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French Citizens at the Bartholdi Statue Unveiling.

The President will not issue invitations on behalf of this government to French citizens asking their attendance at the inaugural ceremonies of Liberty's Statue, to take place at New York next Monday. The invitations to such citizens of France as may be requested to attend the inauguration will be extended in the name and by the direction of the American Committee, under whose control the pedestal has been erected and the statue will be placed in position. These invitations will be presented in France through United States Minister McLain.

The President will give the American Committee all the aid and co-operation possible to make the inauguration impressive and successful but will keep within the laws upon the subject as passed by Congress which make no mention of invitations to any one and no appropriation for such expenditure.

In this connection it is remarked that in the case of the Yorktown commemoration, Congress by resolution expressly authorized and directed the President of the United States to invite the citizens of the French Republic and especially the Lafayette family and appropriated a sum of money to enable him to execute the resolution, but in the present case no such direction or suggestion has been made by Congress.

Sunburn on Trees.

Fresno Republican.

Young trees set out late are more apt to sunburn at the ground than those set out earlier in winter. After the first hot days the leaves turn yellow and the tree withers and dies. Upon examination it will be seen that the bark close to the ground is turned black, especially on the southwest side facing the noon-day sun, but sometimes all around. This sunburn is caused by the reflection of the heat from the ground and is generally fatal to the tree. The best preventive is to wrap the trunks of the trees with the sacking or paper before the advent of the hot weather or to trim the trees so that low branches or leaves will shade the stems which effectually prevents the scalding. We believe that a majority of all the young trees which are annually lost are scalded by the sun in the above way. The orchardist who is not aware of this generally sets to irrigating his trees thinking this will revive the withered branches. But the irrigation has no effect. The best remedy is, after the trees have been injured to cover the burned part with grafting wax and paper or if the trees show any sign of dying cut them off below the dead part and a new healthy shoot may come up and renew the tree. Prevention, however is better than cure and even in the hottest climate there is no necessity of having sun scalded trees.

Gen. Dick Taylor.

How He Shocked Stonewall Jackson.

An exchange says: Gen. Dick Taylor a son of old Zach, was one of the bravest and brightest of those who were led by a mistaken sense of allegiance to their native States to desert the old flag and serve under the "stars and bars." Gen. Taylor's first remarkable service in the late war was in Stonewall Jackson's famous campaign in the Valley of Virginia At Port Republic the Louisiana Brigade carried the day and responded with cheers to Jackson's command: "The battery must be taken!" Gen Taylor was not a great admirer of Jackson, whom he described as a man given over to lemon sucking and prayers. On this occasion riding on the flank of his column between it and the hostile line he saw Jackson beside him. Taylor did not consider that this was the place for the commander of the army and ventured to tell him so; but he paid no attention to the remark. We reached a shallow depression where the enemy could depress his guns said Gen. Taylor, "and his fire became close and fatal. Many men fell and the whistling of shot and shell occasioned much ducking of heads in the column. This annoyed me no little, as it was but child's play to the work immediately in hand. Always an admirer of delightful Uncle Toby, I had contracted the most villainous habit of his beloved army in Flanders, and forgetting Jackson's presence ripped out. What the hades are you dodging for? if there is any more of it you will be halted under this fire for an hour. The sharp tones of a familiar voice produced the desired effect and the man looked as if they had swallowed ramrods; but I shall never forget the reproachful surples expressed in Jackson's face. He placed a hand on my shoulder and said in a gentle voice, I am afraid you are a wicked fellow, turned and rode back to the pike.

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Timely Precaution.

At breakfast time yesterday morning one of Pittsburgh's best citizens looked uneasy and suspicious. Finally he remarked to his wife as he sampled a roll. Sleep well last night. Yes dear fairly well. Didn't find a man under the bed when you looked for him last night. No dear. And you didn't hear any burglars about the house, Why no dear. I thought you didn't, he replied with a sarcastic smile. You didn't wake me up once to go down stairs to chase them out. I'd like to know though where that five dollar gold piece, those three silver dollars and those half dollars and quarters I had in my pocket last night when I went to bed had disappeared to. I have them my dear. The deuce you have, he exclaimed astounded by the openness of the confession. Yes dear; I read in the Despatch that money is tight in the east and you know it is just as likely to get tight here as there so I thought it best to take it away from you.—Pittsburgh Despatch.

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