'em be.

An' I sorter fell to dreamin' of the old sweet skies an' bright, An' the meadows said "Good mornin'" when the darkness said "Good night!"

"The cotton fella's are shinin' jest as wonderful an' white— Like the Lord had snowed 'em over from the heavens in the night!

"Come down," says Max, "an' see us, an' them same skies o' blue! I'm purty sure the whippoorwills have got a song for you!

That's jest the way he talked it that evenin' there—with me. Till I felt my eyes a-mistin' an' my head went back to Lee!

"Dates as Food." Country Life in America records that David C. Fairchild, the agricultural explorer, who has visited the date-producing regions of the Old World, has written an account of his investigations for the Department of Agriculture.

"Answers to Queries." FLOOD—M. J. F. Livermore, Cal. James C. Flood, the mine operator, died in Heidelberg, Germany, February 21, 1889. This department has no information in regard to the other member of the Flood family asked about.

"WANTS TO KNOW"—R. S. B. Valjejo, Cal. This correspondent wants to know where "The Prayer for Indifference" may be found. Can any of the readers of this department assist the correspondent in search for information?

SENATORS—W. H. B. Dunlop, Cal. From the letter of inquiry it is impossible to determine if the correspondent wants the names of all the United States Senators who were in Congress in 1866-67 or only those from California. If the correspondent will state clearly what is wanted an answer will be furnished.

STRAY DOG—A. S. City. The fact that "A DOG follows a person to his home and will not leave the house" does not give that person an ownership in the dog. The matter is governed by the law of strays which requires that the person taking up the animal must feed him and within five days after he comes in possession of the animal he must notify the County Recorder. Then follows the manner of procedure which entails the publication of notice of the find and the sale of the animal if not claimed within a stated time.

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